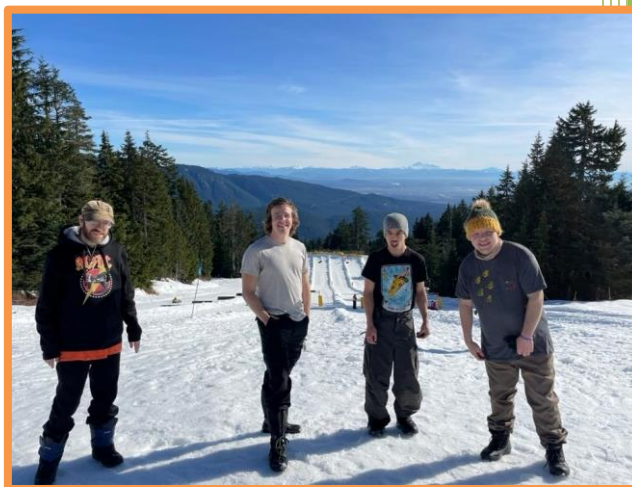
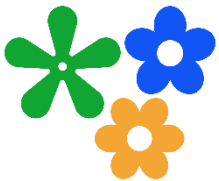
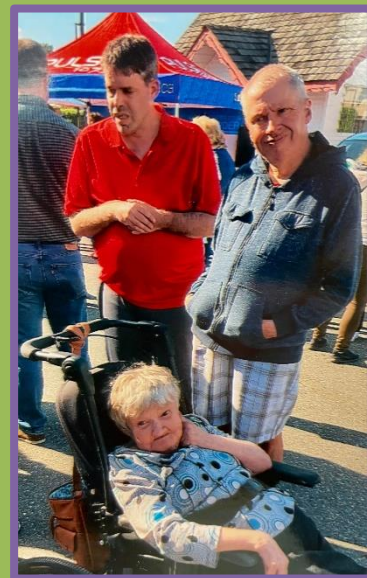




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Spring

Adult Day Services

Bridges & Leisure Days



It has been a busy few months here at BRIDGES & Leisure Days! Leisure Days continues to explore the community, and have also started Bowling once a month, so the groups can see each other and have some group fun.

As reported in the last updater, some of our individuals have had opportunity to make money and help out at the extreme weather shelter during the cold weather. So far this year a number of days in January and a few days in February.

There were a few individuals that were really wanting a job... (actually wanting money 😊) and were able to get a new coffee news contract. Delivering the news flyer to stores in South Surrey, this will be a good fit for them.



Support staff have secured a garden plot and as we head toward spring and nicer weather, individuals will be able to plant, water and possibly eat the vegetables from their work.



Community Options



The last few months have been very exciting here at Community Options. Our goal has been to re-introduce activities and also introducing new ones that the individuals could be included in, especially with their friends. Some of the individuals have been enjoying bowling together. They look forward to have the opportunity to get together and have a little friendly competition. 😊

A few new activities that have been introduced is a weekly Bingo game with prizes. We are looking into providing larger spacing opportunities so the individuals can have more friends that would like to take part as the group has had to stay small due to safety pre-cautions.



In December a couple of ladies began volunteering at the food bank. What they like most about the job is getting to chat with everyone and organize the food on the table. They bring positive energy and good cheers to the crew and the people served and look forward to continue giving back to the community.

Just recently, a few of the individuals have joined a hiking group that the program implemented. The group will be exploring trails within the lower mainland. They will document their travels through pictures and tracking the distances they have walked. Soon you'll be able to their excursions through a new Community Options Facebook account.



SACL Homes



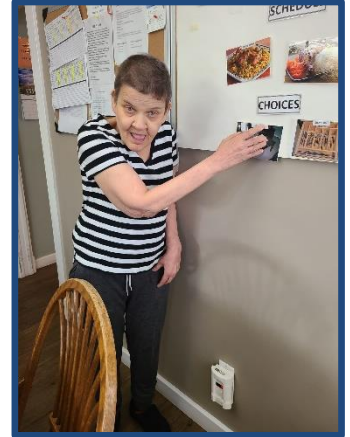
Jersey Way



Diane & Charline along with the staff celebrated Christmas by putting up the Christmas tree full of ornaments and lights, this night also included a potluck dinner. On Christmas Eve they enjoyed a Christmas dinner. Diane and Charline really enjoyed opening their Christmas gifts, which included some new clothing.

Diane has a new walker and staff are encouraging her to use it regularly. This will help in improving her balance and gait while walking.

Raj along with the SACL family would like to welcome Harman, a new relief staff to Jersey Way.



Long time staff Bonnie has received her 35 years of service appreciation award! Neena and Rajinder have also received 10 years of service! Wow! Thank you for ALL your years of faithful service!! You are much appreciated!



Clova House

Congratulations!



Bud and Pat continue to enjoy long walks around the neighbourhood, going for haircuts, and to the bank. They love having coffee and snacks from Tim Hortons and McDonalds and dinner/lunch from their favourite restaurants.

