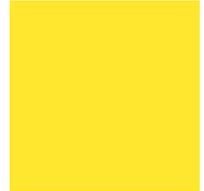
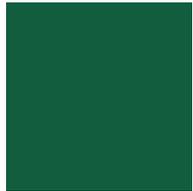




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Message from the President



After a lovely summer in our area, fall arrived very quickly. September seems like the start of a new year as children return to school and programs begin. Reach Child and Youth Development Society continues to offer supportive preschool and programs to our community. In the

last year we were able to expand our services to over 1100 children and youth. It has been a focus of the board to increase services and I am very pleased to see we added an additional 122 children who were supported in the past year.

We had our Annual General Meeting on the evening of September 19th. It is my pleasure to serve my second term as president of our ten-member volunteer Society Board. Our continuing Board members are Karen Ostrom, Marcia McCafferty, Lynn Haley, Shirley-Ann Reid, Carmel Tang, Ryan Thomas, Stuart Bowyer, Angela Keulen and Lois Wilkinson. They bring a great deal of knowledge, experience to the board and understand the many challenges of our families face daily.

The REACH Foundation Board continues with an experienced board to secure additional funding and enhance the public's awareness of our organization. This hard-working board includes Denis Horgan, Katherine Bamford, Ryan Thomas, Tom Siba, Jeff Scott, Agnes Douglas, Valerie Bartlett, Laura Dixon, Sharon Schoeffel, Inder Saini and Somi Benning. We thank Bob Mann for his commitment and service to REACH as he leaves the Board.

The theme of our AGM was Heartfelt Appreciation as we honoured many of our staff and volunteers

who have been with Reach for over 5 years and some for over 20 years. Renie D'Aquila was presented with a small token of our appreciation for her 20 years of service to Reach. She is a very integral part of the growth and professionalism of the organization. We appreciate everyone's commitment and thank them all!

The AGM highlighted our many achievements over the past year. Reach programs and services continue to expand with access to more funding from government, our community partners and our committed donors. Our new program Choices is offering services to children over the age of six and was supporting 70 children by the end of the past year. The ABA program was able to purchase iPads to help with the communication skills of their young children, with funding from the Ministry of Children and Families. Referrals to therapies also increased as we were able to accommodate more children and youth with support. The growth of support and programs is heartwarming.

Summer may be a quiet time for some programs but other continue uninterrupted all year long. Although the Preschools were closed, the North Delta Developmental Preschool was undergoing many interior and exterior renovations including new fencing and enhanced playground. The Preschool in Ladner welcomed their students back to an enhanced playground as well.

I look forward to another year with Reach and am again grateful and humbled by your continued confidence in our board of directors.

On behalf of the REACH Society Board of Directors,

Phyllis With, President

2019/2020 Board of Directors

Reach Child and Youth Development Society :

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

Reach Child and Youth Charitable Foundation:

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



Like, follow, look and watch. There are lots of ways to connect to Reach. Visit us at www.reachdevelopment.org to link to all of our social media.

2nd Annual Mingler at the Mills



REACH Staff and family volunteers

DELTA, BC (September 28, 2019) –

The 2nd annual Mingler at the Mills food and beverage event raised \$5,500 to benefit Reach Child and Youth Development Society (REACH) and local children with special needs. Hosts Tsawwassen Mills and Boston Pizza made sure the event ran seamlessly and that guests enjoyed endless appetizers while they listened to jazz, socialized and sampled artisan beer, fine wine and spirits.



Ladner-Tsawwassen Kinsmen volunteers



REACH Foundation Directors L:R Somi Benning, Agnes Douglas, Denis Horgan, Katherine Bamford, Sharon Schoeffel

Beverage sponsors included Four Winds Brewing, Parallel 49 Brewing, Steamworks Brewing, Steel & Oak Brewing, Delf Wines, Indigenous World Winery, Select Wines, Goodridge & Williams Distilling and Bremners. Saks 5th Avenue fall fashions were modelled by REACH Foundation directors and 12 high quality door prizes were awarded from mall vendors, Pacific Breeze Winery and The Drinks List as well as a raffle boasting luggage and swag from Tommy Hilfiger with a brand-new barbecue as the grand prize courtesy of Bass Pro.



