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A World Pandemic and a Little More....

As we reflect on the past year, the world pandemic is forefront in our minds. The COVID-19 pandemic emerged in the early spring of 2020 and remained with us throughout the year. In the initial days of the pandemic, we scrambled to implement safety protocols and exposure control measures to keep people safe. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) was in very short supply, so we explored every avenue possible to obtain an adequate supply of masks, goggles, gowns, and gloves. Services were altered, adjusted and, in some cases, cancelled to ensure safety. During the late spring, the initial shock and crisis management eventually gave way to purposeful planning to manage the pandemic over time. CLS paid close attention to the advice from the health authorities and research to determine the best path forward. We endeavored to balance the needs of the people we support and their families, with the commitment to keep everyone safe.

As we look back on a very difficult year for everyone, we are satisfied with our early decisions. Only in hindsight, are we confident that we made the right decision, including:

- Regular communication with individuals, families and staff was key to managing the pandemic, e.g., letters, emails, videos, Zoom calls, etc.
- Assigning staff to only one location/program to prevent cross contamination between programs.
- Early adoption and use of PPE (i.e., masks), and enhanced cleaning protocols.
- Establishing an Exposure Control Team and Manager.
- Protocols and safety measures that were regularly modified as the knowledge of the health authorities evolved.

*“A problem is a chance
for you to do your best.”*

Duke Ellington

The latter part of the year brought some hope for a return to normal with availability of vaccines for COVID-19. We were grateful that the people we support, and their staff, received early access to the vaccines which resulted in a sharp decline in the number of supported individuals and staff that were exposed to, or contracted COVID-19.

Although most of our resources were devoted to managing the pandemic in this last year, we were still able to undertake some important initiatives that will advance the mission and vision of CLS.

In the spring, the Canadian Institute for Inclusion and Citizenship at UBC was awarded a grant to work with CLS and a group of self-advocates to co-create a theatre production on

the importance of employment for people with disabilities. The work on this exciting project began in the fall of 2020.

Our pilot project with the Cooperative Housing Federation of BC came to a close with 4 individuals moving into brand new apartments in Cooperative developments. This partnership will continue with opportunities for more individuals in the future.

In the fall, CLS began developing and distributing a newsletter specifically for family members called “Family Matters”. The newsletter was also accompanied by a commitment to host regular workshops or webinars for families. To date, CLS has hosted three webinars for families: Wills & Trust Planning; Registered Disability Saving Plans, and Representation Agreements.

CLS made a commitment to further explore various devices and forms of technology to support a person with disabilities to live as independently as possible. With the assistance of a consultant and technology developer, 5 individuals and 4 people living in one of our staffed homes were assisted to identify the appropriate device, programs and apps that would support them to meet their goals and needs.

The art studios were very active during this year. Both PotteryWorks and Studio 73 developed their websites to facilitate online sales. Due to the capacity limits of the art studios, individuals were supported in their homes to continue their artistic pursuits. Studio 73 continued their active engagement in their community by participating in the Store to Door initiative which promoted shops which could safely sell and deliver products to customers homes. PotteryWorks hosted two art shows - The Abstracted View at the Anvil Center in New Westminster and Searching for Surrey at the Surrey Art Gallery.

Despite the pandemic, Employment Services continued to assist people to find and secure employment throughout the pandemic. Although, some individuals experienced job loss during this time, many were able to regain employment after the initial phase of the pandemic.

Increasingly, CLS is serving an aging population, especially in our staffed homes. Therefore, CLS initiated a Late Life Planning project to develop planning materials and resources to help the individuals we support, their families and staff, plan for the late stage of a person's life. As this project has broad applicability, CLS partnered with the CEO Network (provincial federation of Community Living organizations) to expand the scope of the project. As a result of this partnership, materials produced through this initiative will be shared with other Community Living organizations throughout the province.

We want to thank the individuals we support and their families for their understanding and flexibility during this very challenging year. As we endeavored to make changes and alter services to keep everyone safe, we know that individuals and families were impacted. We also want to express our sincere gratitude to the CLS staff, Home Share Providers and the management team who continued to provide essential services throughout the pandemic. We are grateful for your unwavering commitment, even during difficult times.

Janice Barr, CEO

Tough times never last,
but tough people do.
Robert Schuller



Lisa has been working on achieving her goal of being more physically able to move.

