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Welcome SUMMER GALA

- Dinner
- Dancing
- Live & Silent Auctions

Saturday, June 6th 2020

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You are Invited!

You can make a difference AND have a fantastic night out. MACL is once again hosting its Welcome Summer Gala to raise funds to support children and adults with disabilities.

Sure to be an evening of excitement and interest, we expect many prominent community members will once again attend the gala to enjoy dinner, dancing, and live & silent auctions.

Founded in 1958, MACL has more than 60 years of dedicated service to children, adults and families impacted by disability. We provide facilities, equipment, transportation, education and support staff necessary for people with disabilities to live, play, and work in their home community of Mission.

As our costs are not fully covered by government funders, we continue to rely on fundraising and the generosity of community donors.

To purchase tickets to our gala, donate to our silent auction, or if you require additional information, please call us at (604) 826-9080.

Hoping to see you June 6th!



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MACL Mosaic

- **OUR MISSION**
- Our purpose is to support individuals with developmental disabilities, children who require extra Support and their families.
- **OUR VISION**
- Our vision is an inclusive and caring community where choice, opportunity and fulfilling quality of life are realized.

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Residential Services

MACL offers a variety of residential services to Youth and Adults in the Mission Community. Our seven homes are warm and welcoming and our staff work hard to ensure that the rights of those who live in the home are respected and that they have full access to their community in a way that is meaningful to them.

We ensure that each residence is designed for and around the individual's needs and interests. Each of our residential homes are a clear reflection on the individuals who live in the home. Our residential programs offer full daily living supports that are safe, warm, person centered and inclusive.



Our Vision is for an inclusive and caring community where choice, opportunity and a fulfilling quality of life are realized. We know that when people feel a sense of belonging in their community, they also have a stronger sense of safety and of themselves

Pictured above is Debbie at her friend Tazim's celebration of life. While many of us may take the ability to go and do things like this for granted, Debbie processes differently than others and this can make it difficult for her to be included in community events where the environment is new and some people unknown. In order for her to participate, her support staff must be creative to ensure she is set up for success and surrounded by people she trusts. So, with some creative 'out of the box' strategies and committed staff, Debbie was supported to attend the event. She appeared to thoroughly enjoy her lunch, spending time with her friends and hearing conversation about her friend that passed. When asked if she enjoyed herself, Debbie responded "Yessa"!



Tazim Rawji
Mar. 18, 1963—Dec 26, 2019

Jamie, below and right, at the inch creek fish hatchery and at the Agassiz Christmas train



Edward, below, is a regular at the Mission ice rink. He particularly seemed to enjoy the transformation that turned the rink into a Winter Wonderland



Work With MACL

YOU'RE HIRED!

Welcome to the team!

Now Hiring

for casual and Part Time positions

If you or someone you know are interested in working for MACL, call our office to discuss your qualifications.

Visit our webpage and submit an employment application today!

www.missionacl.org

Enjoy what you do every day and feel proud that you make a difference in someone else's life! We are seeking kind-hearted employees with an inherent ability to value people with disabilities and who share our vision for an inclusive and caring community where each person has choices, opportunities and a fulfilling quality of life. Earn livable and meaningful wages and comprehensive benefits package. We are looking for engaging staff in the following programs:

- Child & Youth Activity Program
- Staffed Residential
- Community Inclusion

At 7th Avenue:

- Kyla

At Murray:

- Shelby
- Rebeca

At the Green Bus:

- Laura
- Phil

At ISS/CYA:

- Olivia
- Matthew
- Trinity

At Bannister:

- Cedric



“ **Your** work could make a difference in someone's life! ”



We remember a time when folks with disabilities lived in institutions and had virtually no rights or freedoms. Simple acts, like **Kathleen, Edward and Mike** exercising their right to choose in all aspects of her life, including planning her meals and how she engages with her community, or **Brent** answering the front door at his home (he is always on the lookout for the newspaper or to greet each visitor or staff into the home) remind us that the community living movement has been pivotal in seeing people live more full and rich lives.

Below, Mike and Edward enjoy Friday's open gym time at the Mission Leisure Centre. They have been going weekly on Fridays, joining in with CDP and other members of the community for a good workout and a lot of fun!



Rights Corner

We Are All Citizens ...



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!

Mission Self Advocacy Group

The Mission Self Advocacy Group is made up of people with disabilities.
We meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.
(no meetings in July, August or December)

For further information please contact:

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New Location!
The Boardroom
at Vancity Credit Union
Unit #150 - 32555
London Avenue
(At the Junction Mall)



Supported Living & Outreach

Resolutions or Goals for the New Year

Happy New Year from Supported Living & Outreach Services!

