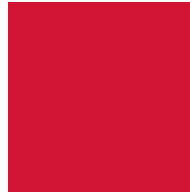




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Message from the President



paced summer.

It is with great pleasure and some trepidation that I am assuming the role of President. I have been a Director on the Board since 2005 and did not ever think my commitment would include President. I am following in the competent footsteps of Donna Burke, our past President and am grateful for her leadership and contributions during her term. Thank you, Donna.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on the evening of September 13, 2018. The theme of Heartfelt Appreciation was evident as many staff and volunteers were presented with long term service awards. Angela Keulen gave us a heartwarming account of her family's journey, and how they benefitted from various programs offered at REACH. We all felt her "Heartfelt Appreciation".

Our new executive was appointed shortly thereafter, and we are pleased that Angela Keulen, Lois Wilkinson and Ryan Thomas have joined board members Marcia McCafferty, Lynn Hayley, Shirley-Ann Reid, Karen Ostrom, Stuart Bowyer, and Carmel Tang. We were sorry to say good bye to Tom

Siba. His financial expertise and knowledge have benefited both the Society and the Foundation Board over the past several years. New members joining Denis Horgan, Katherine Bamford, Agnes Douglas, Valerie Bartlett, Bob Mann, Ryan Thomas, Tom Siba and Jeff Scott on the Foundation Board are Laura Dixon, Sharon Schoeffel, and Somi Benning. We thank Ulf Otto and Ryan Ormerod for their commitment and service to REACH as they leave the Board.

In the Spring of this year we undertook a combined Staff/Board review of our Strategic Plan. Using an analysis of our strengths and weaknesses we were able to develop a plan that will guide us in our decisions over the next five years. We defined four goal areas: well designed and expanded programs and services, community awareness and access, staff capacity, and advocacy and government policies. With the completion of the Building Together for Children campaign, The Foundation Board has changed their focus to procure funds for both new and existing programs and materials.

We have been offering slightly used children's item at our FINDS Children's Exchange for five years! It is totally staffed and run by some very dedicated and competent volunteers. Thank you, Marcia and your team, for reaching this milestone.

On behalf of the Reach Society Board
Phyllis With
President

2018/2019 Board of Directors

Reach Child and Youth Development Society :

Phyllis With, President; Karen Ostrom, Vice President; Ryan Thomas, Treasurer; Marcia McCafferty, Secretary; Lynn Haley, Director; Shirley-Ann Reid, Director; Carmel Tang, Director; Stuart Bowyer, Director; Angela Keulen, Director; Lois Wilkinson Director

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Denis Horgan, Chair; Katherine Bamford, Vice Chair; Ryan Thomas, Treasurer; Tom Siba, Director; Agnes Douglas, Director; Valerie Bartlett, Director; Bob Mann, Director; Jeff Scott, Director; Somi Benning, Director; Laura Dixon, Director; Sharon Schoeffel, Director



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Mingler at the Mills



DELTA, BC (September 29, 2018)

Although some folks were initially uncertain about a tasting event held in a mall, attendees reported having a very entertaining evening at the first annual Mingler at the Mills! Over 100 guests availed themselves of the chance to socialize, listen to live jazz and try local craft beers, wines and spirits paired with Milestones appetizers and desserts at Tsawwassen Mills promotional court. In addition, the event raised \$5000 to benefit children with special needs at Reach Child and Youth Development Society (REACH).

"I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who participated in the Mingler at the Mills!", stated Kristin Bibbs, REACH Development Manager. "It is our generous sponsors, amazing volun-

teers and guests in attendance who made the event the fun, vibrant and successful night that it was!"

As well as Tsawwassen Mills and Milestones, sponsors included Four Winds, Steamworks and Parallel 49 Breweries, Indigenous World Winery, Christopher Stewart Wine & Spirits, Goodridge & Williams Distillers, Wellbrook Winery and Rocky Mountain Chocolates. Bass Pro donated a paddleboard in a well-received raffle.

