



Pathways
Abilities Society

Community Link



Summer 2019



Pictured above is Megan Hart out in the sunshine working hard at Barlee and Willow park Community Gardens.

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Reminder:

Pathways will be closed on
Monday, July 1, 2019
for Canada Day,
Monday, August 19, 2019
To Friday, August 30, 2019
for Summer Closure
Re-opening Tuesday,
September 3, 2019

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Thank You

**Thank you to the following
for their generous
donations!**

\$1,000

♥ Jean Hadgraft

\$100+

♥ Okanagan Valley Association of
the Deaf

Up to \$100

♥ Linda Forlin

♥ Cyndy Omand in memory of
Jeanne Wilson

Thank you to
Pushor
Mitchell for
providing care
to the
Pathways yard,
and for your
continued
collaboration
with the
United Way
Day of Caring.
We appreciate
you and all of
your hard
work.



1950 plants assembled into 325
Living Salads and delivered with the
help of fantastic sponsors, partners
and volunteers! Client Quote *"Great
thing to be doing, groceries are
getting pretty expensive, you know.
The other thing about it is you know
people suffer from depression, the
thing is that getting your hands in a
bit of dirt and poking around in
plants is, what is the word? Therapy!
That's what it is, therapy, it just
makes you feel good!"* **Thanks to
Pathways Abilities Society for
delivering salads to those in
need!**



Our favorite and extremely hardworking volunteer
handyman, Nick Pisio training his replacement.



Community Bottle Recycle Crew

Community Bottle Recycle now located at the Columbia Bottle Depot on Kent Road!

It has been a very exciting time for the Community Recycle Bottle Crew as we moved into our **new location at the Kent Road Bottle Depot** just before the New Year. The new larger space is fabulous and everyone is enjoying our own lunchroom and plenty of large windows, which allows the daylight to shine in.



We were sad to leave the Dease Road Depot after many years of making connections with their staff and enjoying being included in their BBQ and special staff events.

The entire crew including Activity Services Sorting employees, Donation Receivers and the former Dease Road crew are all working out of the new Kent Road location; demonstrating great team spirit, enjoying the opportunity to make new connections and continuing to change perceptions.

“Through employment we emphasize Abilities!”





Celebrating Jeanne

Memory from Cyndy Omand: Jeanne Wilson and her family moved to Kelowna in 1968 over 50 years ago. She started attending Pathways right away. She was involved in the Ceramic Department along with Contact Services, which included making various Wedding Decorations, Ribbons and Buttons for Special Events. She attended Wedding Bells and Baskets where she worked with Darlene & Helga for several years. When the Wedding Shop closed down, she attended 925 Sutherland Avenue Activity Services. We all moved to

Pathways in Rutland in 2013. I worked very closely with her for the past 15 years, 4 days a week at the Wedding Shop for a year, then the 925 House, Fuller Ave and Franklyn locations. For the past 7 years, on Mondays, we made cat toys and beds for the SPCA.

Tuesday was her day off. On Wednesdays and Fridays, we volunteered at Mission Thrift Store, where she enjoyed assisting the Clothing Department Volunteers in the back of the store hanging up donated clothing. On Thursdays, she made bandages for Compassionate Canada. She enjoyed sewing the completed bandages together. She loved working on making Sock Monkeys with Barb who was a staff who retired a couple of years ago. My life is so much richer because I had that time with her. She will be truly missing by so many.

Memory from Darlene Hass: I have known Jeanne for 26 years. We went on Travel Club trips to places like Camp Owaissi on the Westside and stayed in cabins in Osoyoos and the Shuswap. We spent a fun time at the West Edmonton Mall and stayed in the Fantasyland Hotel. I watched her compete in races at Operation Trackshoes in Victoria. She was very proud of the ribbons she won! We spent a week on an Alaskan Cruise. She also had good times in Mexico and Disneyland. Jeanne volunteered at Windsor Manor. She assisted in making bags at Gifts to Grandmothers and visited with the seniors at Pine Acres. She faithfully delivered her newspapers on Thursday. To the staff's amazement, nothing would prevent her from doing this job. Many of the staff over the years had smiles of affection on their faces when they received a birthday card from her filled with Love, hugs, and kisses written in the card along with her signature! I did respite with Jeanne on occasion. I spent most of my time with her at Wedding Bells and Baskets. She enjoyed making the world famous POM POMS in every color imaginable. She helped with an assortment of jobs and enjoyed being with her friends. She helped make origami Doves for First Memorial's Christmas Service.



Jeanne we will miss you and may you Rest in Peace!

We are accepting donations of plastic bags for personal product disposal. Please send or bring in to the front office at 123 Franklyn Rd. Thank you!