REACH Foundation Directors Inder Saini and Laura Dixon with former Delta Councillor Sylvia Bishop



Ladner-Tsawwassen Kinsmen volunteers

“The incredible sponsors and volunteers engaged in sharing samples combined with the chatter and laughter of guests enjoying the event while supporting children with needs created a lively, positive vibe that warrants a huge thank you to everyone involved,” said REACH Development Manager Kristin Bibbs.



Indigenous World Winery with REACH Foundation Director Valerie Bartlett

REACH Preschool Back to School Fun



REACH Social Smart Group



REACH Staff Ashleigh Toulson and Bethany Goossen

(Sept.18, 2019) Delta, BC - In the fall, Reach Child and Youth Development Society offers a social skills group for children between the ages of 7-13 who are in grades 3-7. REACH Social Smart Group incorporates games, activities and local outings to help facilitate the development of social skills for children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

The goal of the group is to help foster learning, maintenance and the generalization of important social skills, such as flexible thinking and perspective taking, initiating and maintaining conversations, and emotional regulation. The Social Smart Group is designed as a learning environment for children and youth to engage with similarly aged peers to build friendships that will sustain over time.

"It's so rewarding to witness a child's social understanding and see their confidence increase over time, as well as to see them make and maintain friendships in this group," says Ashleigh Toulson, Behaviour Consultant with Social Smart Group.

Punjabi Speaking Parent Group at Head Office



(Aug. 21 2019) Our Punjabi Speaking parent support group came and held their meeting at REACH head office. Both parents and children had a great time enjoying the sense of belonging as well as enjoying a visit with samosas and tea. Monisha Jassi facilitates the group and it is an important support to parents with children who have special needs in North Delta and Surrey.



Linda Wong, REACH IDP Consultant

Orange Shirt Day 2019

- DELTA, BC (Sept.30) REACH staff supported Every Child Matters by wearing orange shirts and standing in solidarity with survivors of residential schools. Orange Shirt Day is a national awareness day to remember and honour our indigenous people who were impacted by the residential school system.



Health and Safety Corner



Preventing Infection and Illness

As the weather changes from sunny days to cooler days and the kids are back to school, it's the time of year where colds and flus start to get passed around. Here are some tips according to Kids Health. Wash your hands often with warm water for about 15-20 seconds especially before eating and after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose. At the same time, keep your hands out of your eyes, mouth and nose. Doctors also recommend the flu vaccine to further protect yourself from getting sick. Always be prepared for the weather by dressing in layers. Enjoy the season of autumn and stay healthy!

REACH Annual General Meeting

DELTA, BC (Sept. 19, 2019) REACH Annual General Meeting was a socializing and informative evening. Society and Foundation Board Directors each said a few words to those in attendance about why they chose to volunteer for our organization. In addition, awards were given to long term staff and Sonali Menezes-Sequeira, a parent at REACH thanked staff and volunteers for the difference made in her son Tahan's life.



Parent Sonali Menezes-Sequeira



REACH Foundation Board 2019/2020



REACH staff receiving long time service awards



REACH Society Board 2019/2020

LEGO!



DELTA, BC (Aug.27) REACH LEGO Summer Camp held at George Mackie Library in North Delta at the end of the summer was a big success. A similar one day LEGO workshop for children with autism is planned over the Christmas holidays. Contact kellymac@reachchild.org for more details.

Environmental Focus

Karen Field, REACH PBS Consultant

How many of these do you do on a regular and consistent basis?

