

The Importance of Social Investment

Like many of you, I was pleased to hear BC's new Premier announce that the disability assistance rate would be raised by \$100 in September, 2017. For many of the adults we support, this increase is long overdue. It is a challenge for many to make ends meet and this increase represents a better chance to find adequate housing or good nutrition. The \$100 is a start.

In his press release, Premier John Horgan spoke of the need support people to live in dignity, further promising, "Raising the rates is only the beginning. Our government is committed to bring forward a comprehensive poverty reduction plan to lift children and families out of poverty". We will be watching closely and welcome strategies to support families.

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system, discovery of joy in unexpected places, rich appreciation of that which makes us unique, and the development of creativity and resilience.

On the other hand, the time constraints, financial burdens, physical and emotional demands and the struggle to meet their child's complex needs can place stress on the entire family and result in breakdown in the absence of effective support.

Families we serve describe effective supports as shoring up the strength of their families and enabling the child or adult to live a full life. Such supports and services require financial investment by government in essential programs for childcare, early childhood intervention, respite, employment programs and disability supports.

We believe that strong families are the foundation for strong community. My hope is that this investment is truly just a start; My hope is that Premier Horgan's commitment is followed with public policy and financial support that promotes the well-being of individuals, families and our community.

MAACL has almost 60 years of experience supporting families, children and adults who live with a disability. Over these decades, we have been repeatedly reminded of the ability of those with diverse abilities to flourish in communities with the right supports in place.

Having a family member with an intellectual disability can have an effect on the entire family, extended family and personal support network. It is a unique shared experience that can affect all aspects of family functioning.

From a positive perspective, it can result in deeper connections and relationships within the family



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MAACL Mosaic

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"little pieces being made up of diverse elements, assembled to form a bigger picture"

OUR VISION

Our vision is an inclusive and caring community where choice, opportunity and fulfilling quality of life are realized.

OUR MISSION

Our purpose is to support individuals with developmental disabilities, children who require extra support, and their families



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Mission Self Advocacy Group

The Mission Self Advocacy Group is made up of people with disabilities. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 33171 2nd Ave Mission B.C., (MACL's Training Center in Mission Manor Apartment Building) from 6pm to 8pm.
(no meetings in July, August or December)

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New to Mission?
We welcome you to contact us to learn about our group

We are always looking to recruit self-advocates, volunteers and sponsors to join!

Our next meeting is September 19th
Come out and participate in a mock Government!



The Mission Self Advocacy Group would like to thank the Mission Community Foundation & the James Patty Foundation for approving a grant of \$500.00 for their Awareness 2017 Project. The Group will also contribute \$300.00 towards the project. The funding will go towards the Group designing & purchasing a banner and new brochures. In addition, the Group will host an information booth in the Community in the coming months.

THANK YOU!



Supported Child Development Program

Every Child Belongs

The Supported Child Development Program motto is "Every Child Belongs". We are so proud of Mission Childcare programs, for embracing this motto and exemplifying the best of inclusion.

For almost 3 decades; together with families, childcare programs and community partners, we have supported each other to strengthen our values and build the capacity to include and nurture children who require extra support, in the preschool and childcare programs of their family's choice.

Inclusion is a philosophy that supports the right of all children of diverse abilities to participate actively in natural settings within their communities. Inclusion values all children and enriches everyone involved.

"Children who have any kind of disability have the right to special care and support, as well as all the rights in the convention, so that they can live full and independent lives" (Article 23 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, 1989 - UNICEF fact sheet).

The Supported Child Development Program is committed to the goal of equity and access for all children, and we will continue to work with families and our community partners to further inclusive opportunities.