We have helped support her by bringing her to the gym and doing some exercises such as floor workouts. During my last shift with Lisa she was able to begin working out on machines. Even though it was a challenge for her she did an amazing job and did not give up! Lisa worked out on 6 different pieces of equipment which allowed her to be able to workout different muscles that she normally would not have been able to. Lisa really enjoys being able to go to this gym and do the same exercises as everyone else even though she uses a wheelchair.

This has been amazing for Lisa because it has opened up more possibilities for what she can achieve. Lisa knows all of the staff at this gym and says good morning and good bye to each and every one of them, and they all know her name. She always puts a smile on everyone's faces that she meets. Lisa continues to amaze everyone she works with in her progress!

Submitted by: Adrianna Dick, CLC

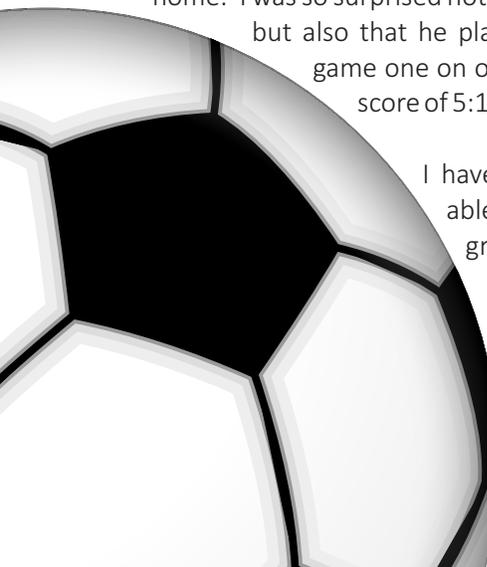


My name is Paul and I support Justin. During Covid-19 there are limited things to do. Usually Justin plays various games on his cellphone. At a recent ISQLP meeting he was invited and encouraged to try something new. He set a new goal to play a sport. He and I recently tried playing soccer at a field near his home. I was so surprised not only that he liked playing soccer, but also that he played well. We played a soccer game one on one and he won the game at the score of 5:1.

I have never imagined he would be able to play soccer so well. He has great potential!

—Great job Justin !!!!!

Submitted by: Paul Kang



In Memory



Jun is a very inquisitive young man. He really enjoys engaging with staff and learning new things. Jun likes to finish his day after reaching his goals with a good competitive game. He has learned how to play a multitude of games. His all-time favourite is the SIMION game. Jun is also learning to spell and write, research things on the computer, and to take transit. He has come so far since February and looks forward to the adventures that are ahead of him once we get the pandemic under control. Congratulations Jun.

*Submitted by: Tara Elizabeth Thomas,
Counsellor- Holly*



Manuel loves to read The Province newspaper (which he receives daily). Recently Manuel visited Dr. Henry Reis who was able to assess Manuel's eyes with a machine that is typically used on babies who are not able to communicate. He prescribed reading glasses for Manuel, which seem to have helped him immensely.

If you know someone who may benefit from this technology, you can contact Dr. Reis at 604.525.2042

Submitted by: Nina Pickburn, Manuel's mother



This spring David and Craig painted their birdhouses. David decided on a blue house and grey roof. Craig decided on a purple and red house and a yellow roof. The birdhouses are made of wood from a staff member, it reminded David of when he made one at the Simon Fraser Community Living Society, where he used to be a member in the woodshop class. David says he loves making birdhouses and he wishes he kept his first one, because then he would have two! He is looking forward to watching for robins, chickadees, and starlings. David says he is a bird and nature lover. Craig is excited to watch out for robins enjoying his birdhouse too!



David Briscoe

September 24, 1954 – April 2, 2021

Sadly, on April 2nd David Briscoe suddenly passed away at home at the age of 66. Dave was a kind gentle man and has been a part of Individualized Supports 2 since 2010. He will be dearly missed by all. Dave loved to paint and took an art class once a week. Last summer he and his class were asked to participate in painting the community centre in Maple Ridge, he was so very proud to be a part of that. His love of music was old school classic rock and roll, the Beatles and Pink Floyd, but his favourite was Christmas music. Every year from November to January he would ask his staff to play it in the car. Dave loved to help out and he enjoyed his volunteer role at Meals on Wheels, he really liked talking to the folks he would deliver to. His love of astronomy was his passion, he would hunt for new books or magazines when he was out with staff or when at the library. Dave could tell you all about the solar system and the names of each planet. He was a remarkable man, and he will be sadly missed by all of us.

