



UPDATER January 2025



Happy
Newyear

SACL Day Programs

★ Access

★ BRIDGES

★ Community Options

★ Leisure Days

The Day Programs had a busy holiday season! Starting with Halloween. Groups from Community Options went to the pumpkin patch, they also had a Halloween party with everyone dressing up in costumes and potluck. In December we did all of our annual events! The Self Advocacy Group from BRIDGES decorated our tree in the Tree Festival at the Museum of Surrey. They made it a contest within a contest, they had people put a guess in. There were 3 different sides each being their own Fairy Tale & a young girl won 😊 See pictures below, they did a great job! We had a group walk in this years Cloverdale Christmas Parade, a Gingerbread village was submitted in the contest at Surrey Central Mall... and it won! We had individuals volunteering with the Salvation Army ringing bells at Save On Foods. We participated in the Cloverdale Christmas Hampers, picking up from the schools and local businesses. We also had a group actually delivering the hampers on delivery day! Community Options also celebrated Diwali with a potluck and by painting candle ceramics. Lastly, we had our big annual Year End Luncheon!! The luncheon like always was full of games, music, food, a slideshow of the last year, interviews by Joanne. The individuals really love being all together and we all had so much fun. We would like to thank all of those who helped make this event such a success.

Coming up on February 22, 2025, we have a team walking in the Coldest Night of the Year again. We have had a team walking for MANY years & we are hoping to raise as much money as we can for the Cloverdale Community Kitchen.



SACL Homes

Jersey Way



Last year was very busy for ladies at Jersey Way. Charline had a great time going out with the staff. Charline also went to see her mother for Christmas, she also got her picture taken with Santa this year. Charline received her new wheelchair at the end of 2024 and she is very happy with it.

Diane is unfortunately still not feeling well and hasn't returned home yet. Charline and all the staff look forward to welcoming her home hopefully very soon, we miss her!

Jersey Way has also gotten new floors installed and it looks great!

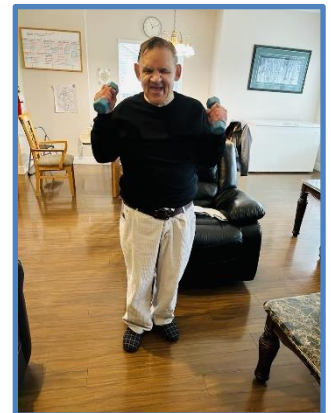
We are looking forward to so many fun times in 2025.



Clova House

Clova house celebrated Pat's 75th birthday in October.. *Happy Birthday Pat!* Both guys had very relaxing winter breaks. Pat went to Victoria for a vacation, he had so much fun! Bud went to Whistler for his vacation & also had so much fun. Bud's sister came to the house to celebrate Christmas with everyone. Bud had very good time. They both enjoyed opening Christmas presents and enjoyed the holiday season food of course.. YUM!

Pat kept himself busy this winter by exercising, visiting local parks and going to the malls, going out for coffee, and lunch outings. While Bud attended his Day Program.



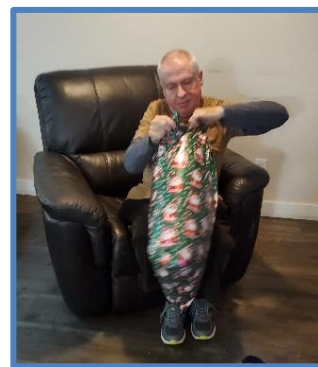
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Bakerview

Happy New Year!! Everyone here at Bakerview Court hopes that everyone had a great Christmas. The gentlemen here certainly enjoyed the festivities. Lawrence and Daniel W attended their social group's annual Hallowe'en dance in October, followed by the Christmas dance in December. Lawrence enjoys the dances, the food, the company and the music. Daniel seems to enjoy the music, the company and the food. They both dress up in costumes and Daniel won the funniest costume prize this year. Lawrence also dressed up in costume and handed candy out to the trick or treaters. He looks forward to this 'job' every year.

