

## Intermission

A REFLECTION ON OUR MISSION

Happy Summer and welcome to our latest edition of Sources newsletter - Resources Community News Update (Summer Issue).

In the last quarter, BC welcomed over 40,000 new immigrants. This continued trend reflected across our programs as we saw more people coming to us for support with different needs. We are pleased to share that SOURCES now offers a new settlement service for newcomers to Canada. We also have started offering a new employment service for people with disabilities.

These are just a few of the updates from the last three months.

Read on to find out more!



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## Growth From Within PROGRAM UPDATES



## Calling Owners of Hobby Farms and Fruit Trees in South Surrey/White Rock

Sources Community Harvest Program helps harvest produce from backyards or farms in South Surrey/White Rock. Tree owners or farmers can contact us to arrange a date. We will come with a team of vetted volunteers who are trained and covered by our liability insurance. The team brings all the necessary equipment shares the harvest among the donor, volunteers, and Sources Food Banks or other local charities.

For more information, contact foodhub@sourcesbc.ca or 604-596-0973.



#### **NEW SERVICE FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES**

Our Community Inclusion team will now be offering LIFE Services to support CLBC-funded individuals in obtaining meaningful employment. Meet our new LIFE services staff: Kamal Kaur, Assia Anguelova and Dale Villajuan.







#### REFUGEE AND SETTLEMENT PROGRAM

Sources Volunteer Services Program has started providing settlement support to newcomers in White Rock/South Surrey. Our staff will assist with job search, provide information on government and community resources, organize English Conversation circles and more. Currently the service is offered to the Spanish and Chinese communities. For Chinese support, contact Lily Chan at IChan@SourcesBC.ca. For Spanish support, contact Alejandra Pineda at APineda@SourcesBC.ca.





"We thank Chief Harley and other walkers for joining us as we reflected on the journeys of individuals with lived experiences of homelessness and substance use."

GEORGE PASSMORE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



#### **WALK WITH ME**

Sources Peer Support Network, along with Tides of Change Community Action team, hosted Walk With Me. Around 20 participants walked the White Rock promenade, listening to recorded stories of individuals who experienced homelessness and substance use. Chief Harley Chapell gave an offering of a drum session, song and prayer. He also shared the story how Semiahmoo First Nations was created and the impact it had on him. Walk with Me underscored the importance of storytelling and the awareness and healing it can bring.

#### Sources North Volunteers at Camp Friendship

Sources North staff volunteered at Tsay Keh Dene Camp Friendship. The team assisted with all day activities, swimming, nature walks, games and more. They also donated two boxes of outdoor toys and activities for all the children in the camp.

#### PRINCE GEORGE PRIDE PICNIC 2024

Our North staff had a Sources booth at the Prince George Pride Picnic 2024. The booth had games, flowers for distribution, LGBTQ+ tattoos and bracelets, as well as a Pride Photo Booth. Being a part of such a wonderful event in our community showed love, acceptance and allyship to our clients and all our friends of the LGBTQ+ community.

#### CHILD & YOUTH IN CARE WEEK

Sources Youth Services, along with Alexandra Neighbourhood House, hosted a BBQ and other activities for children and youth in Bakerview Park, Surrey.



"Our employer and community partners not only provide jobs but also create opportunities to further empower community members.
Their ongoing support is helping us create a brighter future for our clients."

CHERYL SCARDIFIELD, MANAGER, EMPOWERED FOR EMPLOYMENT

Oceanside team and board member Tom Davies at Qualicum Beach Family Day



#### **EMPOWERED FOR EMPLOYMENT**

Our Empowered for Employment team celebrated the employment achievements of all participants these past couple of months. Special thanks to our employment and community partners: Sources Housing and Advocacy Services Food Bank/Food Hub **Volunteers Without Borders** Seva Thrift Store Society Surrey Food Bank **Comfort Keepers** Ace Trades and Technical Institute **Chartwell Retirement Services Lookout Society** Surrey Hospice Society Surrey Fire Fighters Charitable Society Community Thrift Store Low Entropy Foundation CodeCore College Richmond Family Place

MEET KEELY HOGAN – new program coordinator at Crossroads! She is known for her person-centered approach, critical thinking and calm demeanor. She has been a positive presence at Crossroads as well as other Ladner residences. Keely is also an NCI trainer, a Shop Steward for the Ladner Programs, and member of the Positive Behaviour Support Committee.

Fun fact: she barbeques a mean hotdog!





### Health & Wellness MIND OVER MATTER



#### How to Care For Yourself During a Heatwave

- · Drink plenty of cool fluids
- · Avoid being outside during the hottest part of the day
- · Wear light, loose clothing to let air circulate and heat escape
- · Always wear a hat and apply sunscreen before going outside
- · Cool off your body by taking frequent breaks if you are outdoors
- · Avoid caffeine and alcohol
- · Watch for symptoms of heat illness
  - Dizziness or fainting
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - · Rapid breathing and heartbeat
  - Extreme thirst
  - Changes of behaviour in children



If you are experiencing heat exhaustion, call 911.



## **Truth and Reconciliation**

OUR JOURNEYS, OUR STORIES

Georgia House staff Raj, Lendsy, Mariana, Evelyn and residents celebrated National Indigenous Peoples Day (NIPD) at the Fraser River. They enjoyed the sensory and tactile flower offerings before sending them down the river.









# NIPD events in Cloverdale and Prince George









## **Looking Ahead**

UPCOMING EVENTS