Out in Community



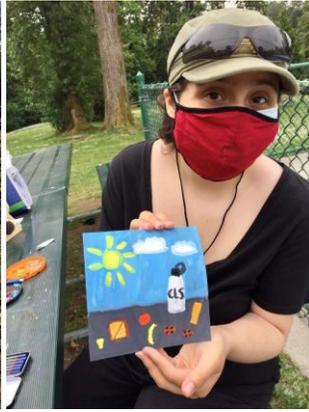
Bill, Dan and Dave hiking in Frogger's Creek Ravine



Andrew receives a math lesson from Princina



Ashley volunteering at Loutette Farm



Cheyenne's art



Aaron P.



Dene and Tom connect on Zoom with some friends



Donald enjoys the Van Gogh Exhibit



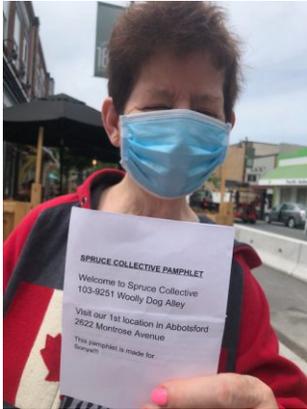
James enjoys the beautiful apple blossoms this spring



Jay celebrates Cinco de Mayo



Kathy and Rochelle enjoying a walk



Sonja gets a personalised pamphlet from her favourite store (they know she loves pamphlets)



Tailgate lunch



Linda enjoying making a kite



Lisa shows off her latest craft creation



Rhian enjoys some beachtime



Rob painting the pottery kit he received for Christmas from the CLS and PotteryWorks



Rob out enjoying his Adopt a Street volunteer work



Mark visits the Anvil Centre art gallery to view his fellow artist's displays

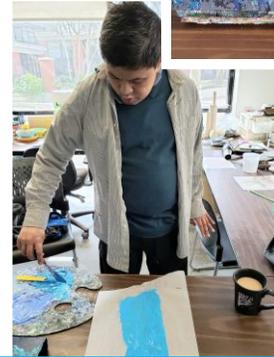


Nader and Merhawei enjoying the sun and some exercise at Sumas Park



Pottery Works

Geoffrey Lee has been painting in the studio for many years and has explored many techniques over the years. This past year, Geoffrey was introduced to a mono-printing acrylic technique and he simply took off with it. Geoffrey is having the time of his life during his painting classes and has reached a new level of competency and independence. The visual quality of his paintings has changed dramatically and at the studio, we are all excited about the direction that his work will take in the future.



Siobhan Harris is developing two new skills at once. Siobhan has been working on some new painting skills by using a Pointillist technique on her recent paintings and that has been showing great results lately.

At the same time, Siobhan has been learning hand building with clay and she has produced some remarkable pieces with her trademark "Cherry Blossom" design. An exciting time for Siobhan, one of growth, exploration and dramatic results.



Linda Raudonus has been painting for 20 years at the PotteryWorks studio and for all of that time Linda has been exploring different media and techniques and recently she found a new direction. Linda has been producing a series of contemporary, abstract works that have been the highlight of "The Abstracted View" exhibit at the Anvil Centre. Linda has sold two of her paintings from the show, one of them to a member of the Curatorial team at the Anvil Centre. Linda is on a roll!



Tom Mackie has been sheltering at home for over a year now and has been working hard in his home studio. Many of the paintings that Tom has produced were submitted to the Anvil Centre for an exhibit called "The Abstracted View". Tom recently got to visit the gallery for the first time to see his work in a gallery setting and it was a very special experience for him. Tom's paintings were widely appreciated by many of the viewers of the exhibit and one of them was chosen by the gallery to be used on the promotional material for the show.



Long time PotteryWorks artist Colleen Yip has limited use of one of her arms, so pottery was always a challenging pastime for her. Colleen wasn't going to let that stop her, so for many years she came to the PotteryWorks studio and managed to produce work. A surprise gift recently has changed that for Colleen. CLS staff member Zane McCarthy, built a pottery easel for Colleen and it has given her a new independence and a really big smile. Thank you to Dawn Berryman who recognized this need and commissioned Zane to make this extra special birthday gift for Colleen.