Harry has settled in nicely, and has become a welcome addition to our home. He has joined the senior's programs at the rec centre and gets out to enjoy music, movies and armchair travel.

Just before Christmas, Lawrence went to the Noel activity in Cloverdale, and seemed to have had a great time. He bought a disposable camera and took several pictures while he was there. Daniel W's family picked him up for their family Christmas. He came back in a great mood, he had a great time. Daniel W and Harry both had birthdays recently, happy birthday to you both.



In Memoriam



We are saddened by the passing of Daniel McGrath back in October 2024. Daniel moved into our house in 2015. He made a huge impression on his roommates, and the staff. Some of the memories include his love of music. Every once in a while, he would get his guitar, or his keyboard and start playing music. He knew a few songs and enjoyed playing them for an audience. He had a large collection of music CD's and he would spend hours sorting through them. He still had an original game cube, and he would play his games for hours. He enjoyed showing people how good he was at his game. He had a lot of games and would rearrange them in his room until they were in just the right spot. He enjoyed going out with his roommates and staff, at first his preferred outing was to Tim Hortons for a Boston cream donut. Another of his favourite outings was White Spot (who can blame him) and he would get fish and chips each time. He will be missed by many, and will live in memory forever.

Supported Employment

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Supported employment is back at it after a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas! Many individuals did work throughout the Christmas season, resulting in a busy time for those working. Training is in full force and everyone is gearing up to achieve employment. We are focusing on skills enhancement, along with strengthening abilities to connect with potential employers. As well, individuals enjoy additional training to assist with their current jobs to enhance their abilities with their job description and duties required in their role.

There have been 2 new individuals who have joined and are in pre-employment and discovery. Those individuals are eager and excited to learn and eventually enter the job development and discovery phase. Bus training is also being explored to assist in eventual job attainment. Three individuals have recently received employment with Superstore Langley and Guildford, as well 2 new jobs with the City of Surrey litter maintenance contract.

One individual has also reached age 65 and decided he wanted to retire from his job. He tells us he is happy to relax and enjoy newfound relaxation and freedom. We continue to connect with him as we are wanting to ensure a smooth transition to retirement from his everyday work schedule.

We look forward to a great year ahead and hopefully gain more inclusive opportunities and successes for the individuals in Employment.



Child and Youth Services

This fall the BUILD program organized fundraising with Cloverdale community businesses, collecting new, unwrapped toys for our local children ages 0 to 18 and stocking stuffers for seniors this holiday season.

This was an amazing success for the Youth and the Cloverdale Christmas Hamper Program!



CYS also hosted the 5th annual **Cookie Decorating Contest!**



This January we will be hosting **Food Safe Level 1** with a Fraser Health Instructor and **Emergency First Aid and CPR C** with the Surrey



Fire Department for the **STEP** and **BUILD** programs.

Child and Youth Services Team

Kelly McCafferty – Adele Holland – Alethea Peters – Jeka Ayson – Caitlin McKearney – Dipika Dubb

Other SACL News

Strategic Plan Update

SACL's priorities 2021- 2024 was increasing supports and looking for opportunities of growth. The community inclusion programs successfully resumed full services and at the same time opened a fully accessible day program. During Covid one of the apartments was modified to provide safe overnight respite for families in need. Due to its success it continues to provide overnight respite and is a place that Child and Youth services and the community integration programs use to teach life skills. For one of the homes to get licensing approval a new sprinkler system was required. The home will be ready early spring 2025 for new individuals to move in

Sprinklers for Clova House to be licensed and increase to 4 individuals – in progress



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Accessible Day program **ACCESS** - completed



Safely through a Pandemic - completed



Apartment for Overnight Respite and Life Skills – completed



Moving forward in the next strategic plan work has been completed on gathering information form staff, individuals and stakeholders, from this information a new Strategic plan will be completed with the Board of Directors early 2025.