Society Updates/Travel Club Trips

(Correction)

555 Fuller Avenue

Pathways is very excited and making progress towards a new affordable housing building at 555 Fuller Avenue. The society obtained a development permit and will be working towards submitting for a building permit in the months ahead. The planned 68-unit building will feature 9 studio units, 40 one bedroom units and 19 two bedroom units. For more information **please contact Charisse Daley at ed@pathwayskelowna.ca**



TRAVEL CLUB



COMING UP SOON! 2019 Travel Club Trips

Trip Destination	Date	Cost
Vancouver Canadians Baseball *	July 2019—1 night	\$ 500.00
Abbotsford Air Show *	August 2019—2 nights	\$ 900.00
Camp Owaissi	August 2019—4 nights	\$240.00
West Edmonton Mall Bus Trip	October 2019—7 nights	\$ 1,600.00

If you are interested in any of the trips above please contact Glenda by email at travelclub@pathwayskelowna.ca or Rhonda at fm@pathwayskelowna.ca or phone **250-763-4837** to reserve a spot. Please be advised all prices are **approximate** at this time. Cost and dates will be confirmed upon booking. Trips could be cancelled if there is not enough interest.

*For these destinations, please contact April by phone at **250-681-3475** or via email at socialrec@pathwayskelowna.ca

Would you like to receive emails on information related to the “disability” movement, training opportunities or general information that may affect you or your family? If so please email **Charisse Daley at ed@pathwayskelowna.ca** and your email will be added to our distribution list.

Community Engagement Special Events Committee

Creating a Buzz for Pathways

We all know the important role Pathways plays in our community and the valuable support we provide individuals with diverse abilities. But while internally, we live Pathways' mission every day, how important is it that the community at large knows about us? In a word, very!

Without the support of the whole community embracing our society, the needs of individuals with diverse abilities and the important work we do, we would struggle to open up new opportunities for our individuals and our community would become less inclusive as a result!

That is where Pathways' CESEC (Community Engagement and Special Events Committee) comes in. Formerly known as CLAC (Community Living Awareness Committee), CESEC reaches out to people throughout our community, sharing our message of inclusion and

providing education and information through organizing and participating in compelling local special events and promotions.



From coordinating larger events like our successful Evening With Former Premier, Mike Harcourt and our Heroes of Diversabilities Gala, to engaging in smaller events like our annual Inclusion Chain, participation in the Rutland Scarecrow Festival and our Birthday BBQs, CESEC's team is always busy behind the scenes putting together the next big promotion or activity.

In addition, while our volunteer committee leads the creation of CESEC events, it is the commitment and efforts of the many other volunteers who join with us on an event-by-event basis who make putting on many of these events possible.

"It is a lot of fun! We get to brainstorm some pretty neat events and promotions and then enjoy the satisfaction of putting them on," says CESEC's Chairperson, Adam Less.

"It gets us out into the community, really engaging with people, telling them who we are, educating them about the diverse abilities community and helping community members embrace our individuals and the work we do. It's extremely rewarding!"

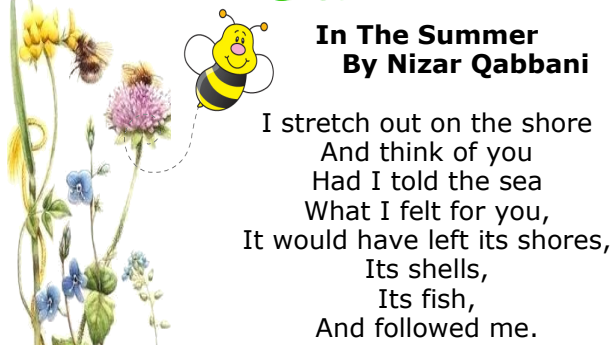
If you would like to help tell our story and get involved in CESEC, either as a full committee member or as a support volunteer to work on events, contact Leslie Munro today at

aqam@pathwayskelowna.ca

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Summer Word Search



In The Summer
By Nizar Qabbani

I stretch out on the shore
And think of you
Had I told the sea
What I felt for you,
It would have left its shores,
Its shells,
Its fish,
And followed me.



Words might appear forwards, backwards and diagonally.



"Tom, this is Kate from the office. Boy, you're a hard person to reach when you're on vacation!"

Ice cream

Cake

Party

Sunshine

Sandals

Lake

Swimsuit

Fish

Pathways Abilities Society

Pathways Abilities Society is a not-for-profit organization, governed by a volunteer board of directors that provides services to people with diverse-abilities, their families and caregivers in Activity Services, Integrated Career Opportunities (ICO), Social Ventures, Residential Services, Individualized Funding and Home Sharing Services.

Pathways Abilities Society provides opportunities for over 220 people with diverse-abilities to achieve

full citizenship by: assisting people to work, both in volunteer positions and paid employment; facilitating participation in community recreation and leisure activities; assisting people to live interdependently in their communities; teaching employment and life skills.

Mission Statement

To assist people with diverse-abilities to reach their individual goals and to participate and contribute as equal members of the community.

Mandate

To promote, organize and support the development and interests of all people with diverse-abilities in a manner consistent with the Mission Statement, bearing in mind always, the strengths of the individual.

Vision Statement

The vision of Pathways is of welcome...building communities that support and value the diverse-abilities of all people.

Pathways Contact Information

Activity Service

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Activity Service West Kelowna

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Activity Service Seniors

778-478-0062

Activity Service Supervisors

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Individuals not attending the Activity Service

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Integrated Career Opportunities (ICO)

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