- Use your own personal water bottle rather than bottled water
- Use your own personal travel mug for coffee or tea
- Use reusable shopping bags when getting groceries as well as personal items
- Recycle at home
- Use laundry balls in the dryer rather than fabric dryer sheets

If you do all these then congratulations on doing your part for the planet. Maybe it is time to incorporate another environmental change such as:

- Buying and/or donating to a thrift store
- Turning off lights and all electronic devices when not in use
- Take transit or walk when you can

And if you are not doing all of the above, then pick one and start to incorporate this as a routine and know that you are making a difference.

Planned Giving

REACH is pleased to announce a recent donation to our Planned Giving program that lays the foundation for the future. Help us support children in your community today, tomorrow and for generations to come.

Tom and Kathleen Siba visited us on September 13, 2019 to donate towards helping future generations of children with special needs. Tom and Kathleen stated:

“The Siba Family donated \$10,000 to the REACH Legacy fund. Tom, as a director of the REACH Foundation, was involved raising funds to help build the child development centre in Ladner. Now that it is complete we are donating dollars to keep the programs offered running.”

Planned Giving – either now or in the future – can provide tax relief while supporting your charitable wishes. Contact your financial or tax advisor for more details.

1. Donations – how to give today:

- One-time donations
- Monthly Giving
- Gift of Securities



L:R Kristin Bibbs, Tom & Kathleen Siba, Renie D'Aquila

2. Legacy Giving – how to give in the future:

- Wills and Bequests
- Life Insurance
- RRSPs & RRIFs

Whether you wish to give now or in the future, we will work with you and your advisor(s) to implement any plan that suits your tax and financial situation.

20th Annual Port Gala

(Oct. 3, 2019) REACH was honoured to be one of three beneficiaries of the 20th Annual Port Fundraising Gala. REACH, Mission Possible and Harvest Project will each receive \$70,000 from the successful Vancouver event.



REACH Foundation chair Denis Horgan addresses Port Gala guests.

DFF Harvestfest

(Sept. 14, 2019) REACH directors and friends attended Delta Firefighters' Harvestfest Fundraiser benefitting local charities including REACH at Sterling Stables in Ladner.



Denis Horgan, Sylvia Bishop, Mark & Sharon Schoeffel, Kristin Bibbs, Laura Dixon

Recent Donations



(Sept.04, 2019) DELTA, BC – Reach Child and Youth Development Society received a \$20,000 grant from the First West Foundation - Envision Financial Community Endowment to support the REACH Counselling Program. REACH Counsellor Yvonne McKenna is pictured on the far right and presented to the Envision and First West representatives about the methodologies used with children and parents experiencing mental health challenges.

L:R Ken D'Sena, Sue-Lynda Bate, Renie D'Aquila, Riyaz Devji, Kristin Bibbs, Lisa Margetson, Yvonne McKenna

Hampton Cove Community Open 2019

Nobody won the \$55,000 Mercedes provided by presenting sponsor Dilawri Group at the 2nd Annual Hampton Cove Community Open, but what a great day for players, volunteers, and the many supporters. The summer golf tournament held August 17, 2019, was free with fundraising by donations and sponsorships. \$7,712 was raised for REACH.



L:R Kim Nunney, Kristin Bibbs, Earl Francis, Michael & Jamie Lepore, Glenn Issler



Foundation Director Jeff Scott & family played and volunteered at the event.



L:R FINDS sorting volunteers Karen, Sue, Stella and Wendy

FINDS Receives Peekaboo Beans Donation

In September, Peekaboo Beans collected donations for REACH social enterprise FINDS Children's Exchange store inside REACH Child Development Centre in Ladner. Donors were given gift certificates to use on merchandise in the store at Tsawwassen Mills.

FINDS children's thrift store collects gently used children's clothes, toys, books and equipment in a highly organized bright storefront. To join our team of sorters and in-store volunteers contact Jessica at volunteer@reachchild.org.

Announcing the 3rd Annual Taste of Reach Fundraiser!



A Taste of Reach
Fundraiser to benefit Reach Child and Youth Development Society at Tasty Indian Bistro

Elegant Appetizers with Wine & Beer Pairings | Dinner | Live Auction | Door Prizes

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The banner features a central logo for TASTY INDIAN BISTRO, surrounded by four small photographs showing people at the event. The background has a decorative pattern.

