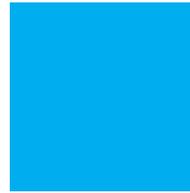




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Message from the President



On behalf of the Board of Directors of Reach Child and Youth Development Society, Happy New Year!

The staff at Reach closed out 2017 by taking time out of their busy pre-Christmas schedules to move

into Reach's new building, located at 5050 47th Avenue (next to the Pioneer Library), in Ladner. The planning, preparation, and the move itself seemed to me to be a daunting undertaking but not so when Reach's hardworking staff team set their mind to it with their superior organizational skills alongside of the kind volunteers from Ivanhoé Cambridge, carried the day, and hundreds of boxes and other items are now in their new home the "Lois E. Jackson Kinsmen Centre for Children".

So with only \$200,000 remaining in our capital campaign budget and the move behind us, plans for the official opening on February 24, are in full swing. We are all looking forward to that day to acknowledge the hard work and community commitment and celebrate the achievement.

The Foundation and Society's Boards are recalibrating our thinking and strategic planning from the capital campaign to developing funding for new and expanded programming that will be offered by Reach at our new facility and beyond. We are looking forward to this growth process, this shift in direction, that will allow Reach's staff to serve more children and youth.

While moving forward we will do what we always do at Reach, at every level of the organization — keep our vision, mission, guiding principles and values front of mind when making our decisions. By doing this, we can be assured that we keep our focus on what's important - the children and families we at the centre of all we do.

Donna Burke, on behalf of the Society Board.

Donna Burke
President

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Our New Building!

The new REACH children's centre is in the heart of the community and speaks volumes to the REACH vision of creating communities where all children, youth and families are welcomed and included. Central to this is that the new building is on the bus route for many families who don't have cars. In addition, teens in our group respite program can now avail themselves of many activities within a short walking distance from a dedicated space also currently being furnished with teen friendly items.

In REACH's brand new, nature themed preschool and playground, teachers build the potential of all children in an inclusive environment with a play-based curriculum. We provide an inside look at the preschool on the back cover. Our new playground boasts a giant stump from the Southlands and you



Front Entrance



Rear of building from Nature Playground

can see photos of the process of putting it in place also included there. Our ABA (Applied Behavioral Analysis) program for autism now has designated therapy rooms and our ASCD (Aboriginal Supported Child Development) program is showcasing aboriginal resources in the library. All program staff are now together in one place helping us to work together to ensure we're offering a centre of expertise demonstrating best practices in early intervention and behaviour support.

The Lois E. Jackson Kinsmen Centre for Children is located at 5050 47th Avenue, beside Ladner Library and right next to Ladner Memorial Park.



Youth Room



Library with Aboriginal Resources

December 2017 MOVE candid...



Karen's makeshift office among the boxes.



Krista and Kaitlyn pack up in the old building.



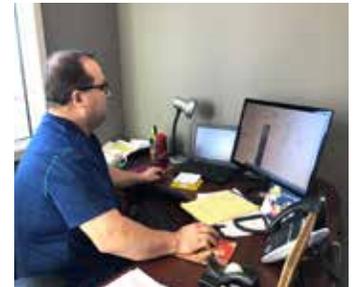
Brenda packs Kristin.



Sherrie making sure everything before, during and after the move weekend ran smoothly.



Susan and Holly prepare reception and organize staff in our new space.



Dan sets up workstations and oversees all systems in the new building.

Gift of Speech Holiday Appeal

Reach Child and Youth Development Society raised over \$18,000 during our 2017 holiday appeal to fund our speech therapy program. The Gift of Speech 2017 features videos of 3 year old Haris Tsaoussis during therapy with Sheena Kirkland, Speech Language Pathologist and coordinator of the Reach Early Intervention Therapies Program.

Sheena said, "Haris's family is significantly involved in his therapy and they have a good understanding of his strengths and challenges. His team has noticed a significant positive change to his resting facial posture over the past year and a half. We are looking forward to seeing how continuing with his goals will continue to improve Haris's confidence and his ability to make himself understood."



Cheers for Children



Four Winds Brewing Co. hosted "Cheers for Children", a folk and country music fundraiser to benefit Reach Child and Youth Development Society at Harris Barn on Saturday night, February 3, 2018. Since opening in 2013, Four Winds and the Mills family have been brewing West Coast and European style beer and supporting community organizations such as Deltassist and BC Children's Hospital.



This is the first time the Delta BC brewery has partnered with REACH. Four Winds co-owner Adam Mills said, "It's exciting for us to involve ourselves in the community that we grew up in and use our platform to help raise awareness and funds for such an admirable organization. We're pleased to have partnered with Reach to bring this one of kind event to South Delta..."



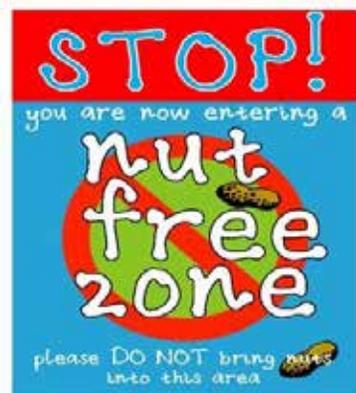
This evening featured bands David Simard, Twin Bandit and Jack Mercer & the Whiskey Bandits. Four Winds provided tacos and their signature beers to accompany the music.



