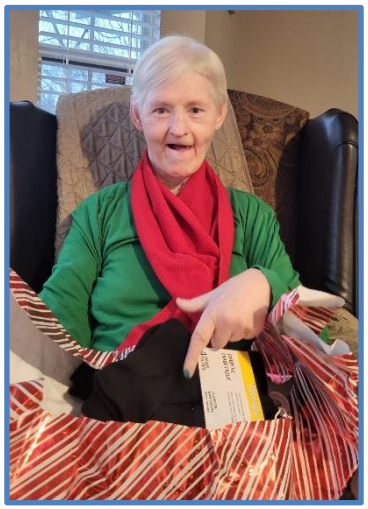
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SACL Day Services

Access BRIDGES Community Options Leisure Days Seniors

Our team wrapped up the year on a high note with a fantastic year-end celebration. The event was enjoyed by everyone and brought our community together in the best way. We shared a great lunch, followed by an afternoon filled with laughter, dancing, and a variety of fun games. The energy was warm, joyful, and a perfect way to celebrate everything we accomplished over the past year.

Looking ahead, we're excited for what 2026 will bring. The coming year will introduce new activities, fresh opportunities for connection, and the launch of a new seniors program designed to support engagement, wellness, and community involvement. It's shaping up to be an inspiring year of growth and renewed momentum for everyone involved.









Sadly, we have had two of our lovely ladies from Day Services pass since our last report.

Francis passed away on October 7, 2025. She had been with us for 18 years. She loved being a part of our drama program & was in many plays. She loved to get her nails done, needle point, she loved swimming and going to the waterslides. Overall, she just loved to be here.

Adelina joined us back in 1988! She has been unable to attend program since 2024, so she had been apart of the program for 36 years. Throughout this last year we would go visit her weekly when could and she was always so thankful to see us. Adelina was always so welcoming and she would always ask about your family or pets if she knew you had one. Adelina passed on January 18, 2026.

Both of them will be greatly missed by all.





Frances



Adelina

Clova House & Jersey Way

We hope everyone reading this had a very Merry Christmas and enjoyed a joyful holiday season surrounded by warmth, peace, and good health. As we move into the New Year, we wish everyone continued happiness, success, and prosperity in the months ahead.

We are very pleased to share the exciting news that Clova House officially became a licensed home on December 19, 2025. Shortly after receiving our license, Clova House welcomed a new resident, Kyle. He has settled in nicely, and we were delighted to celebrate his birthday in December. The celebration brought everyone together and added to the festive spirit of the season.



Throughout December, Clova House was filled with holiday cheer. Residents enjoyed spending time together during Christmas, sharing meals, conversations, and seasonal traditions. Buddy's sister visited him twice in December. During her visits, she brought thoughtful and beautiful gifts for all the residents and generously prepared home-cooked meals for everyone to enjoy. Her kindness and support made the holidays even more meaningful for the entire household.

Before Christmas, Charline temporarily moved to Clova House due to construction taking place at Jersey Way. She joined the men currently living in the home and celebrated the holidays with them, helping to create a warm and inclusive atmosphere. Charline went to visit her mom just before Christmas she brought Christmas plant and some chocolates for mom. Charline and her mom had very good time together. At the same time, Jersey Way is undergoing improvements, including construction to add two additional bedrooms along with other updates. These enhancements will allow us to better serve our residents and continue providing a comfortable, welcoming living environment.

Now that the holiday season has ended, we are looking ahead with optimism and excitement. We are eager to celebrate upcoming occasions such as Valentine's Day and Easter, and we look forward to the arrival of spring and all the opportunities for growth, renewal, and new experiences that it brings.







Bakerview

Everyone at Bakerview Court would like to wish all a very Happy New Year. The Christmas trees and ornaments have been packed away until the season is upon us again.

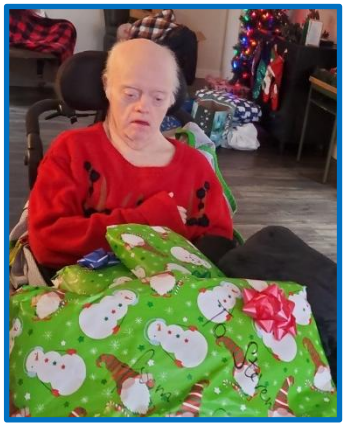
The season is busy with celebrations and making memories. The men spent Christmas morning opening gifts and listening to Christmas music. Daniel's sister came to pick him up and he joined the celebration at her home with his family. Harry's nephew dropped by Christmas Eve for a visit and to drop off goodies for Harry. Steven's cousin came and dropped of gifts and goodies for all. A turkey dinner was prepared and enjoyed to finish off the day.

