



WHISTLER  
**COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
— SOCIETY —

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## Support For A Healthy Community



## **A Note From Our Executive Director**

Whistler Community Services Society has been focused on responding to the changing needs of the community. As we develop programs and services which directly respond to the surge in COVID-19 cases in our community we have been able to learn valuable takeaways which equally help us plan and think about our recovery as a community and focus on priorities such as emergency housing needs, food insecurity, hunger and poverty reduction initiatives. However, our community still needs to strongly pay attention, and actively respond to, the immediate and urgent needs of our residents mental health and well-being. My 8 year old son told me on his birthday this year “this pandemic has come to teach us things we could not learn on our own.” This wise perspective from a young boy has greatly shaped our perspective at WCSS as we are focused on, and determined to respond to, the challenges of this community with a direct, meaningful and intentional response. We do this by providing programs and protective layers in our community while still recognizing there are situations and learning outcomes which must stay with us and continue to teach us well after this pandemic is over.

Across Canada, reports of Anti-Asian hate crimes are surging during the COVID-19 pandemic, and at WCSS we have also experienced a rise of these sorts of incidents directed at our staff. WCSS is dedicated to diversity, inclusion, and anti-racism. We encourage a workplace in which individual differences are recognized, appreciated, and respected. Behavior which goes against our code of conduct will not be tolerated. We would like to thank our staff, volunteers and board for their commitment to learn more about diversity, equity and inclusion. These incidents which have happened in our stores are a direct reflection of the work that must continue in our community to promote safety for our residents. At WCSS, we are committed to discussing these issues, sharing strongly with our staff, clients and customers our code of conduct and continuing to put the safety and well-being of our team at the forefront.



With Gratitude,  
Jackie

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light background, appearing to read "Jackie".

## **More Demand Than Ever For Outreach Services**

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought about so many challenges for our community. Some residents are working through food and financial insecurities, while others are tackling mental and emotional health difficulties. Stigmas around reaching out for help are still rampant in society, yet more and more brave folks are deciding to reach out for assistance. Our outreach team is here and ready to assist anyone who is navigating the uncertain and scary territory of emotional or mental health challenges.

In the coming weeks we will be launching a new fundraising appeal to support outreach programs this year. Over the past year our community has been amazingly supportive to ensure our community has the resources needed to support food security, and we are now in need of the same sort of support for our mental and emotional health programs.

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## **Kids Can Cook**

Kids Can Cook is a monthly culinary lesson and mealtime solution all-in-one. We make cooking and sharing a meal fun for the whole family!

Meal Kits are designed for kids to learn cooking skills, and have fun. Each month, there will be a new recipe card, and video link to cooking class.





## **Food Bank Hours UPDATE**

*Until May 2nd*, Food Bank drop-ins are Monday to Saturday from 1:30pm to 5:00pm.

*Beginning May 3rd*, Monday, Wednesday & Friday by Drop-In 1:30 pm- 5:00 pm .

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday by Appointment.

Deliveries are also available for those who are isolating due to COVID exposure, or those who identify as immunocompromised.

Call 604-932-0113 to book deliveries.

You can help us continue to better serve our community by taking our very short food bank survey. Your input is valued and will help guide our food security programs.

[Book Appointment](#)

[Take Food Bank Survey](#)

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## **TOGETHER Swag!**

Recently you may have seen our team, and other community members, wearing a cap or hoodie (or both) with **TOGETHER** printed on the front. **TOGETHER** to us means a special, hard to describe, coming together of a community that looks out for one another.

The last 13 months have been tough on our mountain town; but the one thing that we have learned is that we are all better when we work **TOGETHER** to overcome adversity and help each other out.

We have been asked by many of you where you too can get your own **TOGETHER** cap or hoodie; well we are proud to let you know these are now on sale at the Re-Use-It Centre. Stop buy and grab yours while supplies last!



## Getting To Know Us

Meet Tim. Tim works at the Re-Build-It Centre with the awesome crew there that lovingly takes pre-loved furniture, appliances, art, rugs, tools, sporting equipment etc. and helps it find the right new home with shoppers in our store located in Function Junction. Originally from Ontario, Tim studied at University of Waterloo before making the trek cross-country to find his new home in Whistler a little over 3 years ago. His passions include climbing, snowboarding, hiking, and lounging at the lake in his off time (no better place for that than Whistler, right!!). Working at the Re-Build-It is the perfect



place for Tim to chat with locals and really become immersed in all that Whistler is to those who call this amazing town home.

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Whistler Community Services Society provides inclusive support to build a resilient community. Following our values of *Trust, Respect, Inclusion, Advocacy, and Collaboration*; we aim to work with the community to deliver low barrier services for healthy living.

Considering leaving an estate gift to Whistler Community Services Society?

Learn more on how to do so [here](#).

Thank You



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