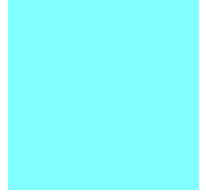




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Reach for the Stars 2017 featured May Days Choir, including performers with autism. Photo: Bob Roche

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## Message from the President



As I write this message we are in the middle of National Volunteer Appreciation Week. Like most non-profits, Reach is an organization that relies heavily on its dedicated volunteers. Many of our volunteers were "in action" on April 8th helping make our annual fundraising gala, A Passion for Potential, a huge success and a really enjoyable evening. \$100,000.00 was raised! The event volunteers worked with staff for many months to help make the gala a very memorial evening.

Reach's thrift store, FINDS, is also a place where our dedicated volunteers come on a regular basis to sort and organize donations, and run the store. We rely heavily on these people and are always happy to have new volunteers join the ranks. It's a fun thing to do with a friend.

Our Society and Foundation Boards of Directors are also composed of volunteers, some of whom have been with us for many years. Most of us have day jobs so the meetings and events we attend on behalf

of Reach are geared to accommodate this. It is a privilege to share skills and support an organization that does such meaningful work.

My favourite quote on volunteerism is attributed to Winston Churchill: "You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give." Giving ones time to Reach offers many rewards, including: the people who work there are dedicated, highly professional and interesting; the families who come to Reach for services are there to learn the life-long skills they need to support their child and help them reach their full potential. This is a goal very worthy of support; and, giving back just feels good.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please email [volunteer@reachchild.org](mailto:volunteer@reachchild.org).

On behalf of the (volunteer) Board members of Reach Child and Youth Development Society, THANK YOU volunteers for all that you do for Reach and our community.

*Donna Burke  
President*

## 2016/2017 Board of Directors

### Reach Child and Youth Development Society :

Donna Burke, President; Tom Siba, Treasurer; Marcia McCafferty, Director; Phyllis With, Director; Karen Ostrom, Director; Lynn Haley, Director; Guillermo Bustos, Director; Shirley-Ann Reid, Director; Carmel Beckman, Director; Stuart Bowyer, Director

### Reach Child and Youth Charitable Foundation:

Denis Horgan , Chair; Tom Siba, Treasurer; Agnes Douglas, Director; Valerie Bartlett, Director; Katherine Bamford, Director; Bob Mann, Director; Jeff Scott, Director; Ryan Thomas, Director; Ulf Ottho, Director; Ryan Ormerod, Director



*Like, follow, look and watch. There are lots of ways to connect to Reach. Visit us at [www.reachdevelopment.org](http://www.reachdevelopment.org) to link to all of our social media.*

# April's Grand Gala *...from front page*

Passion for Potential was evident at the Reach for the Stars Gala 2017 held in the Coast Tsawwassen Inn April 8th. The 5th Annual Reach for the Stars fundraising gala benefitting the Reach *Building for Children Together* campaign was an outstanding success on many levels. "The positive energy radiating from the 270 guests and volunteers who came together in support of Reach on Saturday evening was overwhelming and filled my heart with immense warmth and pride at being a part of such an amazing organization", shared Reach Fundraising Manager Kristin Bibbs. "It was truly an incredible demonstration of how deeply Reach is valued within our community."

May Days Choir youth including members with autism received a standing ovation for their performance of "Fight Song". Local resident and 104.3FM radio host Kelly Latremouille emceed the event and Councilor and MLA Candidate Ian Paton was auctioneer. Presenting sponsors Vancouver Fraser Port Authority and Canadian Autoparts Toyota (CAPTIN), all sponsors, auction donors and guests attending helped raise \$100,000. We were grateful to have the



support of over 60 volunteers at this year's Reach for the Stars Gala: this special evening would not be possible without them.

TFN Chief Williams gave a traditional welcome and Minister Qualtrough sent a congratulatory message that was read at the beginning of the evening. Minister Qualtrough praised the Building for Children Together initiative, stating that "the new Lois E. Jackson Kinsmen Centre for Children will be a tremendous benefit not only for the people accessing services but for the entire community. Its presence will display the potential that every person with a developmental disability has."

## Reach for the Stars Photo Gallery

Photos taken by Bob Roche and Larry Leslie





# Reach for the Stars gala 2017...

# THANK YOU!

Photos taken by Bob Roche and Larry Leslie



April 23, 2017



We appreciate our dedicated volunteers.



Sending a huge THANK YOU on volunteer week!

## Easter Fun



Reach inclusive Pre-school South children got ready for Easter fun mid April. Eggs were dyed, baskets made and a special festive snack time got everyone in the mood for spring!



## Goodbye Cori



Infant Development Program's Cori Childers (3rd from right) is leaving us to move to the Sunshine Coast after 5 years with Reach Society. IDP Coordinator Leora Shipley made a speech at the luncheon, sharing how many times Cori had gone above and beyond for families.

## Cast Clinic

Jared Tucker from Ortho-Dynamics came out to help Reach children in physiotherapy with a mobile cast clinic again this spring. Alissa was one of the children fitted for orthotics.



## Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP)

In our busy lives it is hard to keep track of all those little things and financial education generally gets pushed to the back of the list. Around this time of year we hear a lot about investing in our RRSP's and some of us may be familiar with RESP's but what is an RDSP?

RDSP, or Registered Disability Savings Plans, is a Canada-wide registered matched savings plan specific for people with disabilities. The government provides grants into these savings accounts depending on your household income:

- For every \$1 put in an RDSP account, the federal government can match with up to \$3 depending on your family income (below \$91,831).
- For people living on a low-income (below \$30,000) the federal government will put in \$1000 each year for 20 years. This is called the Canada Disability Savings Bond.
- For people living on an income between \$25,356-\$45,916 they can still receive a partial bond.

