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Over 63 Years of Service

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

On December 16, 1955, a group of dedicated parents founded what is now called Community Living Victoria. Today, as the largest, not-for-profit, community living service provider on Vancouver Island, Community Living Victoria provides a range of support services to children, youth and adults with intellectual disabilities, and to their families.



QUALITY OF LIFE MATTERS

All of Community Living Victoria's services focus on supporting people to have access to a full range of life choices. We are committed to the principles of community living. These include:

- Respect for the uniqueness, dignity and worth of each individual
- Recognition of each person's need for self-determination, personal happiness and satisfaction, and for
- A meaningful life where their gifts and contributions are valued.



"The support has been amazing in helping our family in these past few years. We thank you with all our hearts for everything that CLV has done for our family."

Working Together, Making a Difference

Our 63rd annual general meeting was held on September 20, 2017. The Board of Directors and membership approved the changes to our constitution and bylaws in a special resolution, required as Community Living Victoria and other non-profit societies transition to British Columbia's new Societies Act. A highlight of this meeting is the annual employee recognition awards for years of service. This year we recognized eight employees who had between 15 and 35 years of service! We also recognized 21 employees who had reached 10 years of service.

In November 2017 we held a professional development day for our Community Inclusion program staff, who spent the day learning about best practices in communication and launching our person-centered active supports project. We are planning to focus on dementia training for the annual pro-d day in fall 2018.

Our 11th annual concert for Hope Help Home, featuring Citizen West, was held on November 17, 2017. This memorable evening featured tenors Cody Karey, Marc Devigne and Brett Pruneau and raised significant funds for Community Living Victoria. Thank you to our Foundation for all their support.

On December 3, 2017, we co-sponsored the United Nations' International Day of Persons with Disabilities Film Festival in Victoria. The Inclusion BC Foundation and BC Self Advocacy Foundation partnered with the National Film Board to present a retrospective of five short Canadian films. The presentation was followed by conversation exploring the representation of disability from the early public broadcast films of the 1960s to the present. The festival also featured the world premiere of Inclusion BC Foundation's own film, *Disability Pride 2017*.

At our general meeting, held on May 15, 2018, we presented our Community Recognition Awards, recognizing individuals, educators and employers who are making a difference in our community. The stories that accompany the awards are always so moving. Award winners this year included:

- **Employer** – Vancity, Victoria City Centre
- **Educator** – Patty Golumbia, SIDES
- **Making a Difference** – Tiffany Tjosvold, Embrace the Arts Foundation; Allison McCaffrey, Ministry of Social Innovation and Poverty Reduction
- **Volunteer** – Tom Humphreys, CLV Foundation board.

In addition, the membership received an update on the progress of our 2017–2020 Strategic Plan. The three key directions are **innovation**, **service excellence** and **sustainability**.



In 2017/18, we were successful in our real estate and renovation ventures. While extensive renovations were undertaken in our Burnside home, the four individuals who live there relocated to our new Gorge View home on Wascana Street. They moved back to Burnside in September 2018. The Gorge View home will provide a fully accessible home for the five individuals currently living at our McRae home. After a three-year search, in January 2018 we found a property for our Satellite Community Inclusion program, located in the same Esquimalt neighbourhood, on Comerford Street. Renovations to the new building are set to begin in September 2018 and we expect that the program will relocate there by the end of the year. This location will also provide office space for our Home Share and Host Agency coordinators.

Another highlight of our search for affordable housing is that we have retained M'akola Development Services to explore the possibility of a mixed housing development on our Cedar Hill Cross Road property. We were also pleased to sign an agreement with the Capital Region Housing Corporation in January 2018 that will result in a commitment of six subsidized units over the next three years for the people we support. Finding affordable housing in Victoria is an increasing challenge, and we want to be part of the solution.

Our Community Services programs are designed to help people who live more independently. We are able to support many creative and individualized services, but we also see people facing significant challenges. For example, some individuals are starting to face greater aging, health and mobility issues but without the support that is provided in our homes and Community Inclusion programs. The need to manage these increasing support needs puts pressure on our Community



Services programs. Our advocacy has resulted in additional hours and some changes in supports. Other complex issues that individuals face include evictions, mental health, alcoholism, lack of affordable housing and cost of living increases. We are involved in provincial-level work focused on improving independent living supports and developing important resources to help guide and support agencies in developing policies, procedures and handbooks for staff and individuals and applying best practice standards.

