

# Shuswap Association for Community Living

# Community Newsletter

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## What's New

Since our last newsletter in November of 2014, we have been very busy....

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Halloween Costume Gala Fundraiser

On October 31, 2015, SACL held it's first annual Halloween Costume Gala fundraiser at Outlaws Saloon here in Salmon Arm. A great time was had by all, and some fantastic prizes were awarded. SACL raised over \$2,000 from this event. See page 4 for full details and event photos.

#### New Logo

In June of 2015, SACL released a new agency Logo. Our logo has been updated to reflect the changing times and direction of Community Inclusion. The new design depicts two individuals working together to become one within the community.

#### **Clothing Donation Bins**

In Partnership with Inclusion BC and Value Village, SACL placed 3 clothing donation bins in Salmon Arm as a new fundraising project. The bins are located at Askew's Downtown, Askew's Uptown and at Outlaws Saloon. This initiative is helping to raise funds to expand or improve current services as well as providing employment opportunities to people with developmental disabilities. *Thank you for all your support, the bins are doing very well!* 

Please visit www.shuswapacl.com for complete details.

#### Include Me Satisfaction Survey!

In October of 2014, SACL partnered with Include Me BC and CLBC to collect information based on Dr. Schalock's 8 Quality of Life Domains (*Personal Development, Self-Determination, Interpersonal Relation, Social Inclusion, Rights, Emotional Well-Being, Physical Well-Being and Material Well-Being*) to improve our services and the quality of living for the persons we support. Surveys were conducted and the results summary can be found on our website under 'Satisfaction Surveys' or visit <u>http://shuswapacl.com/frequently-asked-questions/#.VISumL\_yTvE</u>

#### Welcome!

We are pleased to welcome several new Staff Members to SACL including: Stephanie Clifford, Teuntje Dekker, Judy Wetherill, Mellissa Furler, Sheila Lewis, Nicole Sjolie, and our new Services Manager Gary Arbuckle.

# SACL Values

(As Determined in Consultation with Persons Supported, Families & Care Providers, SACL Staff, Management, Board of Directors & CLBC)

- Friendships & Relationships
- Meaningful Activities
- Life Long Learning
- Having a Say
- Being Safe & Healthy
- A Welcoming Community
- Honoring the Past & Embracing the Future





"All our dreams can come true – If we have the courage to pursue them."

Walt Disney

#### **Community Volunteer Program**



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### Special Events and Agency Happenings

 SACL Persons Supported Holiday Party (December 3, 2015)

## Agency Closure Dates – 2016

(HWLS & Community Volunteer Services)

- Spring Closure Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 – Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Summer Closure Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 – Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Winter Closure Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

### Staff Development Days:

- January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016
- November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016



Persons Supported are assisted in skill building and contributing to the community of Salmon Arm through volunteer opportunities with our community partners. Currently, we have 25 Persons Supported volunteering at the following locations:

Salvation Army Food Bank, Churches of Salmon Arm Thrift Store , RJ Haney Heritage Village &Museum, Bastion Care Facility, Shuswap Family Resource and Referral Society, Shuswap Family Daycare, SPCA, Shuswap Lodge, McGuire Lake Lodge.

Many of the people we serve volunteer at more than one non-profit per week.

If you know of anyone looking for a volunteer, or if you would like to partner with one of our Volunteers, please contact Elly Tufts at (250) 832-3885 Ext: 1101 Or Joanne Reitan at (250) 832-3885 Ext: 1102

### **Community Supports**

Shuswap Association for Community Living currently provides individual one-to-one supports to 18 individuals. SACL staff support healthy lifestyles and community inclusion through skill development, community activities and/or residential living support.

Healthy choices are supported through grocery shopping, preparing healthy meals, assisting with cleaning and maintaining their own homes and pet care skills etc.

Life Skills supports encourage individuals to learn to maneuver throughout their community via the bus system, make appointments such as dentist or doctor on the phone or in person, and assist with financial responsibility and budgeting skills.

In the community we ensure that Persons Supported take part in meaningful community.

The people we serve are always looking for meaningful friendships with others in the community that enjoy the same things as them, so if you are a bowler, swimmer, crafty, enjoy walking or just shooting the breeze please contact Elly Tufts at (250)832-3885 Ext.1101 and she will be able to match you up with someone that may just enhance your life.

## Health, Wellness & Life Skills

Persons Supported who attend Health Wellness and Life Skills services enjoy being part of their community. They make frequent trips to local coffee shops and restaurants, and go on outings to the movies, the driving range, and the bowling alley. Small groups regularly attend aqua fit and Tai Chi sessions where they have begun to form friendships with other community members who also attend regularly. We enjoy spending time with the folks at McGuire Lake Lodge playing pool and listening to music together. We also had a garden in their kindly donated space. Again this summer, we had some regular jam sessions at the Wharf on Mondays with our music therapist in mid-June; everyone is always welcome to join in. Persons Supported also enjoyed watching the ever-changing landscape around the downtown area and have been practicing their photo skills to document these changes.
Persons Supported continue to conscientiously do volunteer work at the following locations: Salvation Army Food Bank, Churches Salmon Arm Thrift Store, RJ Haney Heritage Village & Museum, Bastion Care Facility, Shuswap Family Resource and Referral Society, Shuswap Family Daycare, SPCA, Shuswap Lodge, McGuire Lake Lodge.

