

# **November 2021**

SUPPORT US

# **Support For A Healthy Community**



## A Note From Our Operations Manager

Fall and winter are often our busiest times here at Whistler Community Services Society, and 2021 is certainly no exception. While many regions around BC work to recover from catastrophic rainfall in the past few weeks and remain concerned about what lies ahead, we at WCSS continue to monitor the situation closely, assisting residents who have experienced flooding locally while also supporting affected people in communities in the north of Sea to Sky and around the province.



Not only are we responding to emergency needs, but we are also supporting new arrivals in Whistler, helping guide them to services that support healthy living. The Navigator has been updated and is a great resource for all residents, new and long standing. It highlights services available to everyone in the community from the newly arrived, newly housed, new parents, or recently retired – It truly is for everyone! Additionally, our Holiday Hamper program is back and is receiving a record number of requests for assistance this year. Holiday Hampers provide financially restricted Whistler residents with the tools to provide healthy and memorable family meals, gifts for children, and essentials for the household over the holiday period. Gift cards allow recipients to buy the goodies for a family favorite feast, and the perfect gift for the children, right off their wish list. If you can, please consider donating to support those who really need a hand up this holiday season.

As we move into this winter season and begin to wrap up 2021, I would like to express my extreme gratitude to the community for once again coming **TOGETHER** over the past 12 months and supporting all that we do. Your contributions online, or in person, your shopping and donating of goods in our stores, and your business's use of our refundable containers program all go to support the 25+ programs WCSS offers our community. In the words of my father "When the going gets tough, the tough gets going" – THANK YOU.

With Gratitude, Lori

### **Holiday Hampers - Donate Now**

The annual WCSS Holiday Hamper Program is well underway and need for this program is higher than ever. Our Holiday Hamper program helps Whistler residents have a memorable holiday period each December by supporting local families who find it difficult to put on a celebration with food and gifts this



time of year. If you have the means, please consider a donation to support a family in need.

**Donate Now** 



#### Sea to Sky Safety Net

Sea to Sky Safety Net is a resource hub of self-care tools and local services to help connect you to mental health and substance use support. **TOGETHER**, with the Whistler Blackcomb Foundation, we are on your side.

Learn More

#### **Navigator is Back!**

This guide is designed to provide tools and resources to individuals who are new to the community or those looking to learn more about local programs and services. The Navigator includes the most up-to-date information (as of October 2021) on COVID 19 updates.



**Read Now** 



## **CBC Open House and Food Bank Day**

Canada's annual Open House and Food Bank Day, raising more than \$13 million for food banks in B.C. since its humble inception in 1986.

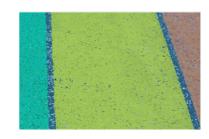
CBC's Open House and Food Bank Day is a yearly tradition for many, and they are happy to once again

bring you a 35th annual virtual edition of CBC's Food Bank Day!

**Learn More** 

### **Alphabet Soup**

Specially designed for LGBTQ2S+ individuals and their friends, families and community allies, Alphabet Soup gives the opportunity to make new friends and build community, while sharing resources, ideas, and stories.



A space to just be yourself.

**Learn More** 

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 <a href="here">here</a>.

Thank You







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