The holidays have come and gone, decorations are put away, and hopefully you can reflect on the season with a smile. In all of your hustle of last minute shopping, you may have seen some familiar faces of individuals served by MACL, as they rung the bells for the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign.

One of those friendly faces was Tracy, who receives service from SLS, as well as Employment Services. When Tracy was asked about her observations of the people she came in to contact with, she said "The people were friendly, kind and generous. That is why I am willing to do it again next year." That is a wonderful reflection of the community of Mission.

As we welcome in a new year and a new decade, there is pause for reflection on the past year and decade. Often times, people think of resolutions to set for the coming year, or if they are long term planners, the next decade.

At Supported Living Services and Outreach, we focus on setting and working toward accomplishing Individual focused goals. Many goals were achieved this past year, with some examples being; new housing, first paid job, passing the driving test to receive an L, new cooking skills, accessing and building new friendships at the Seniors Center, and a myriad of other accomplishments that have instilled a sense of well-being and success.

When I asked Tracy if she would like to share one of her goals for the coming year she said, "Planning and going on a holiday with my sister". There is no doubt that with Tracy's strong work ethic, and her success in meeting past goals that she will be off on a new adventure in the coming year.

Child/Youth Activity Program

It's a New Year, new groups, new youth and new exciting adventures!

After a brief hiatus due to "Snowmageddon 2020" the CYA and Youth ACT crew are back in full swing!

Our calendars are filled with things to get us through the dreary winter days. We've got everything planned from bake offs, bowling and board games to crafts, ceramics and castle fun park.

Some of the youth have planned more competitive activities like laser and nerf tag games. We'll throw in a few learning elements to our plans like exploring the BC hydro power house, the reach art gallery and practicing using the local transit system with bus trips around Mission.

It should be a fantastic few months keeping us busy, active and socializing while the days get a little longer and a little warmer.



Supported Child Development Program (SCD)

Supported Child Development and Community Events

Each year in Mission there are a number of events hosted for families that profile early intervention services for children 0 to 6. MACL's SCD Program tries to routinely attend these events to share information about our services with families. This winter MACL's Supported Child Development Program attended two community events.

January 15, 2020 SCDP attended the Superhero Developmental Fair at the Mission Leisure Center. Families, children and early intervention providers enjoyed obstacle courses, games and activities.



On February 8, 2020 Mission hosted its annual Riot of Reading. Free activities such as a magic show, face painting, pizza and cake were enjoyed by all. It was great to see some of you there! Watch for your friendly SCD consultants at upcoming community events throughout the year.

MACL's Supported Child Development Programs provide support to children in their community based childcare programs to ensure that children are fully included in these programs.

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

For more information about the Supported Child Development Program, visit the MACL website at www.missionacl.org or call 604-826-9080 ext. 280



MACL's Supported Child Development acknowledges the financial support of the Province of British Columbia.

MACL Acquires the Green Literacy Bus

You may have seen a retrofitted, green bus driving around Mission and wondered what it is all about. It is the Green Literacy Bus and was originally started by Literacy in Motion with funding from MCFD. The bus has delivered books, resources and support to people in Mission for many years.

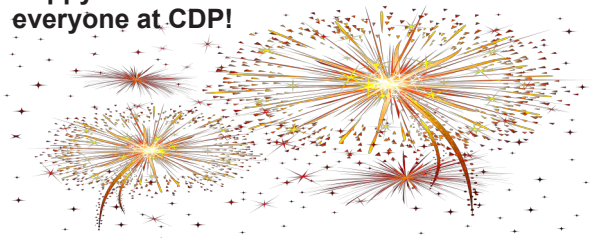
Run by Laura and Phil Hope, the bus attends both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Scowlitz First Nation on a bi-weekly basis to bring literacy to some who may not otherwise have access to the library or other resources.

MACL is now proudly managing this program which will continue to be funded by MCFD.



Community Development Program

Happy New Years to all at MACL from everyone at CDP!



We had a very full and fun holiday season at CDP with lots of fun celebrations and activities. It was really great to see some familiar faces as well as some new ones celebrating together at the MACL holiday breakfast. Thanks to everyone that put in a lot of time and effort making it a great event for everyone to enjoy.

With the New Year upon us, we are back to our regular schedule of getting out in the community to access the great activities offered in Mission, as well as coming together to talk about important topics such as safe & healthy living.

We also have many ongoing art projects that individuals are putting a lot of time and effort in to, we love putting them up for all to see!