An evening highlight featured REACH volunteer Foundation Directors modelling Saks 5th Avenue fashions to the delight of the crowd (photo of Soma Benning, Agnes Douglas, Katherine Bamford and Denis Horgan L:R below).



Preschool Fall Fun

These little folks aren't napping in the afternoon! Our preschoolers enjoyed the start of the new school year in September. In October, Preschoolers celebrated Thanksgiving with a song about being grateful for friends and family.

Registration is open for January 2019. Preschool South has afternoons with early start dates available. Preschool North has space in both the morning and afternoon programs and is accepting enrollments now. Contact preschool manager Alexandra at 604-946-6622 ext 308 or alexandrav@reachchild.org



Max and Ruby

Tsawwassen Mills offered REACH program children the opportunity to meet Max and Ruby at the mall in October. Isaac was exceptionally excited to be in the presence of TV and story-book icon Max and worked up the courage to approach him and give a high five!



Environmental Tips at Halloween

Karen Field

- Buy or make decorations that can be reused each year.
- Repurpose old clothing or items you have in order to make your costumes. Or purchase from Thrift Stores, Consignment Stores or yard sales rather than buying new.
- Use cloth bags that can be reused for Trick or Treat bags instead of plastic.
- Reduce carbon emissions by trick or treating in your neighbourhood rather than driving to another destination.
- Collect all your child's candy wrappers and bring them into any London Drugs to be recycled.
- Once Halloween is over put all your decorations, costumes etc. in a marked box or bin to reuse next year.
- And don't forget to put your pumpkins in your compost bin.

Have a Safe and Happy Halloween!!!

Social Enterprise FINDS Celebrates 5 Years



DELTA, BC (October 03, 2018) –

When Reach Society (REACH) relocated to the new Lois E. Jackson Kinsmen Children's Centre at 5050 47Ave earlier this year, its social enterprise FINDS Children's Exchange moved in too. This October marks FINDS 5th Anniversary. FINDS has been offering local families the opportunity to drop off or pick up children's clothing, baby supplies, books, toys, puzzles and games and supplies a wide variety of gently used and well-organized items to the community.

Founder and volunteer manager Marcia McCafferty shared her delight at reaching the five year mark saying, "I feel so blessed to be part of our wonderfully generous community". FINDS will hold a 5 year anniversary sale October 11th to celebrate where patrons can fill a bag for \$5.

Like all social enterprises, FINDS couldn't have achieved this milestone without its dedicated volunteers. REACH captured a cross section of past and present FINDS volunteer staff last month in the photo (top left). From opening the store and assisting customers to sorting donations, volunteers make it possible to have FINDS open Tuesday to Saturday with new merchandise on the shelf every day. All proceeds from FINDS support children in REACH programs.

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Halloween Safety and Health

Linda Wong

As Halloween approaches, kids are excitedly waiting to go trick-or-treating. Kids of all ages look forward to this special night dressed up as their favourite characters. In order for everyone to have a good time, let's see how we can ensure everyone's safety. SafeKids Worldwide, a non-profit organization, advises children under the age of 12 to walk with their parents and to cross at street corners or cross walks while obeying traffic signals. Children and adults, should put their electronic devices down and keep their heads up and walk, don't run, across the street. Always watch for cars that are turning or backing up and teach children to never dart out



into the street or cross between parked cars. Dressing up in costumes takes careful planning. In doing so, SafeKids Worldwide also reminds us to have children wear costumes that are the right size to prevent trips and falls. Also, decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors. Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers. If kids are older than 12 and mature enough to be out without supervision, they should stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups. We wish everyone a safe and happy Halloween!

REACH AGM 2018

DELTA, BC (September 13, 2018) – Reach Child and Youth Development Society (REACH) offered a heart-felt appreciation of volunteers and staff community at the 2018 Annual General Meeting. REACH President Donna Burke stepped down and welcomed Phyllis With, a 13 year REACH volunteer Board Director, to the role. The 2018/2019 Reach Society Board consists of Ryan Thomas, Lois Wilkinson, Stuart Bowyer, Carmel Tang, Marcia McCafferty, Phyllis With, Angela Keulen, Lynn Haley, Shirley-Ann Reid, Karen Ostrom, (L:R, photo below).