To be eligible for an RDSP, you must complete the following:

- Get your Social Insurance Number.
- Become eligible for the Disability Tax Credit.
- File Your Income Tax Returns.
- Choose a financial institution and holder (the person who makes the financial decisions).
- Be younger than 60 years old.

Similar to other registered accounts, the RDSP is a little bit more complex. Make sure you take a moment to learn more about the government bonds, grants, the 10-year rule and withdrawals from the plan. A Registered Disability Savings Plan is a wonderful way families can support their loved ones with disabilities now and in the future.

Learn more at: <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/rdsp/> or <http://www.rdsp.com/>

Carmel Beckman  
Reach Society Board Member  
Reach Family Member



# 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: 11:45-1:15 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** Thursday 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.

**Reach Preschool Registration** Ongoing at inclusive preschools in North and South Delta. Contact Oshrat for more information. 604-946.6622 ext 308 or ostratz@reachchild.org

**New Parent Orientation** Last Wednesday of each month, 12:30-2:30 pm at #3-3800 72 St., 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 Wednesday evening 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 3-3800 72nd St.. Support for parents of ADHD, FASD and other complex behaviours. Contact Robyn for more information 604-946-6622 ext 328 or robynl@reachchild.org

**Down Syndrome Support Group** May 4th and June 1st at 3-3800 72 St., Ladner. FREE. Contact Sarah at 604-946-6622 ext 321 or sarahg@reachchild.org

**Positive Parenting** FREE seminars delivering strategies for dealing with difficult behaviours of children with special needs aged 3-18 years. Basics: May 8 and 15, 9:30-2:30 at Reach Society 3-3800 72nd St., Ladner. Advanced: June 3, 9:30-4:30 Holiday Inn, Cloverdale. Contact Pam at Pamc@reachchild.org or 604-946-6622 ext. 359

**Tasty Bistro Fundraiser** June 20, 2017 Look for more information on our website about this new evening event including fine South Asian cuisine, MC'd by Mona Patrola at the Tasty Bistro Restaurant in North Delta.

## Live 5-2-1-0 (Part 1 of 2)

A new program related to children's health has been gaining traction in BC in recent years, called Live 5-2-1-0. It is a program currently brought to us through SCOPE, an initiative through BC's Children Hospital, and it focuses on overall health and quality of life for children and youth of all ages. The main premise is to live a daily regime encompassing 4 different lifestyle factors; these include at least 5 fruits and vegetables per day, no more than 2 hours of screen time per day, at least 1 hour of active play per day, and 0 sugary and/or sweetened drinks per day. Some great examples in how to make simple changes are: have less "treats" (food and drinks) available at home to encourage a change in eating habits, get your child to help with food preparation, take your child on a nature walk, encourage screen time to be used for educational purposes, and always have a bottle of water with you.

*Jeannette Tremblay*



# Building for Children Together Campaign News



DELTA, BC (Apr.4, 2017) Reach Society is the Charity of Choice for 2017 at Air G, a mobile software company located in Vancouver. Mariam, Jane and Amanda from Air G came to visit Reach Society and enjoyed a tour. Air Gives employee initiatives fundraising is matched by Air G at the end of the year. Toy drives, donations volunteerism are all part of these caring folks plans.

## TO DONATE:

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[www.reachdevelopment.org/campaign/how-you-can-help](http://www.reachdevelopment.org/campaign/how-you-can-help)  
You will receive a charitable tax receipt for the full amount of your donation. For more info: 604-946-6622 ext.0



DELTA, BC (Feb.28, 2017) – Reach Child and Youth Development Society ED Renie D'Aquila and Fundraising Manager Kristin Bibbs met with Dayhu Group's COO Paul Tilbury and owner Shirley Barnett at Boundary Bay Industrial Park to receive a \$50,000 donation on behalf of Boundary Bay Holdings, Astra Concrete Pumping, BC Comfort Air Conditioning, CAN TEC Electrical Services Ltd., Landrock Excavating, Ottens Landscaping and Winvan Paving.



DELTA, BC (Apr.3,2017) – Costco representatives Teresa Domicz and Susan Ness visited Reach today with a \$5000 donation for Building for Children Together. Both Teresa and Susan showed a great deal of interest in a tour of our Reach office and learning about what programs and services we offer to children and youth with needs.



DELTA, BC (Mar.17,2017) – North Delta MLA Scott Hamilton presented Reach Child and Youth Society Executive Director Renie D'Aquila with a donation of \$20,000 towards Reach Foundation's Building for Children Together campaign.



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# Reach Building Construction Update



Feb.17



Mar. 27



Mar.15



## Reach Annual General Meeting Save the Date: Aug 10/17

Reach Annual General Meeting is coming! Are you interested in becoming a Director at Reach? Reach Society Directors will be elected at the AGM in August. To add your name to the slate contact us at: 604.946.6622 ext.0

### Respecting Individuals and Valuing Diversity

Reach sees the diversity of individuals and of our communities as a strength. We believe we have a responsibility to demonstrate leadership in diversity issues within our communities and more broadly.

We respect and value the diverse life experiences of our clients, communities, staff and volunteers.

Creating and maintaining a diverse culture is about recognizing and understanding individual differences, contributions and needs.

At Reach, it is everyone's responsibility to ensure that respecting individuals and valuing diversity is part of every program.

**We welcome your feedback and input on this statement and on all aspects of Reach's service delivery.**