73 studio seventy three

How is it that we are nearly 1/2 way through 2021 already?! I guess that's what happens, when you keep yourself busy. Thanks to the Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association, we secured an order from King George Hub-PCI Developments for 738 items! While that has been all consuming, we still managed to be involved in a few other things. Newton Business Improvement Association funded a promotional video for our shop- made by Spiro Creative - which can be found on Studio 73's website. Kurt has received several custom orders so far this year- his latest is the T-rex. We also want to give some recognition to Blenz Coffee Shop at Sullivan Heights for continuing to showcase our glass along with some other local artists we support. Cheyenne took part in an Instagram art challenge. For the entire month of March, she had to create 2 glass work projects each week based on a variety of given themes- she won! We continue to stay connected in community, despite our doors being closed by; providing take home glass kits, maintaining the community mini library, adopt-a-street and offering sales at the door, as well as curbside pick-up/delivery from any online sales we receive. That's it from us for now. We look forward to sharing more next time.



Thanks,
Mridu Sood and Jodi Leech

A Giving Community



Linda, Don and Jun were proud to load up the car and make donations to the Burnaby Hospice Thrift Shop.

Aaron Taking the World by Storm

After a year or so after being out of work at his theatre job at the Massey Theatre in New Westminister due to the Pandemic, Aaron was missing the stage and acting. With his love of entertaining people and wanting to make a difference in others' lives, he decided to start his very own podcast show. Taking influence from his hero Stone Cold Steve Austin from the WWE, he worked together with his staff to start brainstorming, producing and even directing his own podcast show once a week. Aaron creates and records one episode a week with his staff and brainstorms ideas and does research on different topics, anything from celebrity gossip, health and safety tips, and even sports news. Every episode is different and in Aaron's own words, "Hilarious!" His podcast (AP is Awesomeness Podcast) has grown so much already. It is currently available on Spotify, Google Podcasts and Spreaker, it will be no time before he takes the world by storm.



Listen To Aaron's Podcast – Now on Spotify
<https://open.spotify.com/show/5ebeGPZeaqS06jNCK4j24m>



Mishka is a very gentle, empathetic and caring person and we noticed that she likes to share food/treats with staff too. her father used to drop off snacks/treats for her, but she didn't always eat them all. We showed her symbols of food banks around the city and explained to her that she can donate the food she can't consume. She reacted by getting her jacket on to get ready to go out. We helped her by putting the food on the counter, she then packed the food in the bags and, with very little guidance, she proudly carried the bags to the donation place "Aunt Leah's place" in New Westminister. All the personnel working that day were very impressed and had tears in their eyes! Mishka felt very good and was smiling and waving her hands to everyone.

Carroll Connected

Carroll got her own tablet and uses it daily to watch videos and to listen to music on Youtube. She has even ventured into the games tab and can now play solitaire using the tablet. She uses the tablet for her theatre zoom meeting and Music with Jared, as well as a weekly zoom meeting with her friends from Day Supports. Having this device has really opened up Carroll to new opportunities and she is exploring more things to do.



Birthday Celebrations



Lesley celebrated her 50th Birthday. Despite the snowstorm her family came from North Vancouver and they celebrated together outside in the snow. The family put 50 pinwheels in the front yard and a big Birthday sign. Lesley also had the inside of her home all decked out with banners and balloons and enjoyed a dinner from White spot and a Dairy Queen Ice cream cake. She also had a day filled with face time and phone calls from friends and other family.



Jon is a huge Canucks fan, and had Finn come wish him a happy birthday



Colleen celebrated her birthday on March 4



The much anticipated day had finally arrived for Tom. Roommates and staff have been hearing about it since the clocks struck midnight and the year turned to 2021. Birthdays are about giving as much as receiving. Tom shared in the love with his roommates Don and Dene. He gifted Don some colouring books, markers, and a country music cd. Dene received a Beatles shirt and The Little Mermaid on DVD. During the afternoon drive by party, Tom was surprised by friends from Maginnis, West 28th, New Market, and Capilano Houses. He enjoyed Black Forest Cake in the afternoon before visits from WOC and friends from Jefferson House. Tom connected with those far but dear to his heart. He talked on the phone and FaceTimes his brother Terry and sister Kate. A phone call from Jay was in the afternoon too. Tom chose to have a sushi veggie platter for dinner. This day was all about watches, clocks, and clock radios. Tom had a smile for the day and shared it with his roommates and staff at Keith Road House.



