

Monthly update from Sea to Sky Community Services Society



March 6, 2014

Good morning,

Last month we received support from many and worked hard to support others.

Creative community fundraising makes us stronger

The Whistler Pottery Club put on a wonderful lunchtime fundraiser for the food banks in the Corridor. Lunch guests enjoyed yummy soups from local restaurants in bowls made by the pottery club, and then were able to take their bowl home.

The Whistler Arts Council started a fundraiser for our homeless outreach program, as part of its Home is Where the Art Is exhibit at the Scotia Creek Galley. The fundraiser continues until the end of March. With the money raised we'll put together 'home start-up kits' with move-in essentials like linen and pots and pans for adults our homeless outreach worker has helped to find apartments for.

The Squamish Rotary Club and the Legion both sponsored some young people in town so they can attend an upcoming conference in Ottawa. The annual conference brings together close to 350 youth and adult allies to take action on key issues affecting youth. The youth, who attend our youth centre, are working hard to raise some more funds before heading to Ottawa in a couple of weeks, including by selling homemade dog biscuits at shops around town. Keep an eye out for them and consider buying a biscuit or two.

Capital campaign gains a new donor

We are so grateful and pleased that Cardinal Concrete supported our capital campaign in February with a \$50,000 donation! The growing support of Corridor businesses, governments and individuals is very encouraging. You can read more on our campaign website:

<http://www.buildingopportunities.ca/campaign-progress/cardinal-concrete>.

Housing work continues

Our work to secure more affordable housing in Squamish continued last

month. As part of the Squamish Housing Options Group, we helped to present the community with an Affordable Housing Framework for Squamish, in advance of taking it to the District for approval.

Educating the educators

We helped to put on an early child development conference in February. There, 103 educators and parents learned ways to support children's social, emotional and cognitive development. With what they've learned, they'll be able to better help children in the Corridor.

Our director of early child development provided a day of training to a dozen early educators to help them learn to use a new tool provided by the Public Health Agency of Canada called Mothers Mental Health. With the tool, these professionals can better help mothers to navigate through the sometimes challenging period after baby is born.

Please let us know how we're doing and how we could do better; we'd be happy to hear from you.

Until next month,
Lois Wynne
Executive Director,
[Sea to Sky Community Services](#)

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