Our 27th *Reach for the Sun* and *Reach for the Stars* fundraising campaign and our 50/50 payroll lottery fund have enabled us to distribute over \$10,000 to the individuals and families we support. The money raised through these campaigns is used throughout the year for activities and much needed items for the people we support.

Employment is one clear way to improve outcomes for people. Our Employment Services provided ongoing support to 48 people, including finding 14 new positions in the community. A number of changes made by the provincial government have had unexpected impacts on many individuals. Changes to the annual earnings exemption resulted in a confusing process that cut some people off their Persons with Disabilities (PWD) benefits for several months. Random audits and the lack of clarity in that process also jeopardized some people's PWD and housing. On a positive note, an increase in the annual earnings exemption along with an increase in PWD benefits and minimum wage

assisted many individuals supported by our Employment Services.

VOCYL (Victoria Opportunities for Community Youth Leadership) is the only inclusive leadership program on Vancouver Island. VOCYL provides opportunities for youth with and without disabilities to come together to have a voice, develop skills and share their experiences in order to advocate for change. In 2017/18 alone, VOCYL delivered close to 100 inclusion awareness presentations to over 800 Grade 6 students. Each Grade 6 classroom in two West Shore and two Victoria middle schools received three presentations. During these presentations, VOCYL youth demonstrated their passion, courage and leadership as they shared their own personal stories and inclusion experiences with the students. VOCYL presentations encourage students to think about their similarities, look beyond stereotypes and outer appearances, and deepen



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www.facebook.com/CLVYouthServices/
www.facebook.com/CLVFamilySupport/
and on Twitter @CLV_vic

their understanding of how they can be more compassionate and inclusive in their schools. VOCYL presentations truly made a difference!

A deal was reached for the collective agreement that sets out the terms and conditions for our

unionized employees for three years, beginning April 1, 2019. We anticipate that this will be ratified and there will be continued labour peace throughout the sector.

Community Living Victoria is a long-term member of Inclusion BC. This

year, our board decided to follow Inclusion BC and a national trend in using the term “people with intellectual disabilities” instead of “people with developmental disabilities” to refer to supported individuals.

We value and benefit in many ways from Inclusion BC’s provincial advocacy and continue to support its advocacy efforts. This work has resulted in better outcomes for the people we support. For example, this year saw a \$100 increase in benefits to Persons With Disabilities (PWD), to \$1,133, effective September 2018. Inclusion BC continues to advocate for further increases to PWD, as the increase, while welcome, does not provide for significant improvement for people who rely on provincial assistance. Also this year, compensation was extended to Woodlands survivors who lived at the institution prior to August 1, 1974, and who had previously been denied any payment for systemic abuse.

Inclusion BC’s report *Stop Hurting Kids II: Restraint and Seclusion in BC Schools*, released in May 2018, revealed that despite provincial voluntary guidelines, many BC students who have special needs are still being subjected to ongoing, repeated and systemic use of restraint and seclusion to address behaviour at school. Inclusion BC is calling for immediate provincial

action to ensure that all students are protected from these practices.

We are pleased to be co-hosting Inclusion BC's annual conference and AGM in May 2019 and look forward to welcoming delegates from across the province to beautiful Victoria.

The demand for services from Community Living BC continues to be greater than the available resources. In addition to the individuals mentioned above who are facing age-related issues, many people have other complex issues that make supporting them increasingly challenging, which in turn is putting great pressure on service providers and funders across BC.

This year we lost more of our senior families, some of whom were founding members of Community Living Victoria. It is so important to remember our history and recognize the foresight of these families who had a vision of a different life for their sons and daughters.

Our thanks go to retiring board members Irene Ives and Mary Harber. We have appreciated

their input and commitment and will miss their perspective. We also offer our sincerest thanks to the Board of Directors for their guidance and support, and to our dedicated management team and employees, who ensure that the people we support enjoy good lives. We are continually grateful for all the support from our Foundation, which effectively raises funds and the profile of Community Living Victoria. Together we make a difference.