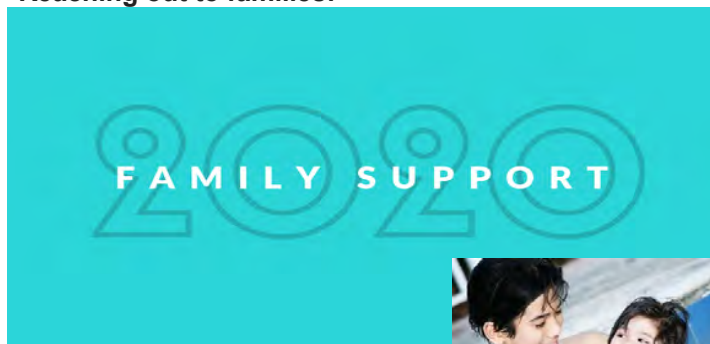
Nicole, below, waiting for the countdown to New Year's celebration at CDP. We had our hats on and noise makers going as we watched the ball drop to ring in the New Year!



forms of exercise at the gym, pool, and nature walks. Our individuals also flex their culinary talents with group lunches once a month and the occasional bake off where the individuals get the chance to try new recipes and eat something new. The coming Spring will bring the sun and the start of our community garden plot where the individuals learn to grow vegetables and how to plant seeds.

Family Support Program

Reaching out to families!



Are you a family who is raising a child with extra support needs?



Are you a family member of an adult with a developmental disability?

Would you like to meet other families who are sharing a similar journey to yours?

Our first Family Support Meeting of 2020 was held on January 29th at 7pm. This group welcomes family members that support individuals of all ages with a goal of bringing parents/caregivers together to share experiences and information, & provide moral support to one another.

Our group offers both educational seminars and peer support. Last year family support offered, "Teaching Social Skills to Children with ASD", "Brothers and Sisters" and an RDSP seminar. We would love to hear ideas about what topics interest you. Please watch our Facebook page for upcoming meetings.

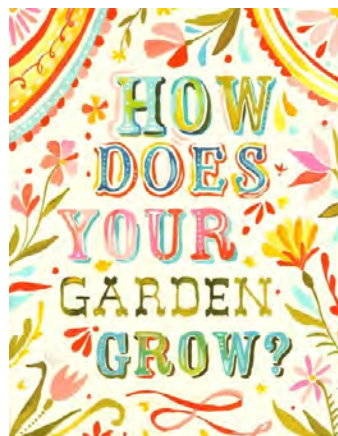
Let's start the New Year off right by supporting each other!

Family Support Services provides supports to families with child/youth and adults with special needs. Our family supports are designed to assist or tie families to available resources in the community. We assist families/caregivers to navigate through the referral and assessment processes.

For more information contact
Kerridan @ 604-826-9080 ext. 280

Individual Support Services

As usual ISS is a bustle of activities, and 2020 has been no different. Despite setbacks with the snow the second week of January, ISS is full steam ahead with a calendar chock full of different events and things to do in the community. Everything from hands on crafts at Michael's, to various



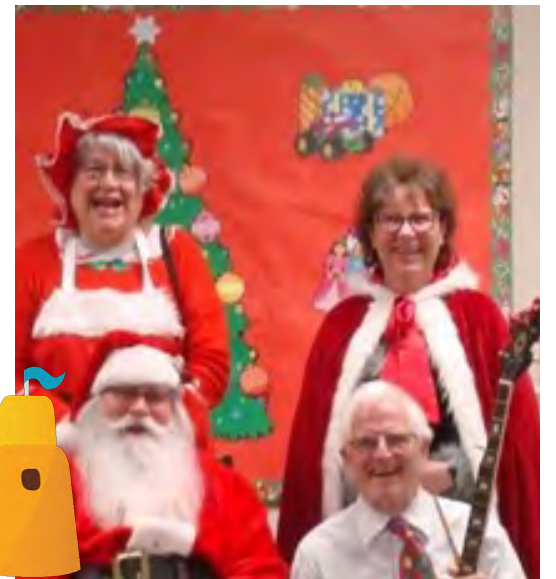
Sandcastle Preschool

The children are so happy to be back and we have been busy with our new theme: Fantasy and Fairytales! There has been a lot of treasure hunting going on, both inside and outside, and dressing up like royalty and sporting our crowns and royal jewels.

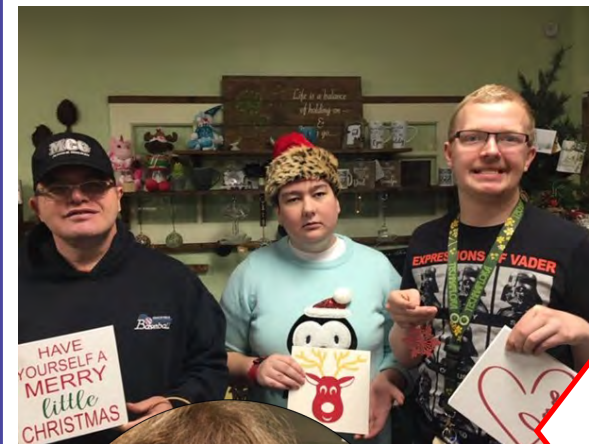
Registration for September 2020 opened on January 13/20 and has been very busy, if you know of anyone who may be interested, please let them know, as spaces are filling quickly.

