

## Community support

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## The Foundation


The Community Living Victoria Foundation was established in 1995 to raise funds and awareness that benefit the children, adults and families supported by Community Living Victoria.


The Foundation, an independent, registered charitable organization with its own board of directors, provides for funding and public awareness opportunities through planned giving, sponsorships and a speakers' bureau.




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## Our Mission

Community Living Victoria supports people with developmental disabilities together with their families and support networks by promoting their full citizenship and inclusion in the community.



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Different abilities. One community.

## Supported Apartment Living

### Who we are

On December 16, 1955, a group of dedicated parents founded what is now called Community Living Victoria. Today, as the largest non-profit community living service provider on Vancouver Island, Community Living Victoria provides a range of support services to children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families.



## Our values

Our work is guided by our values, experience and history and draws from strong roots in the community. Community Living Victoria recognizes the rights of everyone to have a full range of life choices, including access to education, affordable and appropriate housing, leisure options, gainful employment and participation in the community. A healthy community encourages the involvement of everyone.

## Supported Apartment Living Program

Community Living Victoria provides assistance to people with a developmental disability who require regular access to support services in order to live independently in their own apartment.

Individuals rent their own apartments within one larger apartment complex that also provides a common use area for group social activities.

Support workers are based within the same complex and provide daily assistance for people to live on their own successfully.

## Our goals...

- > to support individuals and their families by developing and strengthening their independent living skills; and
- > to promote the development of social circles and social opportunities.

## We offer assistance with...

- > identification of personal goals and objectives;
- > money management;
- > grocery shopping, nutrition and meal planning;
- > home management and home safety;
- > access to community resources;
- > interpersonal skills, relationship building and peer support;
- > promotion and maintenance of health and personal safety; and
- > development of social and leisure opportunities on a group and individual basis.

## To receive support

Individuals who have a desire to live independently can contact Community Living Victoria directly to complete an application for service, or be referred by Community Living BC or other community agencies.

Referrals are prioritized according to support availability, apartment vacancy, the level of support required by the individual, and the ability to meet the individual's needs.

Upon acceptance, a support worker will meet with the individual and his or her family or support person. Together, they will identify the individual's strengths, needs and level of independence.

Participants must be assessed as having a developmental disability to be eligible for support.