Lorraine receives some beautiful flowers to plant for her birthday



A drive-by birthday celebration at Maginnis

Employment

My name is Aiyana. My cultural background is half Chilean and half Croatian. I have a twin brother and an older brother. I live with my parents, siblings, my nana, and my 3 year-old Japanese Miki named Lola. I enjoy walking with my dog, cycling, karaoke and dancing!! I love to spend time with my family. I can't wait until I am able to spend more time with my friends in the future!

My employment journey with CLS has been an amazing one with many positive learning experiences. I have been very fortunate to have two wonderful CLS Coordinators (Simi and Kesheiya) that have assisted me in my employment journey before the pandemic.

Kesheiya and Simi were able to support me in many different ways so that I could find the best job that suited my needs. I worked on my resume and interview skills diligently for a few weeks before we went out to the community to apply. Although there were some rejections, it didn't stop me from pursuing my goal of employment.

At the Job Fair in Coquitlam (before the winter break of 2019) I handed my resume to various employers, which included Home Depot. At the end of the day I had a great experience and an intuition that I would get a call back from Home Depot.

Little did I know that my intuition was correct, because I got a phone call at the end of January 2020 for an interview with my neighbourhood Home Depot.

I had 3 interviews with Home Depot In February 2020 before they officially offered me the job as a part-time cashier.

Now that I have been employed with Home Depot for over one year, I feel very fortunate to be a part of their "orange apron team" that not only supports me as an individual, but they support our community in different ways as well.

They have been super supportive with all of the employees during the pandemic, and very supportive with me during these very difficult times. I have grown so much and I work very hard every day to give my best to each customer that comes to my till.

I am happy to say that giving the best customer service has paid off!! I recently received a "Homer badge", which is a recognition of providing outstanding, extraordinary customer service. I love working at Home Depot and I enjoy walking to work every day!!

Another huge accomplishment that happened on March 5, 2021 was taking my "N" drivers test. Unfortunately, I did not pass but I have booked another session for August 6th!! My goal is to buy a two door Fiat 500 by the end of the summer!! I know that it will happen!!

I am very fortunate to have such a wonderful, loving and supportive family. I know I will succeed in all my experiences (good or bad) because my family is behind me 100% in all that I do!!

I am also very thankful to CLS for supporting me throughout my employment journey!! I could go on and on about how amazing the Home Depot community has been for me. I will say that I plan to work there for a long time!! Who knows I may become a manager there one day!!



Chris hard at work at his new job at Healthy Apparel



Adopt-a-Street: back at it!

With the return of warmer and drier weather the ladies at Guildford decided to return to a favourite community-based activity – Adopt-a-Street. Sarah has been an avid participant in the Adopt-a-Street program and was happy to show Julia the route our office looks after.

To make the process more independent, the use of a fold-up shopping buggy was employed for this task. Julia chose which model she would like and made the purchase at Walmart. After constructing the buggy, she lined it with the big yellow Adopt-a-Street bag and loaded up everything we would need and hit the streets. Keen eyed Sarah would point out the trash/debris, then staff used the pickers to pick-up the debris/trash and Julia was able to drive the buggy along the route and collect what was found. After completing the route, Julia drove the full bag to the nearest bin and disposed of it.

What great team work!

Submitted by: Tiziana Nolet, Team Lead

Beautification Project

The Kwantlen Park location of Surrey Day Support has partnered with the City Centre Church, The Faith Spiritual Mission and the community neighbours in a City of Surrey Beautification Project.

On March 20th, a group of volunteers set up 9 yellow cedar planter boxes for a Community Garden. The vision is to bring the community together by creating a space to nourish the hungry, and feed the soul. The Church saw the garden as an opportunity for our supported folks, as we run our program from there, to be meaningfully engaged in something that not only gives purpose, but connects them with the community.

The church has provided over 44,000 bag lunches for the Surrey Urban Mission and wants to continue feeding the neighbourhood and surrounding services with the harvest from the gardens.

Jasmine, from Surrey Day Supports, who was invited to be the Volunteer Garden Manager, she set up a watering schedule and updated various user groups on the garden maintenance and progress!

Surrey Day Supports will be putting together a project of painted wooden butterflies, painted by our folks to adorn the planter boxes. The folks at King George will be working on the woodworking and the ladies at Guilford are growing seedlings to be planted.

The Fun Has Just Begun!