Farewell to Heather as she skips off into the sunset to enjoy time with her grandchildren in the next chapter of her life called "Celebrating Retirement!" Heather has played a pivotal role in the evolution of the Supported Child Development Program in our community over the years. From mentoring Consultants, advocating for inclusion and services for families who have children who require extra support in their child care settings, and partnering with community service providers to ensure a strong support network for families accessing services, Heather has worked so very diligently and with great compassion for over two decades. Always sweet with a heart of gold and kindness toward all, she stood firm on her beliefs that all children of all abilities have the fundamental right to access community settings and belong, and that families must be offered a foundation of support in their community, always. Heather, we sincerely hope that you enjoy many years ahead of fun and focus for your own family, as they surely look forward to having you all to themselves now that you say farewell to your MACL family. We will miss working with you here Heather, it's truly been a pleasure.

"Grandparents are extremely rich folks with silver in their hair and gold in their hearts."

— Mamur Mustapha



To access SCDP services parents may contact SCDP directly or children may be referred by community professionals such as Infant Development Consultants, Therapists, Public Health Nurses, Doctors, Social Workers, etc

Visit the MACL website at www.missionacl.org or call 604-826-9080 ext. 280

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MACL Celebrates

Welcome!

To Third Avenue

- Zoe
- Biju
- Brandi

To Youth Connection

- Pierre-Yves

To Seventh Avenue

- Alissa

To Goundrey

- Edyta

To ISS

- Jolene

You're Hired!



Samantha	\$53	Alice	\$51
Tara	\$54	Rosie	\$51
Kore	\$54	Nathan	\$55
Emma	\$53	Sharon	\$60
Sherry	\$51	Emma	\$60
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		Jon	\$55

Proceeds support self-advocates training, education and events

Residential Services

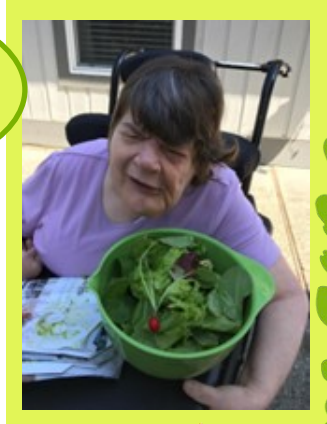
Personal relationships and a healthy sense of belonging are basic human needs.

MACL's staffed residential homes focus on creating true homes and a sense of belonging for those who choose to live in them. Our homes are found in community neighbourhoods in and around the Mission community.

Individuals live together with support from workers who help create nurturing environments. MACL's Homes enhance security & privacy while meeting the intellectual, physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of each person.



Salad Anyone? Bonnie has been busy this spring planting a garden



"Out for a stroll" Alistair and Bonnie out for a leisurely stroll around Mill Lake



"I get the first ride!" Lindsay was full of smiles enjoying a ride in the new 7th Ave air-conditioned van!"



"Beautiful spot for Sunday Service" Heather and Bonnie with Chantel at Church Services at Heritage Park.

Sandcastle Preschool

Happy Summer everyone from Sandcastle Preschool! The sun has everyone smiling these days. We have been having so much fun blowing bubbles outside and watching the lettuce, beans, pumpkins and nasturtiums growing in our gardens. The children have enjoyed tasting the lettuce, and it's led to some great conversations about salad..... "I don't eat that stuff!", "We have this in my garden too!"

Recently we were able to visit the Mission Art Gallery on First Ave. We submitted several pieces of the children's artwork; the theme for this year was "Aliens". Everyone enjoyed our walking field trip, special thanks to our parent helpers. It was a great adventure!



REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2018 CLASSES OPENS JANUARY 2ND, 2018

Sandcastle Preschool is full for September 2017. Visit us at www.missionacl.org for class times and more details about Sandcastle Preschool

Community Development Program

Here at CDP our summer season has quickly begun with the planning of some exciting events for the next couple of months. We began our celebration of summer with a "Root beer" float that brought some great friends together.

Get out your calendar and save the dates for our next exciting events, details coming soon....



Douglas to CDP

Featured Champion Employer

Pro Oil Change is a quick lube/fluid exchange business located in Mission British Columbia. Like all small businesses labor costs are a significant portion of our daily cost and having employees that show up on time and give 100% effort are crucial to our success. About 3 years ago we added Mike, Dan and Tom to our team and after a few days training, they were all off and running so to speak. Seldom if ever have we been concerned about their work ethic, punctuality or their interactions with our customers. DIVERSITY according to Google means "a range of different things". As a business owner I believe that all of our team members are diverse. Our team members that were referred through M.A.C.L. have simply become Pro Oil Change Mission team members. I look forward to our continued relationship with these men.

