



WHISTLER  
COMMUNITY SERVICES  
SOCIETY

**FEBRUARY 2022**

SUPPORT US

## **BETTER TOGETHER**



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

The world, at this time, feels complex, challenging and divided.

At WCSS, we stay committed to a belief that social care and change, in the work we are fortunate to do, stems from a willingness and strong message of being together. This means unification around our key values of trust, inclusion, advocacy, respect, and collaboration. Our commitment is to be listening and learning from our community, spending time, and connecting with those who are vulnerable and identifying the gaps, inequalities and inequities which exist which continue to impact, cause harm and



underserve people. This all requires a willingness to show compassion, fairness, and kindness even at times when the world feels angry and scary.

Our team's intent is to continue to foster a strong sense of belonging for every individual we meet, as they enter every part of our building, services, programs places and spaces. Our greatest goal is to not wait for those people to come to us but a strong commitment to meet them where they are at. With that comes a desire and willingness to implement and foster ideas that may not have been done before, or considered previously because they now seem more urgent, more critical, and more necessary.

Many of us started to feel the effects of these angry, scary times and they can't not impact our life, daily work, our interaction with others and are overall community. To create hope and uplift our spirits our team this week reflected on the quote "It can be overwhelming to experience, witness, take in all the injustices of the moment: the good news is they are all connected. So if your little corner of work involves pulling at the threads, you're helping to unravel the whole cloth." At WCSS, we believe and are fortunate to continue to do the work that continues to pull at those threads and along the way start stitching a new blanket.

With Gratitude and a hopeful heart,  
Jackie

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Jackie', enclosed in a light gray rectangular box.

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## Activate and Connect

Calling all Whistler seniors - join us for Activate and Connect, a series of monthly gatherings that bring our community together. Working with Whistler's Mature Action Community, this is a space to gather and make connections, take part in free drop-in creative and



physical activities, or listen to guest speakers on topics related to health, nutrition, finance, law.

[More Information](#)

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## Maker Space Is Now Open

Our new Maker Space is now open and available to all tool library members at the Re-Use-It (RBI) Centre.

Short on space for that next project? Need a work space to make repairs? The Maker Space at RBI is the spot for you. Connect with our team in Function Junction to learn more.



[Contact Re-Build-It](#)

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## Learning Through Black History Month

Here at WCSS our team is always looking at how to learn in meaningful ways. This Black History Month, we learned through the arts, and would like to share some of the ways we recognized Black heritage and culture.

Some of us spent time reviewing and diving into a book list compiled by Ryan Patrick at CBC - a list highlighting seven Black Canadian writers who are making their mark.

Others found that CBC has also assembled a wonderful library, using various types of media, called "Being Black In Canada" - a wonderful collection of stories and analysis to stoke our collective learning.

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## Outreach NEW Extended Hours!

Our Outreach team is now available for appointments until 6pm Monday through Saturday every week. We are always searching for ways to connect with new and existing clients as best we can - these extended hours allow for more flexibility to seek support.



## Connect with Outreach

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## Getting To Know Us

This month we have the distinct honour of introducing you to one of our many valuable volunteers here at WCSS. Meet Ophra:

- 1. How long have you been volunteering at WCSS?:** I have been volunteering 5-6 yrs at food bank, I think.
- 2. Why did you choose to volunteer at WCSS?:** I was looking for another place where I could be of service to my community.
- 3. What do you like best about volunteering at WCSS?:** Feeling useful. Serving my community. Maybe changing the whole world is daunting, but we can make a difference in our little corner. Also, I've met many wonderful people through volunteering.
- 4. Where else have you volunteered in the community?:** I volunteered at the women's Center for a few years teaching yoga classes. I've also taught yoga for seniors @ WCSS and taught craft workshops. Also taught cooking classes for AWARE

during Fungus Amongus.

**5. What will we find you doing outside of your volunteer roles?:** Yoga, reading, Zumba, walking, cooking and baking.

*“When we help ourselves, we find moments of happiness. When we help others, we find lasting fulfillment.”* Simon

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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?

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