Cooking Corner

Cinco De Mayo was on May 5th. We don't need an excuse to cook something new but this seemed like the perfect opportunity to make a slow cooker Mexican casserole and of course Churros!!! Nat knows my love for cinnamon runs deep in my veins so I was very excited about the Churros, a traditional Mexican dessert similar to a donut. My pants are feeling snug, but it was totally worth it. I wouldn't trade Nat in for the world...Stay tuned for our next cooking or baking adventure!

Amy Chan



Cooking with Kelly



Edible roses by Kelly



Kelly turns leftover bread into pudding



Nicky gets ready for the Cooking with Kelly Zoom party



Sonja made her own pizza



Kelly's Obergene Frittata



This Covid virus has literally brought me to tears.....

But in the end we will still have the last laugh, as Kelley will chop this up for a perfect Greek salad. After all- red onions and chives blooms are natural antioxidants.

Oliver Samonte, Coordinator

Employee Anniversaries

January - March 2021

5 years

Gloria Aragonés Aliaga
Brima Kanu
Leila Kardan
Kaitlyn Thompson
Taryn Hindman Janicek
Constance Clark

6 years

Nathalie Escudero
Daniel Cameron
Amy Liu
Andrew Malin
Julie Maxim

7 years

Charlotte Powell

8 years

Nicki Roberts
Leni Loconte
Brett Carlyle

9 years

Tyler Vittie
William Crowe
Amanda Peacock

10 years

Ronald Torres

11 years

Henry Nagel
Aneesha Naidu
Jessica Hopkins
Zane McCarthy

12 years

Heidi Cain
Diane Ebner
Sara Marwa

13 years

Lila Johnson
Lynn Smith
Inderdeep Dhami

14 years

Stacey Chen

15 years

Stephen Bain

18 years

Lorraine Lepine

20 years

Amy Saip
Parminder Dhillon

21 years

Charlene Francis

22 years

Kristi Wilken
Marta Mierzwinska
Musare Iya-Songa

24 years

Laura Pedersen
Rani Marwa

26 years

Agata Leks

27 years

Subhag Chand

30 years

Doug Smith

32 years

Elizabeth Symmers

April – June 2021

5 years

Shu Ting Gao
Vera Mistry
Natalia Berger
Kpanah Suwarly
Adam Johnstone
Gurjit Ghuman
Rosalinda Tabunar
Andrew Fernando
Djenebou Dukuly

6 years

Kevin Sass
Kevin Pang
David O Toole
Ashley-Dawn Milligan
Michael Robert Lewis
Samantha Dickson
Romeo Flores
Elvessa Pineda
Slavka Obretenov Bohac
Sandra Jane Burke
Farhia Khan
Reece Picard
Barbara Lago

7 years

Gina Tolonics
Ashley Mann
Donna Pobuda
Aaron McQueen

8 years

Amanda Smith

9 years

Sylvia Park
Julie Lampitt
Evan Fragoso
Chantelle Hyde

10 years

Cindy Williams
Lili Marian
Matthew Cale
Danielle Holtjer
Brandie Mcdonald

11 years

Hamid Khatami
Bruce Debruyne
Elena Unabia
Katelyn Lund

12 years

Jennifer Hart

13 years

Dawn Berryman
Leilani Mapanao
John Davidson
Alan James
Terry Greenwood

14 years

Bel Acero
Shu-Chi Wang
Jared Gillard
Simi Bate
Ali Fard-Behbahani
Rukayat Lawal

15 years

Comfort Coker

16 years

Dominique Gard
Chris Hopkinson
Chad Ford

20 years

Shammi Singh

21 years

Deidre Blackmore
Kelly Hooper
Yvonne Fraser
Tony Maravilla

22 years

Jackie Farmer
Mobina Ali
Purnima Maharaj

23 years

Kulwant Sidhu

24 years

Carl Danroth

25 years

Marcela Herrera

26 years

Dawn Mahovlich
Wennie Tabobo
Kasia Hislop

28 years

Gregory Joiner
Delia Fabros

29 years

Daniel Watson
Tracy Quinn

30 years

Teena Shaw

31 years

Elke Tilgner

33 years

Francine Seaman

38 years

Farren Gillaspie

Staff Profiles



Laura Barroetavena

Laura joined the CLS in March, 2021 as the Chief Financial Officer. She comes to the CLS with experience across industries in the profit and non-profit sectors contributing to finance, hospitality, health care and higher education organizations. Prior to joining the Community Living Society, Laura was with the British Columbia Institute of Technology