REACH Centre for Children Nut Policy

Our new building is "**nut-aware**". We recognize that we cannot guarantee that the whole building be nut-free because of the different groups that use it. Please be aware:

1. Find alternatives to products that contain peanut, tree nuts or products made with nuts.
2. Wash hands to keep others with allergies safe. There are children in the building with severe allergies and if we are mindful, we can work together to keep them safe.
3. Read all ingredient labels and ask questions if there's a possibility the food could contain nuts.



REACH Preschool South

Reach Preschool South is a controlled environment that has a "**nut-free**" policy: **we ask that no nuts of any kind be brought into our preschool for any reason.** Please:

1. Check Foods sent in for snack, lunch, or any class event (including parties, field trips, etc.) to make sure they are nut-free.
2. Remind children not to share food with other children at school.

Calendar

Punjabi Speaking Parent Support Group Are you a Punjabi speaking parent of a child with special needs? You are invited to join our parent support group to connect with other parents and enjoy a caring community of support. Strawberry Hill Public Library meeting room 7399 122nd Street Surrey. Date & Time: 12:15-1:45 pm Last Thursday of each month. Please call or email to register: Monisha Jassi 604-946-6622 Ext.315 or monishaj@reachchild.org

Mom & Tot Meet-Up Tuesday mornings 9:30-11:30 am. Come and join other moms and 0-3 year olds at the Early Years Centre in North Delta Recreation Centre, inside the Reach Play & Learn Centre. FREE Drop-in program. Parent attendance required.

Down Syndrome Support Group First Thursday of each month. Contact Sarah at 604-946-6622 ext 321 or sarahg@reachchild.org

New Parent Orientation Last Wednesday of each month, 12:30-2:30 pm at 5050 47 Ave., Ladner. This is a program for parents with a recent Autism Spectrum Disorder child's diagnosis. Contact Pam at 604-946-6622 ext 359 or pamc@reachchild.org

Delta Connex Parent Peer Group Last Saturday morning of each month at Reach Play & Learn Centre in North Delta Recreation Centre 11415 84 Ave. Last Friday morning of each month at Reach Ladner office 5050 47 Ave. Support for parents of ADHD, FASD and other complex behaviours. Contact Robyn for more information 604-946-6622 ext 328 or robynl@reachchild.org

McHappy Day 2018 Join us at Ladner and Tsawwassen McDonald's on May 2: enjoy a Big Mac, Happy Meal or hot drink and proceeds are donated to REACH! Musical entertainment and children's fun. You can also purchase raffle tickets, hearts and socks to support.

Shredding Fundraiser April 21, 2018 at ReMax Progroup in Tsawwassen, 10 am to 1pm. Shredding by donation to Reach Foundation's *Building for Children Together* campaign. Look for the shredding truck in the parking lot at 5360 12 Ave., Delta

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Reach Society Board Director and volunteer FINDS manager Marcia McCafferty invites everyone to visit our awesome Children's Exchange inside Reach's new children's centre. Open 10-2, Tuesday to Saturday.

Environmental Corner

Karen Field

Recycle My Cell is a free national industry-led recycling program for mobile devices and accessories. The goal of this program is to minimize the number of devices entering landfills.

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recyclemycell.ca
or email info@recyclemycell.ca



Building for Children Together Campaign News



DELTA, BC (November 20, 2017) TOOB president Dave Stanton visited us with a donation totalling \$3500 raised during TOOB community fundraisers.



DELTA, BC (December 8, 2017) Hari and Satish Sharma and their family visited Reach Child and Youth Development Society Pre-school in North Delta with a \$5000 donation. "Maple Leaf Homes and the Sharma Family love to support the communities we develop in. Helping local societies like Reach is a wonderful opportunity to give back", stated Satish Sharma

DELTA, BC (February 5, 2018) Doug Scott from Wales McLelland and his wife Jane came for a tour of the new building. Wales McLelland built the new Lois E. Jackson Kinsmen Centre for Children in addition to providing significant in-kind donations totalling over \$120,000.



DELTA, BC (January 22, 2018) Mariam Ekizyan and Antonia Kwok visited us from Air G Gives. Air G employees have been fundraising for the past year and brought in a cheque for \$7440.



DELTA, BC (February 8, 2018) Local business owner Paula Lloyd from Open Connection in Ladner, BC visited us with her husband Bruce Lloyd to present a \$1000 cheque. REACH Foundation Director Ulf Ottho facilitated the donation.

Reach Nature Themed Preschool and Playground



DELTA, BC (Oct.19, 2017)
 The City of Delta moved a giant stump from the Southlands into place in the new playground at Reach's new Children's Centre. Getting it on the flatbed was a feat to behold! As we saw on the cover, REACH Preschool South children are making good use of the playground and the nature theme is carried inside as well!



We've Moved to
 5050 47th Ave.,
 Ladner.