Regards, John Hillick

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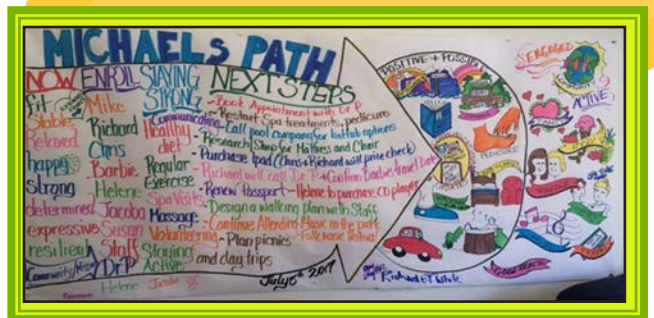


Summertime is "Vacation Time" at Tavernier Home

Ed's vacation to Merritt with his sisters and staff support was a huge success! Everyone enjoyed themselves and would like to do it again next year. Upon Ed's arrival back home, he and his sisters participated in his PATH, as you can see by the drawing it's jam packed with wonderful plan and ideas!

Michael went up to Harrison Hot Springs to meet his brother and sister-in-law from Seattle and spend the day and night. Upon his return home Michael and his family participated in Michael's PATH, also lots to do!

Brent enjoys spending time and hanging out with his brother Randy so a planned trip to Parksville on Vancouver Island is coming up in August for a couple of days. Should be a fun time in Parksville!!



Youth Connections Summer Program

Sweet Summer Times

Youth Connections has kicked off the summer with some fun activities so far. Here's Amanda at Birchwood enjoying some sweet summer times. Speaking of Time – it's flying, only a month to go!

And now for some riddles (see bottom of the page for answers):

What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries?

Forward I am heavy, backwards I am not. What am I?

I'm a five letter word. If you remove one, only two letters remain. What am I?





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thank you Mission Association for Community Living is incredibly grateful to Tom Osterberg for choosing to be the presenting sponsor of the 2017 Welcome Summer Fundraising Gala! Thanks to his financial contribution and the generosity of other sponsors and MACL supporters, we were able to raise more than \$30,000! 100% of these funds are directed to the support of individuals and families with developmental disabilities in our local Mission community. Thank-you Tom!

Would you or your business like to support Mission Association for Community Living? Send us an email at macl@macl.bc.ca or call us at (604) 826-9080.

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Supported Living and Outreach Services

"The Right to Vote"

In Canada we live in a democratic country where everyone has the right to vote. We vote for who represents us in government and leads our country. It was not always this way. In 1982 the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms was passed giving everyone the right to vote in Canada but some populations were still excluded: judges, prisoners, and people with mental disabilities. Advocates rallied and a Royal Commission was asked to investigate. In 1992 recommendations were given. In 1993 Bill C114 was passed giving people with mental disabilities the right to vote. It also mandated education and information programs be provided for Canadians with special needs. Since then special considerations have been put into place to support those wishing to exercise their right to vote. You can ask for help with marking your ballot if you have a disability or difficulty reading or writing. Braille candidate lists, large print ballot posters, and plastic ballot templates for the visually impaired are available. All advance polling centers and many general voting places are wheelchair accessible. If you can't enter a polling center you can vote outside. Telephone voting is also in place for voters with vision loss or who have a disability that restricts their ability to vote independently. There are many countries around the world where people do not have the right to vote and choose their leaders and representatives in government. Our ancestors fought and advocated to give us the privilege to vote so get educated and vote in our next election.

Elections Canada website – A History of the Vote in Canada and Information for People with Disabilities page.
Develop.bc.ca/Your-right-to-vote website

Mission Association for Community Living's Supported Living Services provides outreach support to Adults with Developmental Disabilities who are currently living independently, or developing independent living skills.



