



WHISTLER
COMMUNITY SERVICES
— SOCIETY —

JUNE 2021

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Support For A Healthy Community

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A Note From Our Executive Director

At Whistler Community Services Society, the month of June has seen a slight slow down in some activity and operations but also a resurgence of busy-ness in other aspects of the organization. The numbers at the food bank, in response to the re-opening of our tourism economy, have started to see a more downward trend in client visits (compared to April and May) but still much higher than pre-pandemic levels. Outreach meetings have decreased in numbers but continue to increase in severity around urgent mental health issues, crisis management and needs for higher levels of care (psychiatry, clinical counselling, out of community patient support and treatment).

Donations and sales at our social enterprises of the Re-Use-It and Re-Build-It Centres have been much busier than previous months throughout the pandemic. Thank you to our customers, donors, clients and community for your continued support. I would also like to share my gratitude for how the community came out in support of our TOGETHER Outreach Appeal, more on that below. I am so amazed by how this community supports one another.

As well, we appreciate and want to thank our board, staff and those who attend our hybrid approach to our Annual General Meeting on June 23rd, 2021. We would

like to also acknowledge the Fairmont Chateau Whistler for donating the space for our meeting. If you missed our meeting please feel free to watch the recording of the meeting [here](#).



With Gratitude,
Jackie

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jackie'.



THANK YOU To The Whole Community

As you are likely aware if you watch this newsletter space regularly, we just wrapped up a 6 week fundraising appeal to the community to raise \$50,000 in support of our Outreach Services programs.

We are so pleased and grateful to report that the community really came TOGETHER. With support from so many individual donors, local business, and family foundations; we raised over \$108,000, and the money is still rolling in! THANK YOU so very much, we are amazed at the generosity and giving nature found in the people who live and play here. These donations ensure we can continue on delivering our low barrier outreach programs in the areas of mental and emotional health for community members who really need assistance this year.

Peer Educator Program

Do you want to make a difference in the Whistler community and learn how to provide kind, thoughtful, and meaningful support and increase your knowledge of local mental health resources?

If so, we have a program for you!
Participants will be trained to listen, empathize, make referrals to mental wellness resources in the community and foster healthy, meaningful connections for Whistler residents.



[More Info](#)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

June 23, 2021 5:30pm

Join Us Virtually Via Zoom
Register Online @ MyWCSS.org



AGM and Impact Reports

On June 23rd, WCSS held its Annual General Meeting where our annual, financial, and impact reports were distributed and reviewed. In addition to these reports we would like to welcome all new board

members and say a special thank you to departing board members Ken Mason and John McGregor for their unwavering support and work to help govern our organization.

**Annual
Report**

**Financial
Report**

Impact Report

Stand Up With Us Against Racism!

Last month the board and senior management of WCSS made a public statement against racism. This statement is meant to guide our organization with purpose, against all types of race based bias and inequality, while inviting the community to join in our efforts.

Carla from our Outreach Team recently put together a book loaning library for our staff to help us all learn more about the stories of our indigenous peoples in Canada. We feel that learning and education are key steps towards reconciliation with our first peoples. We challenge other local business to find ways to support employee learning on the history of our indigenous neighbours.

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Anti Racism Statement



Getting To Know Us

Say hello to Daisy. After growing up in [Mindanao](#) in the Philippines, Daisy found herself here in Whistler just over 2 years ago. She and her husband love living here in Whistler and being a part the community with their "furmily" - dog Cooper and cat Lina. Daisy is part of the team at the Re-Use-It Centre and is excited to be at work

everyday to be a part of helping the community! She really loves the feeling of connection with our customers. Be sure to stop by and see Daisy at the Re-Use-It Centre, you may find yourself leaving with positive vibes from her infectious smile and can do attitude!

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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