

# **JUNE 2022**

**SUPPORT US** 

# **BETTER TOGETHER**



## A Note From Our Operations Manager

"Welcome", its a word we use daily. I used it recently at our Annual General Meeting, and I hope my intention of creating a feeling of being welcomed was felt by all in attendance. In that meeting I shared a few thoughts, that I would like to share here today.

Recently, I was fortunate to be virtually introduced to Chief Janice George of Squamish Nation at Mitelnexw Leadership Society. She and Willard Buddy Joseph, Natalia Michelle Nahanee and Lloyd Attig came TOGETHER to share their Indigenous excellence in service of social change. One of the learnings that really stuck with me was something Chief Janice George said, "be a mentor to someone, because you never know where your words are going." I think of this



often in the work we do, in governance at work, and also with my family.

So, here's the thing...Mitelnexw means "to figure it out".

WCSS has spent considerable time over the past year "figuring out" our most impactful way forward and really listening to what our community values. We've spent time making sure that:

- · we are the right door for anyone to walk through
- how to welcome people back into our space
- · how to create belonging and comfort for all
- how to do things differently in order that we can meet more people where they are at

Through our efforts of trying to figure things out, one of our directors shared something with our ED. He said ,"There is a difference between being welcomed and feeling welcomed."

I think of this everyday when we open our doors and we say "welcome", because "you never know where your words are going"

With gratitude, Lori

#### **Outreach, Where You Are At**

Our Outreach team is excited to be out in the Whistler community more and connecting with folks wherever they are. Residents can find us in the local parks, hanging out at Olympic Plaza or checking out the trails in the Interpretive forest in Cheakamus. Please connect with our team 9am-6pm Monday-Saturday by calling us at 604-932-0113 or book online <a href="here">here</a>. Or, better yet come say "hi" if you see us out in our **TOGETHER** swag in the community!





### **TOGETHER Outreach Appeal**

We recently ran our second annual TOGETHER
Outreach appeal to the community to raise funds for
our ongoing programs that support resident mental
and emotional health. We would like to send out a
HUGE thank you to everyone who supported us with
a donation. Individuals, local business, and
foundations helped us to ensure our outreach
services remain at the same high levels to keep up
with continued record setting demand.

**Contact Outreach** 

### **Annual General Meeting**

On Wednesday, June 22nd, we held our Annual General Meeting of the Whistler Community Services Society at the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre. The event was well attended and various members of our board, alongside executive staff delivered presentations on programming, stats from the past year, and our audited financial statements. Thank you to all who attended and participated in this important meeting.



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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.

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