Home Share



What a great start to the summer, with beautiful weather and a great Gala in June, this season is looking fantastic. We have had many new faces join us recently, contractors and individuals alike. As such, we would like to introduce Marc, Lisa and Ingrid.

Marc moved in with his new Home Share family on July 1st, where they all celebrated the Nation's 150th as well as his housewarming. Marc and Lisa have planned a cruise this September to visit Alaska, and many other small adventures around Vancouver to the Seawall, shopping on Granville and Robson, hunting for unique coffee shops and visiting White Rock. Please join us in Welcoming Marc and his HomeShare family.

This year, Training Sessions for our Contractors will be taking a new path with Online and take home modules. Keep an eye out this fall when we introduce these new opportunities.

Lastly, many of our current HomeShare providers have come to us by way of recommendation from our current contractors or supported individuals.

If you know of a caring individual or family that may be interested, please have them contact us and we will be more than happy to support them in the application process. We will be hosting an Informational Open House early fall as well.

Current Contractors:
Is your First Aid expiring?
MACL is offering 1st aid training on Wednesday, Oct. 18th, so if you need recertification soon, please inquire at the main office!

Individual Support Services

'Tee off and Tie Dye'

Summer's back and so are the ISS Disc Golf Championships. Come Tee off with us and you may be a recipient of 1 of 4 Disc Golf awards – see you on the course! In other exciting news, ISS has been creating colourful and tubular dye designs. This month will be head gear and in August we're going to rock some socks.



Congratulations



DR. LUCAS MEMORIAL AWARD

To Ashley Hamilton

the 2017 recipient of the Dr. Lucas Memorial Award. Each year a selection committee of the Board of Directors of MACL chooses a person(s) for the Dr. Lucas memorial Award. The award goes to the nominated person or person(s) who have through their actions in community best exemplified our vision, which is an...

"Inclusive and caring community where choice, opportunity and a fulfilling quality of life are realized"

The focus is on those who strive to improve the lives of adults with a developmental disability and children who require extra support.

2017
MACL
Secondary
School
Bursary
Recipients:

Liam

Cierra

Mikaela

Dan

Onslow

Alexander

Kyla

2017 Welcome SUMMER GALA

Mission Association for
Community Living
"Building Bridges Together"

Why does MACL Fund-raise?

MACL fundraises to raise funds for needed equipment, items, services and programs.

How much of the funds go directly to programs for Children and Adults with disabilities?

100% of funds we raise go to support for programs that support Children and Adults with disabilities.

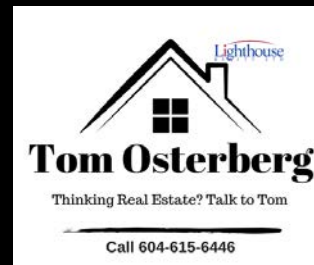
How many people are supported by MACL?

Approximately 450 children and adults receive MACL services each year.



Thank You to all of the volunteer's, sponsors and attendees for making this years Gala the most successful ever!

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Our Champion Employers Are Growing!

Kudos to the socially responsible businesses below for providing individuals with disabilities the opportunity for employment that showcases their talents, skills and abilities.

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Employment Services & Bridge Skills Development



Honing our horticulture skills by growing some fresh vegetables at the community gardens.

Congratulations to all of you who have completed the Vancouver Coastal Health's "Lettuce be Healthy" curriculum



Employment Services would like to congratulate Janice on her new position as a maintenance worker at the Ministry of Development and Social Innovation. Janice is working hard at keeping the building spic and span! Janice brought in a newspaper article that the Mission Record published back in 1992 when she used to clean downtown Mission, so she has worn this hat before.



Participants at Bridge toured Seven Oaks Mall and Technaflora business



Congratulations JP on your new job at Starbucks!

Bridge has recently implemented Self Directed Learning, a process in which participants take the initiative, with or without the help of staff, in identifying their learning needs, communicating learning goals, identifying material resources at Bridge and in the Community, choosing and applying appropriate learning strategies, and assessing their learning outcomes.