1. **What is your favourite thing about working at CLS?**
Hearing about all the activities that enrich the lives of the people we support. I particularly look forward to our Leaders calls where stories are shared about positive experiences and fun activities. I find it very uplifting and feel part of a positive change in a person's life and community.
2. **What is a passion or hobby of yours?** I love listening to music and dancing. Sometimes it's the lyrics and storytelling that captivates me and sometimes is just the rhythm that moves me.
3. **If you could meet one person (dead or alive) who would it be?** This is a hard question. I would like to meet the Dalai Lama. The key message of being compassionate with ourselves and others, as well as the importance of kindness and appreciation towards each other, our communities, and our environment is something that really resonates with me.
4. **Where do you want to travel, but have never been?** Egypt. I would love to walk by the pyramids, see the glyphs and tombs and imagine what life would have been like back then. I am always amazed at how ancient civilizations developed such intricate cities much like the ones we live in today. The engineering behind the architecture supporting these cities, the development of communities and social norms. It helps to reflect on how little or how significantly we have changed as people, as citizens, as a society.



Debbie Akindoju

Debbie is the newest recruit to the Human Resources team as a Recruiter. Debbie joined us in May and will be actively involved in recruitment and managing our presence on social media.

1. **What is your favourite thing about working at CLS?**
My favourite things are my co-workers (very supportive), company culture and values, and the positive working environment.
2. **What is a passion or hobby of yours?**
I love to cook, watch cooking shows and thriller movies, visit museums, art exhibitions, and taking road trips.
3. **If you could meet one person (dead or alive) who would it be?**
Alex Guarnaschelli. She is a brilliant chef.
4. **Where do you want to travel but have never been?**
I would love to visit Zanzibar Island. It's a very beautiful place in Tanzania, Africa.

Baby News!

Congratulations!



Amritpal (Amrit) Kaur's new baby girl:

Japji Kaur Sekhon.

She was born in April 25th and she is the loved first child in this family.

Amrit is a Counsellor at the Quadling B home. Congratulations and welcome Japji.



Through all the devastation and loss of this last year, the joy and beauty of life shines through.....

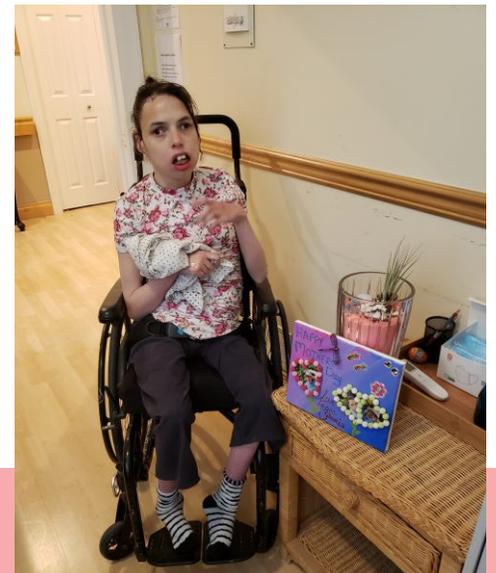
Congratulations to the ladies of Individualized Supports 2 who welcomed babies during the pandemic.

Here are

Ace, Donny, Skyler and Wheeldon



Newmarket Mother's Day Paintings



DONATE TODAY!

Your generous donations provide real opportunities for the individuals supported by the CLS to live life to the fullest.

You can contribute by sending cash or a cheque to:

Community Living Society
7th Floor – 713 Columbia Street
New Westminster, BC, V3M 1B2

Donation receipts sent to our office via cheque or cash will be issued for amounts in excess of \$10.

Donations via credit card can be made by visiting our website:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/5841/donation>

If you have any questions, please contact us at 604.523.0303 or

contactus@communitylivingsociety.ca

Thank you for your consideration.

JOIN TODAY!

Become a CLS Member

Date _____

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

There is no fee to be a CLS member. Memberships are renewed on an annual basis at or after the Annual General Meeting.

- Members must:
 - be 18+ years of age
 - be interested in advancing the purposes and supporting the activities of the Society
- Members cannot be:
 - An employee or contractor of the CLS
 - An employee of the government of the Province of British Columbia or Canada whose duties are concerned with the affairs of the Society.

If you would like to be a member of the CLS, please send this completed form to us:

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