Daniel and Lawrence went to the Noel Christmas lights in Cloverdale and both seemed to enjoy the lights and the food. Sources hosted their annual Christmas dance party and Daniel and Lawrence both attended. Lawrence looks forward to this annual party every year, and he reminds us that it is approaching a couple of weeks in advance.

We've said goodbye to 2025, and we are all looking forward to new adventures in 2026.











Supported Employment

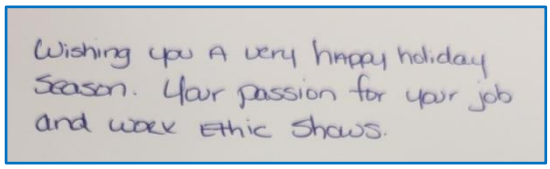


Supported employment is starting a new year full of energy and determination to succeed with opportunities and new ideas to create new goals and accomplishments. Last year presented with some challenges as the economy affected hiring practices and growth in the retail and business sector. Many individuals were so successful in keeping their positions and even thriving in their employment by demonstrating leadership skills, and a hard-working ethic, that kept them busy and earning incomes in a difficult economy. Hard work and dedication were at the forefront of everyone to secure and maintain employment.

We continue to receive referrals from CLBC and are working in pre-employment and job discovery currently to facilitate ideas for potential employment. Training in the office environment as well as community discovery is beneficial and assists with ideas for employment opportunities. Individuals who are currently employed also join these meetings to keep their skills updated and enjoy participating and sharing their experiences with other individuals searching out employment. A few individuals are currently accessing education and have been working as well as advancing their education to increase possibilities for future employment.

Many individuals worked over the Holiday season, and an individual working at Superstore received a cash bonus from a shopper who recognized her hard work at her job. What a wonderful recognition!! Another individual successfully transferred locations within his employment making his travel time easier. As well, others continued to accept shifts offered to help with the holiday season and were happy to have extra money for the season. Job coaching also assisted a few times with individual's needing extra support to maintain their positions. All in all, everyone employed was focused and diligent with their jobs and demonstrated excellent works skills.

This new year continues to focus on all opportunities, as well as training and creating new ideas for improvement. Following up with potential employers and individuals continuing to participate to achieve their desired employment will carry on as a primary goal. Everyone is ready for a new year and opportunities, and we are excited to find new opportunities and successes!"











Child and Youth Services

The CYS department was as busy as ever for the past few months……





One of our highlights took place in December when the **BUILD Program** had the privilege to work in partnership with the **Cloverdale Christmas Hampers** and **Storehouse** to assist promoting and gathering gifts for children and seniors for the Christmas Hamper Program.

The BUILD participants went to local businesses and explained what the Christmas Hamper Program was about and they delivered boxes and signage for the business to collect toys and stocking stuffers for seniors.





Then a couple weeks before Christmas the participants gathered all the boxes of donations and took them to Shannon Hall in Cloverdale where they assisted with sorting out the donations in different age categories and bagging the items for a specific age and gender expression.



The **BUILD participants** received a volunteer letter to highlight their work and participation, and then it can be added to their resume.



A shout out to everyone at BUILD! Their participation has helped so many families!



Please see the CYS Fall Newsletter on our website
Created by Respite Services Assistant Dipika Dubb

Other SACL News

This year we have once again created a Team from SACL to participate in the '***Coldest Night of the Year'*** walk fundraiser and we love for you to join us. This fundraiser is happening on **Saturday February 28, 2026** in Cloverdale, hosted by Storehouse Society *(formally Cloverdale Community Kitchen)*, which is run out of the Pacific Community Church.

The route is a 5km walk around Cloverdale. We would love for you join our team!! If you would like to join us, our Team name is ***Team SACL*** and can be found on the CNOY website at https://cnoy.org Everyone needs to register as a walker on our team if you are choosing to walk. If you are unable to walk with us, please consider donating, this can also be found on the CNOY website above. If you choose to send in a **cheque, please make it payable to "Coldest Night of the Year"** It will be tax deductible for $20 or more. Your full address including postal code or an email address is required to receive the tax-deductible receipt.

About Storehouse Society

The Storehouse Society delivered 32,000 meals and 1,200 Christmas Hampers. They supported over 1,100 households each month through their food bank. They served 17, 600 nutritious meals through their soup kitchen and they also house 50-70 guests each winter season in the Extreme Weather Shelter. The funds raised through this year's Coldest Night of the Year will keep our kitchen operating, and will help us continue to provide food and care to those in need in our community.

Thank you in advance if you decide to walk with us or donate to this great cause! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact April Sisson by email: asisson@surreyacl.org