Braby Motors – Buckerfield's – Centenoka Mall – Courthouse – Credit Union – CSRD Gemm Diesel – Hilltop Toyota – Home Building – Lakeside Printing Landmark Forestry Management – Living Waters Church – Mascon – MCFD – Milestone Fabricating – NAPA – Salmon Arm Observer – ReMax Salmon Arm Truss – Scotia Bank – Sila Grow – Super Self-storage rademark Glass – Tri-Crown – Westside Towing

#### Mission:

Shuswap Association for Community Living creates opportunities and provides support to optimize the potential of individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Vision: We envision a caring and supportive community where all people are valued.

# **Community Employment Services**

The team at Community Employment Services have been busy upgrading their skills this winter. CES staff were able to attend a two-day workshop on marketing as well as a course entitled "Beyond Traditional Job Development: *The Art of Creating Opportunity*". We also provided training to staff who works in SACL's Community Inclusion Services in order to expand the team who are constantly on the lookout for employment opportunities for people. Four staff attended a workshop on Effective Job Coaching Strategies and 13 staff attended a workshop on Customized Employment.

We currently offer support to 50 individuals in a variety of capacities. Some people are currently seeking first time employment in the community. Others need some assistance to maintain their current employment. And others, although they have employment, want to explore a change to a new job or an increase in hours by adding a different job to their schedule. 31 persons supported currently have employment in the community; their jobs range from part-time to fulltime depending on the needs of the individual.

# Please help us to show support by frequenting the following local community businesses that support individuals with diverse abilities:

**A&W, Andover Holdings** Askews Salmon Arm **Askews Sicamous Aspiral Youth Partners Boston Pizza Bowers Funeral Service Canadian Tire** Chevron, Comfort Inn **CSRD-Columbia Shuswap Regional District Dairy Queen Downtown Improvement Association Family Place** Fischer's Funeral Services, Ford **Grass Roots Dairy BC Hydro, IMECC Holdings** King's Christian School, Landers Lodge LASS-Literacy Alliance of the Shuswap Society Liberty Tax, No Frills Salmon Arm Observer, Senior's Drop in Center Shoppers Drug Mart, Shuswap Children's Association **Shuswap Community Resources Cooperative Shuswap Vetrenarian Clinic** Starbucks Coffee Company Weight Watchers

These diversified businesses truly show what this community is all about! Please show your support and appreciation by frequently dropping in for your purchase needs. For more information please remember to visit our website at <u>www.shuswapacl.com</u>

We are ALWAYS looking for more diversified employers in and around this area. Enquiries about how our successful employment process, please call:

Employment Services 250-832-3885 - Extension 1310 for more information.

# Employee Profile Jonah Wiebe At Shuswap Veterinary Clinic



In a short time of Jonah moving to Salmon Arm in 2012 he became a valued member of the community. He is always willing to help others, even by holding doors open for elderly strangers. In the past he has volunteered in the community at various locations.

With the tools used in Customized Employment it became clear that Jonah's interests led towards his passion for animals and people. With his employment opportunity at Shuswap Veterinary Clinic, it created an open door for Jonah. He assists in keeping both areas of the kennels clean, helps the staff put the food and medication orders away, takes out all the recycling, and does general cleanup duties. He is truly dedicated to his job and has not missed one day of work in almost a year.

#### Great job Jonah!

"Jonah has been working at the Shuswap Veterinary Clinic for almost a year. He is always happy to come to work, and we enjoy having him here. He helps to keep the clinic clean and tidy, which makes it a good place for our clients to bring their pets."

Tony Hudson, Manager

## Halloween Gala Prize Ponors:



(Please support the generous businesses who donated to our event):

**Bookingham Palace Bookstore Bugerbee's Clothing Emporium Canadian Tire** Celista Estate Winery **Comfort Inn & Suites** Crazy Creek Resort & Hot Pools **Destination Spa Bed & Breakfast** Gondwana Gallery Hartty Clothing Hilltop Toyota Jacobson Ford New Bombay Grill Northern Reflections **Ovino Winery** Podollan Inn Prestige Harbourfront Resort Quaaout Lodge Recline Ridge Vineyards & Winery **Revelstoke Mountain Resort** Save-On-Foods Shoppers Drug Mart Shuswap Pie Company **Staples** Touch A' Texas Clothing Wal Mart Staples Suzanne's Clothing Xcalibur Kawasaki & Car Wash

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We gave away 2 door prizes, 5 prize package draws, a 50/50 draw, and prizes for best gals, guys and couples costumes. The event ran from 8pm until midnight, and a great time was had by all! We raised over \$2,000 from the event! Many thanks to all the local businesses who donated prize items and to Big Mike at Outlaw's Saloon for the donation of the venue, music, and staff!



## We have Askew's Gift Cards

Pick up your \$50.00 Askew's Gift Cards at the SACL Administration Offices. Part of the proceeds from your purchase help to support SACL Programs & Services.

Administration Office Hours are Monday, Tuesday & Thursday – 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

# Thank You for your Generous Donations:

Your donations are instrumental in helping SACL expand and implement new services. We send our thanks to all the generous people and community businesses and organizations who donated to SACL this year. To find out more about our donors, please visit our website at www.shuswapacl.com

## Did you know you can now Donate to SACL by 'Rounding Up' on your RBC or BMO Credit Card?

SACL is now a member of 'Change-It', a charitable organization who is in partnerships with banking institutions to allow you to 'round up' on your credit card purchases, and donate the rounded-up amount to SACL! For more information, visit our website at www.shuswapacl.com

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