Barb Schultz

Barb Schultz,
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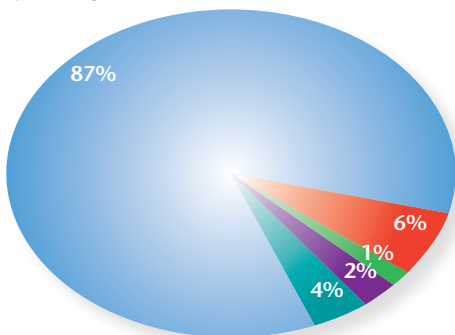


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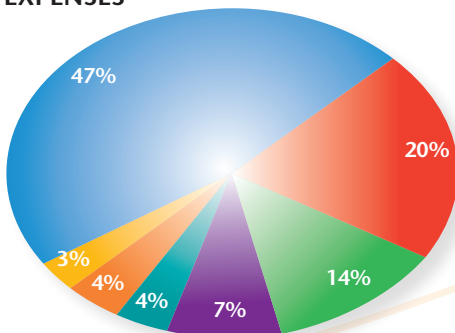
Financial Information 2017/2018

REVENUE



- Community Living BC
- BC Employment Assistance & BC Housing
- Ministry of Children and Family Development
- Island Health
- Donations, Grants, Bequests & Other

EXPENSES



- Staffed Residential
- Host Agency/Homesharing
- Community Inclusion
- Administration
- Youth Services
- Supported Living
- Community Services

Our Services

Residential Services

HOMES

We continue to provide support for 59 individuals in 14 community homes. Our homes are well established in neighbourhoods throughout Greater Victoria. We provide caring and supportive environments that help people live as independently as possible. Many of our staff go above and beyond to ensure that the people we support have a great quality of life.

Our homes have a long history of ensuring that the individuals who live there have the opportunity to enjoy holidays that reflect their interests and desires. They have included water theme parks, Disneyland, cruises and hot spots—to name a few. We also work hard to meet accessibility needs so individuals can experience full inclusion. It is during these vacations that the people we support often become ambassadors at their vacation destinations, making new friends and breaking down barriers.

David, who lives at our Tyndall home, is an example of that. He started his holiday by meeting his sister and brother-in-law for lunch in Crofton. David and his support staff then headed for Lake Cowichan, with a stop at the visitor information centre to get ideas for exploring the area. After checking into the hotel, they headed out to a pub for supper and a beer. David enjoyed the live band, which played rock 'n' roll surf music in Hawaiian shirts. Turns out David was wearing the same style of shirt. The band later greeted him in the parking lot and thanked him for his enthusiastic audience participation.

The next day's highlights included a trip to Honeymoon Bay and checking out the market, where vendors were friendly and engaging and suggested the best spot for viewing a parade. David also really enjoyed the community pancake

breakfast at the fire hall and chatting with some of the locals. Getting his picture taken with the firetrucks and watching the small parade also added to the good time. His jam-packed schedule also included enjoying the lake at Gordon Bay Provincial Park. David came home tired but full of new memories and left a lasting impression on many people!



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HOME SHARE

53 individuals receive support through our Home Share Services. Home Share enables an individual to live as independently as possible with a home share provider contracted with CLV.

Jeremy, who is in his mid-20s, has been part of CLV's Home Share network since he turned 19. When he was growing up, Jeremy lived in an environment with a lot of restrictions in place to keep him safe both at home and in the community. When he joined our Home Share network in 2012, we attempted to keep the same level of support and boundaries in place to ensure his safety. This caused some frustration for Jeremy, as he was now a young man who wanted more independence but needed a balance between structure and freedom. Altering our approach, we supported Jeremy in moving into his own suite in a Home Share provider's home and arranged for his supports to better accommodate his needs.

Jeremy has thrived in this new setting. He still has some structure in place that makes sense for him. He is proud of his home, is involved in a range of activities in the community, enjoys having his own place and has discovered that he really enjoys cooking. Jeremy is proud of the dishes he has created and enjoys researching recipes and healthy options. He has taken control of his health, spends time at the gym, is conscious of what he eats and has been steadily losing a healthy amount of weight all year, meeting a goal he set for himself.

Since Jeremy moved into his own suite and has structured support time, he has



excelled. He appreciates the help he receives. He communicates openly about his wishes and desires and is getting more comfortable asking for and accepting help in certain areas. This positive attitude has transferred to his Community Inclusion program, where he is fully engaged and has established some meaningful relationships with his peers.

"I like working for CLV because of the support offered to staff in creating a happy and person centered environment in each of its homes."