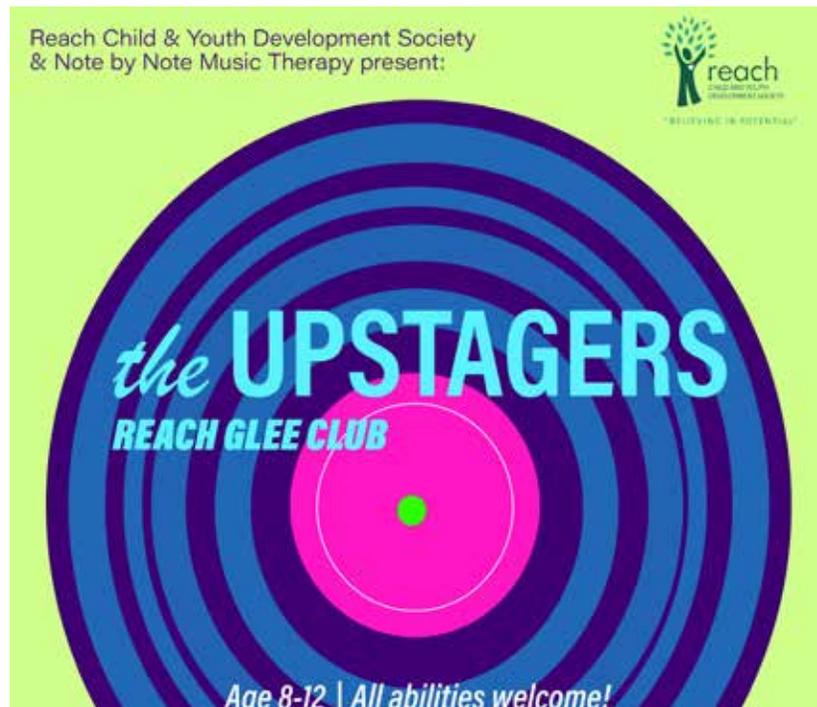
(Dec.03 2019) Dilawri Group is the presenting sponsor of the 3rd annual A Taste of Reach Fundraiser at Tasty Indian Bistro, 8295 120th Street, North Delta. This star-studded evening raised almost \$90,000 last year! Grey Cup Champion Marco Iannuzzi will emcee this evening of fine South Asian dining, an inside look at REACH programming, wine and beer tasting, live auction and fabulous door prizes. If you are interested in sponsoring or donating prizes to A Taste of Reach, contact Kristin Bibbs at kristinb@reachchild.org. \$125 tickets to this elegant and delicious event are available NOW at <https://tasteofreach2019.eventbrite.ca>

Music Therapy Workshops over the Holidays at REACH

Music Therapy is the use of music and musical elements to address non-musical goals. Music is intrinsically motivating and rewarding, making therapy fun and engaging. Music Therapy uses music as a non-verbal, cross-cultural way to communicate. No musical skill is needed to participate!

Add some music, friendship and fun into your holidays this year with the REACH holiday camp! Join us as we celebrate the end of one year and the beginning of another. Led by Note by Note Music Therapy, this camp will utilize a strengths-based approach for learning new skills. We will focus on team work and reality orientation through super engaging music activities! All abilities are welcome. Two 4-hour workshops, Dec.30 and Jan.2 from 12-4pm will be offered in Delta. In addition, weekly music groups are planned, 4-6pm at REACH North and South Delta locations in January.

For more information, contact Katie at katies@reachchild.org or 604.946.6622 ext. 381



Reach Child & Youth Development Society
& Note by Note Music Therapy present:

the UPSTAGERS
REACH GLEE CLUB

Age 8-12 | All abilities welcome!

The poster features a large, colorful graphic of concentric circles in shades of blue, purple, and pink, resembling a vinyl record. The REACH logo is in the top right corner.

Visit our website for upcoming events and workshops:
www.reachchild.org/events-workshops