They enjoyed the snow fall during Christmas. Bud and Pat helped to decorate the Christmas tree. A week before Christmas staff made turkey dinner. Everyone enjoyed the dinner and we shared it with Sandy and Duncan. On Christmas eve Bud's sister brought turkey dinner for staff and residents and gifts for the residents. They both opened their Christmas gifts on Christmas day with staff.



welcome

Clova House welcomed new relief staff, Palak Cheema for a temporary weekend position.

Many staff Appreciation Awards have been given out at Clova House recently. Sean has received one for 35 years of service, Sulinder has received the 25 years and Deepa has received the 20 years. Thank you all for your years of service! You are appreciated!



SACL Homes cont. & Supported Employment



Bakerview Court

Christmas and New Years were celebrated quietly this year, as once again we navigated our way through Covid. Santa was generous to all 4, bringing lots of presents to open. And then there was turkey, a festive favourite.

Lawrence is already eyeing up the back yard, making plans for the garden, as well as many upcoming park outings for BBQ's and picnics. As the weather starts to warm up, we will be resuming our weekly BBQs in the back yard, something everyone looked forward to.



Supported Employment

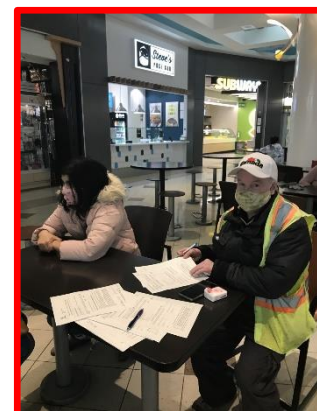


Supported Employment is starting off with a positive new year and individuals are teaming up with staff in the community to find employment. As well, we have welcomed a new staff to our supported Employment program. Her name is Ana and everyone is getting to know each other. It is a fun and exciting time for everyone!

Individuals continue to train on zoom and are very active in the community looking for potential job possibilities. We are excited that two individuals received employment recently and others working already are still maintaining their jobs.

A new individual has also joined our program, his name is Craig and he is enjoying being part of the group.

Despite the pandemic, everyone continues to manage well and are looking forward to spring and new opportunities!!



Child and Youth Services



Highlights and what is Next...

Child and Youth Services welcomed back this winter the STAR Program as well as in partnership with the **City of Surrey** Swimming Lessons at two pools.



Next on our agenda is Spring Break Camps! We support children 1:1 to be included with their peers in **Spring Break Day Camps** through the **City of Surrey**.



Child and Youth Services Team

Kelly McCafferty, Adele Holland, Alethea Peters, Jeka Ayson, Caitlin McKearney



In Other News...

It is that time again.. we here at Surrey Association for Community Living are preparing for our CARF accreditation, this happens in May for us this year. Thank you to all of the SACL staff and others that are working very hard to help us get ready for this, you are all doing an amazing job!



If you are a part of the SACL membership, it is time to renew. Your form and surveys have been sent by mail and you should be receiving them at any time. Please use the envelope included to return it all to us here at Head Office. Thank you for your faithful support of all we do, you are a BIG part of our success!



THANK YOU!





Neelu Biswas

In Memoriam

We are all very saddened to hear of Neelu's passing back in October of 2021. She will be missed by both staff and residents of Bakerview. At the beginning of 2021, Neelu one of our long-time staff retired. She had plans to spend time with her grandchildren, and to help out at her son's restaurant, which would have been a perfect post retirement project for her as she was an amazing cook and made sure that everyone ate delicious meals that she cooked with love. Neelu was always willing to help anyone. If she heard someone needed something, she always tried to help provide whatever she could. We are all very saddened to hear of Neelu's passing. she will be missed by both staff and residents.



Ron Uszakalo



It's with sadness that we inform you that Bridges has lost a friend. Ron was 61 years of age when he passed in December 2021. Ron had been attending BRIDGES since March 2018. He came with his friend/roommate Glen. Ron initially was reserved but quickly found his spot at BRIDGES telling the individuals and staff all kinds of stories. He loved showing everyone his Canucks hat and to look at magazines. He had not been attending through most of the pandemic due to health concerns but will be greatly missed for his constant interest in his surroundings and informing every one of his life.

R.I.P. Ron



Jean McMahon



The staff and residents at Bakerview Court went through a great loss last month. Our long-term resident, Jean passed away on the morning of Jan 22, 2022. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She was known as the "queen bee" of Bakerview, and was a bright spot in the lives of all who knew her. She was a feisty lady, who had a great sense of humour. In her youth she was quite the party girl, and loved to socialize and be the center of a social gathering. She touched many lives, and brought a ray of light to many. Her room mates have probably felt the loss the most, as they always seemed to have a special bond with "queen Bee".



David Wardlow



David was 61.5 years old and had been a part of SACL for over 30 years. He had started out at Clover Valley where he enjoyed the work component of the workshop. His work style was focused and he had an eye for detail. As the services for him changed, he adapted well to the program and activities that were offered to him. He excelled at drama and was a huge part of the productions that were put on for his fellow attendees and family. There are many memories of him bursting out in some funky dance during rehearsals, on many occasions, with a huge grin on his face. He was a genuine, positive, happy part of BRIDGES. Over the past few years David focused on his math and spelling, and the skills group will not be the same without him.

We will remember you David whenever we see a \$5 bill.

God bless. R.I.P.