SUPPORTED INDEPENDENT LIVING

Currently, 27 individuals receive weekly supports in their apartments through Supported Independent Living (SIL). We manage subsidies through BC Housing so people can have affordable housing options, and we focus on reducing poverty by teaching sustainable skills. Expanding personal networks and increasing independence are priorities. We may never know what each day will look like—a medical emergency, an eviction notice or an urgent trip to the food bank—but we do know we will learn a lot about courage and resiliency.

The past year was tumultuous for many people we support, as they were cut off their Persons with Disability benefits. In many cases, people did not understand the Ministry of Social Innovation and Poverty Reduction's written requests for information from the investigation team, which unfortunately led to larger-scope investigation reviews. For example, one man was asked to provide four years' worth of his past employment records, plus numerous additional supporting documents, in order to resume his benefits. This caused tremendous stress and anxiety, as any disruption to benefits can be catastrophic. In the current climate of almost non-existent housing, a landlord can be inclined to evict tenants on the basis of a late rent payment or administration issues. Even one day late on rent can trigger an eviction, which can lead to homelessness.

Advocacy by our Supported Independent Living (SIL) team, rooted in a strong relationship with the local Ministry team, saved many people from potential eviction and made all the difference. Since 2015 the SIL team has been building a relationship with the supervisor of the Ministry's Pandora/Quadra office to assist with communication and problem solving. Individuals report that it has become easier to receive answers and support from this Ministry office. The supervisor tailored her message and approach to facilitate individuals' understanding and led her staff to do the same. We developed a process to streamline requests and information



sharing, with the supervisor assisting the individuals in order to reduce their anxiety and facilitate understanding. We also collaborated with another manager at the Ministry to have letters written in a style that will encourage the recipient to take immediate action. Additionally, with consent, SIL can receive copies of letters to assist with follow-up.

The risk of issues reaching a crisis point is reduced through early intervention. Doing business at the Pandora/Quadra office has changed significantly for people. The SIL program is thankful to the Pandora/Quadra office, and particularly the supervisor, Allison, who received CLV's *Making a Difference Award* for 2018, for creating a better way to support people we work with. We believe in the power of strong community relationships.

SUPPORTED APARTMENT LIVING

Supported Apartment Living (SAL) is a unique option for individuals seeking independent living but needing more support than SIL participants. We provide budgeting support, meal planning and cooking assistance, and we help people set and achieve goals. Ten SAL participants rent their own apartments and three own their own condos. Although we provide daily staff support, there is no overnight staff. Located directly across from a local mall, the apartment building is in an ideal location. It offers easy access to grocery shopping, banking, medical clinics, pharmacies and five main bus routes.

Sue has been part of the Supported Apartment Living program for fifteen years. During the 1990s, she was very involved in a theatre program called Theatre Terrific. The troupe visited local schools and educated students about how to treat people who have a disability. She also auditioned for the movie *Smudge*, which was filmed in Victoria, and she was hired as an extra. Sue always dreamed of returning to her theatrical roots. She eventually connected with the Lifetime Networks Theatre Troupe. They create their own dialogue, skits and songs and present them at local theatres. Sue says that this experience has helped her refine her acting skills and she thoroughly enjoys working as part of a team to create original productions.

Sue's biggest achievement this past year was to be chosen as the lead character in a short film called *Miriam*. Sue worked alongside other seasoned actors, and

the film has been submitted to four film festivals. Sue's SAL friends helped her celebrate this achievement by attending the premiere of the movie at a local theatre in June 2018. Jim Knox, director of the film, shared this regarding Sue's involvement in the film: "Sue attended a screen acting workshop I was putting on, and I was immediately blown away by her acting and improvising abilities. We set to work on a short film with her playing the lead character. The film was shot in September 2017. Sue was amazing, the consummate professional, and her performance in *Miriam* is already attracting rave reviews from audiences near and far."

Sue's achievement proves that your dreams can come true! Her SAL family has enjoyed being part of this experience and we celebrate every step she has taken on this journey.

"I am happy with my support and get to make my own decisions."



Community Support

PARENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

Our Parent Support Program (PSP) provides long-term, in-home support to families headed by parents with intellectual disabilities. We provide training and hands-on support to families in Greater Victoria. We focus on areas such as child development, nutrition, and home and street safety. We connect families to community resources and assist them in navigating government, school and support systems.

Each family we support in the Parent Support program brings with it a wide variety of skills, interests and stories.