The Reach Foundation Board 2018/2019 was also elected and welcomes Laura Dixon, Delta Board of Education Chairperson, Somi Benning and Sharon Schoeffel to incumbents Katherine Bamford, Valerie Bartlett, Agnes Douglas, Denis Horgan, Bob Mann, Jeff Scott, Tom Siba and Ryan Thomas.

20+ year staff were recognized along with 5 year event, FINDS and board volunteers. REACH parent and new Society Board Director Angela Keulen offered thanks to staff members during the AGM. We've time and again felt respected and validated as parents", she said, "you have loved and embraced our son for who he is and you've always seen the positive and built off that."



5+ years volunteers L:R Karen Ostrom, Marcia McCafferty, Bob Mann, Katherine Bamford, Agnes Douglas, Tom Siba, Phyllis With, Rob VanSpronsen



20+ years staff L:R Susie Gall, Adele Curtis, Leora Shipley, Angela Ruel, Camille Netherton, Melanie Reid, Elysa Phillip



Harvest Festival 2018



DELTA, BC (September 22, 2018) Delta Connex manager Camille Netherton and mom Deborah Sharp (PHOTO: second from right, far right) spoke on behalf of children with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and the help available from REACH Delta Connex program at Harvest Fest. Huge thank you to Delta Firefighters Charitable Foundation for supporting REACH as a beneficiary of Harvest Fest and all the generous folks who attended!

Port Gala 2018



VANCOUVER, BC (October 4, 2018) REACH was one of the beneficiaries at the Port Fundraising Gala made possible by DP World, Fraser Surrey Docks, Global Container Terminals, Port of Vancouver and Western Stevedoring and generous guests! Becki Allen, graduate of our respite program, addressed the audience of close to 500 about her experience with us and received a standing ovation. Well done Becki (3rd from right on photo).

Recent Donations



(Sept.13, 2018)The Delta TOOB presented a \$3,000 donation earmarked for REACH Pre-schools for playground equipment. Photo L:R David Bliss, Agnes Douglas, Kristin Bibbs, Denis Horgan



Reach is so important to have in our community", explains Katie Leek with regard to Emma Lea's dedicated fundraising. Photo L:R Kevin Husband, Joanne Husband, Renie D'Aquila, Katie Leek, Kristin Bibbs, Andy Leek



David and Elaine Bliss were recognized as the inaugural donors to REACH Foundation Legacy Giving at the REACH Annual General Meeting. Their generous pledge of \$50,000 was facilitated by Agnes Douglas, REACH Foundation Director.

Hampton Cove Day of Community Golf & Family Fun

The Hampton Cove Community Open, 1st Annual Golf Day for Charity, was an outstanding success on August 11th, 2018. Organizing sponsors Glenn Issler, Michael Lepore and Earl Francis realized their community objectives of facilitating community fun, promoting Ladner's multicultural heritage and raising awareness and funds for the local non-profit organization Reach Child and Youth Development Society (REACH) in a big way.

With the support of many volunteers, staff from The Links at Hampton Cove, the team from REACH, Kim Nunney and over 55 local businesses and community supporters, \$9,458.21 was raised for children and youth with developmental needs.

All play was by donation and golfers participated in \$10,000 hole-in-one, putting and chipping contests at The Links at Hampton Cove. In addition, local children came out and enjoyed the family fun area that featured multiple festivities.



Commenting on how the event first came to be, Issler said, "3 neighbours got together for coffee, made some notes on a napkin, and this terrific community event was born. It all happened very quickly."

"When a community comes together, great things can happen" said Lepore. "We want to bring new neighbours, friends, colleagues, and local businesses together and make a positive contribution to a great local organization".

Making the introduction of this event to the team at REACH was Earl Francis, Director of Golf Operations at The Links at Hampton Cove. "With the recent grand opening of our club house and the great improvements to the golf course over the past couple of years, we are delighted to join as an organizing sponsor to this, our first, major charity tournament at the course."

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