We would like to extend a very warm thank-you to Mr. and Mrs. Wells, and Barney and Penelope Dobson for once again making our Christmas parties extra special. Thank you for being Santa and the elves as you put smiles on all of our faces and even a few tears with the excitement of the children that Santa really did come to see them!

We wish everyone a very Happy New Year!



Bridge Skills Development

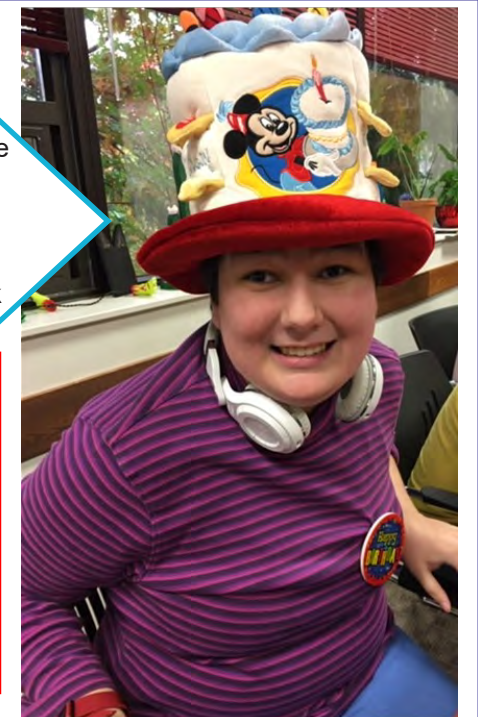


Happy Birthday Ashley, wearing the "Bridge Birthday Hat".

Some upcoming Birthdays include Mitchell, Eshona, Laure, Wayne, Debra, Ryan S., Markus and Derek

Creative Arts at Tea Time Décor

Christmas Signs made awesome handmade gifts for Family and friends. Thank you Joanna at Tea Time Décor for offering such great classes. Definitely worth a visit to Railway Ave., stop in and see what classes they have to offer



Halloween Festivities at Bridge, Liam and Shawn getting into the Spirit



Willow View Farms

We picked pumpkins from a wide variety of choices. Ryan, Shawn, Laura and Darryl toured the farm, picked pumpkins and tried Willow View Farms famous apple



Employment Services

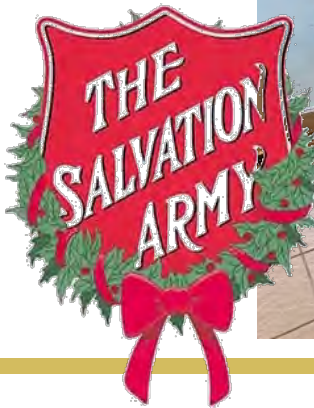


MentorAbility is a mentoring initiative to promote employment of people with disabilities.

In November Jobseekers Shea and Alex had a mentoring day with our Mission Mayor Pam Alexis. They spent time learning about Mayor Pam's duties, toured City Hall and the Fire Department. They ended their day being treated to a wonderful meal at the Blackberry Kitchen and given some great City Hall parting gifts.



In December jobseekers Joyce, Donna, Shawn, Liam, Faith, Kevin, Tracy, Heather and Alex all signed up for the paid job of Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army. Not only did they earn some extra Holiday money for themselves, they also feel good knowing that the money they collect is used year-round by the Salvation Army to provide food for the hungry, disaster relief, assistance for people with disabilities, outreach to people who are elderly and ill, shelter and necessities for the homeless and opportunities for underprivileged children.



Congratulations!

The staff at MACL Employment Services are excited and would like to welcome all the new jobseekers that are accessing our service.

Congratulations to Kim and Derek at their new jobs!!

We hope 2020 brings new opportunities and we wish prosperity, happiness and good health to you all this 2020 New Year.

Our Champion Employers are growing

Call us today to learn how YOUR business can become a Champion Employer! (604) 820-1815

Kudos to the socially responsible businesses below for providing individuals with disabilities the opportunity for employment that showcases their talents, skills and abilities. Employees with disabilities bring with them diverse perspectives, enhanced problem solving skills, greater adaptability, sensitivity to others and higher retention rates.

