



WHISTLER
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SUPPORT US

Support For A Healthy Community



A Note From Our Executive Director

As a new year begins, we often reflect that it could be a time of renewal or an opportunity to restart, kick start or promote a change in our ways, lives, habits and thoughts.

At WCSS, we continue to see it as an opportunity to do the good, necessary and essential work to support the health and well-being of the community. We remain focused on connecting with our most vulnerable, advocating for mental health, playing a passionate and important role in waste diversion and promoting food security initiatives in our community.

Both our Outreach Services and Food Security programs have continued to see unprecedented demand over the last number of months of 2020 and into the new year. I remain grateful to the staff and volunteers who drive, direct and move our programs forward in the community and I am appreciative towards the individuals, donors, foundations and organizations which continue to support, collaborate and connect with our work. [The Brew Creek Centre](#) has been a dedicated donor to our food bank and food security program

providing meals, ready made snacks to our food bank clients. As well, we kick off the new year with a matching campaign, supported by Brew Creek Centre which can double your impact when you donate to our food bank program in the month of January (see more below).

Like most individuals, my family and I hunkered down over the holidays over board games, crafts, activities and facetime calls to distant relatives. We became acquainted with a book by Charlie Mackesy called The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse. I was most struck by a quote which seems important to acknowledge and a vital message as we move forward into 2021 "What is the bravest thing you ever said" asked the Boy. "Help" said the Horse.

I encourage you to continue to be brave, resilient, kind and calm as we move forward into this new year. I hope you feel comfortable, curious and willing to learn more about what we do at WCSS, what we offer and how we can best support you and your households this new year.

[Read the whole message from Jackie here.](#)



With Gratitude,
Jackie



Donation Matching Campaign - Ends Jan 31

The demand on the Food Bank and Food Security Programs remains high, so why not start the new year by doubling your impact with a donation to Whistler Community Services Society? Thanks to The Brew Creek Centre's New Year Matching Campaign, a \$50 donation that covers food for one person for a week suddenly becomes a \$100

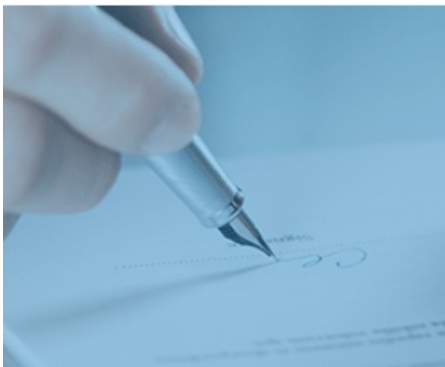
donation to feed 2 people with healthy, nutritious food.

Donate before January 31st to make your money go even further to helping our community!

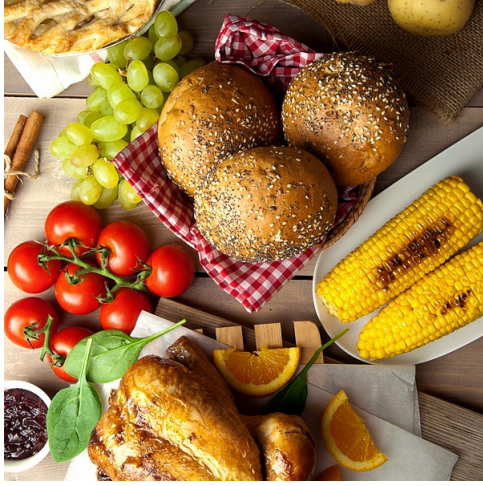
[**Donate Now**](#)

Access Pro Bono

Financially restricted families and individuals looking for a law consultation can access assistance through a WCSS outreach worker for pro bono services graciously offered by Mountain Law here in Whistler. Some of the services provided are a free 30 minute consultation with lawyer Peter Shrimpton of Mountain Law and free document notarizations from lawyer Tanya Kong of Kong Law. We are grateful to both Peter and Tanya for their volunteer support.



[**More Information**](#)



Hamper Success!

A huge thank you to all who supported and took part in our annual holiday hamper program. Over 120 donors gave generously to the campaign which helped 85 families receive assistance with food and gifts over the holiday timeframe. Feedback from families receiving the hampers was overwhelmingly positive in regards to the new format using gift cards, and add ons that were contributed for all hampers. Thank you for making it possible for the program to meet the needs of so many members of our community. Did you miss out on the hamper program but find yourself in need of assistance? Please contact our Outreach Team for help.

[**Contact Outreach Team**](#)

Getting To Know Us

After spending many years in the Vancouver area, Grace and her husband John decided to move to the place they had long loved to visit for camping and enjoying all the valley had to offer. Over the years of living here, they have come to know Whistler as a loving community and feel blessed to be in a place that cares and supports one another. Grace has worked for WCSS for 5 years, and was on the board of directors 2 years prior. Her role in administration is central to the workings of the Social Services Team and she is often friendly voice on the phone when someone calls needing assistance. Grace is often the first point of contact with our organization for new clients. When she is not at work, Grace very much enjoys time with her 7 grandchildren; and with a goal of taking them all on at least one weeklong camping and mountain biking trip, she plans to stay fit and riding for a long time!!!!



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.



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