When Joe and Makayla (who have four young children) requested advocacy and support from the program, it was quickly apparent that they are a close and loving family. They often attend community events and excursions. The children participate in a wide variety of activities, including cheerleading, football, choir, neighbourhood events, birthday parties and school field trips.

Another priority for this family is to have a healthy, positive and inviting home, so this spring they planted a garden. Just as they nurture each other, they care for their garden every day. It is a source of pride and joy for them and their neighbours as it blossoms and grows along with their family!



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FAMILY SUPPORT

Family Support continues to be in high demand from over 500 families and individuals, and remains a vital service in our community. We are thankful for a BC Community Gaming Grant that enables us to continue to provide information, resources, advocacy and support in a variety of areas important to families. We often attend planning meetings in schools, ministry offices and the community. We help with planning, conflict resolution, workshop organization, community development, parent support groups and inclusive education facilitation.

"I am a single mom struggling with PTSD, raising a teenager with a mild intellectual disability full-time and a child with autism part-time. When my teenager decided to quit school, I struggled with getting her out of bed and motivated. After a year I started to become desperate and slipped into a depression. I was on the verge of wanting to give up on my children and myself when CLV's family support worker stepped in and supported me with meetings at children's services,

the schools, and mental health, housing and support agencies. I am most thankful for the family support staff listening to me, advocating with me for my daughter and myself and providing me with information about resources available. With all of the resources in place from a variety of services, I am now well on my way to feeling stronger, and my teenage daughter is very excited about going to a new school this September."

COMMUNITY INCLUSION

Most of our Community Inclusion (CI) participants have attended our CI programs for many years. Our two largest programs, the Community Access Program (CAP) and the Satellite program, support 55 individuals to access the community, enjoy opportunities to learn new skills, try new activities and spend time with friends. Our Reflections program provides 1:1 support for seven individuals.

Alethea is a Reflections participant. She is a huge fan of figure skating and attends *Stars on Ice* every year with her family. This year she discovered that the Juan de Fuca Recreation Centre has adult figure skating practice on Thursday

mornings and that she and her friends could go and skate with other people practising on the ice. This is now one of her favourite winter activities, and the group enjoys participating in their skate each week.



“The expertise of CLV staff provides an easier path for those who find themselves navigating what can be an overwhelming journey. Your guidance is always knowledgeable and very much appreciated.”

HOST AGENCY

Our Host Agency service works directly with individuals and families who have chosen to receive Individualized Funding (IF) from CLBC. IF enables people to choose the supports and services they need from a range of possibilities within the community. This means they can create services that suit their lifestyles and preferences.

Philip lives in his own apartment in the Victoria area. He is fortunate to have a subsidy through BC Housing, which greatly reduces his rent. He has enjoyed the benefits of Individualized Funding since he moved in nine years ago. He sets the schedule with his support contractors, who help him live independently.

When Philip is not working at Marshalls and London Drugs, he enjoys a variety of social activities, participates in Special Olympics, hikes on local trails and spends time on his computer at home. Philip uses his Individualized Funding to assist him in living as independently as possible while having the supports he requires to meet his disability-related needs.



EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

For more than 30 years, Employment Services has supported people in securing and maintaining jobs. Our employment counsellors work hard to develop strong relationships with employers and employees, resulting in a diverse and inclusive workforce. By focusing on abilities, not disabilities, people are supported to overcome barriers to obtain meaningful, gainful employment, ensuring their right to full citizenship in their communities.

Kelsey's commitment to achieving her goals is second to none, and this has been a stellar year in her employment journey. After almost six years working in cleaning services, Kelsey and her employment counsellors collaborated to explore her strengths and dreams. This discovery process led Kelsey to set an ambitious but realistic goal to move out of her current job and into a customer-service role on the West Shore, closer to home.

In January 2018, Kelsey participated in a work experience at Capital Iron. In a

very short time, she learned all of the responsibilities of a service clerk: receiving, stocking, assisting customers, and cash-handling. She did it all—and very well! Her infectious fun, upbeat and dynamic personality energized everyone around her, including her co-workers.

After successful completion of her work experience, Kelsey was armed with a new set of skills and a well-rounded resumé. Despite the intimidating group interview with Walmart, Kelsey's character and passion for customer service shone

through, and she received her official job offer. As she stepped onto the sales floor for her first shift, Kelsey's job coach asked her what she thought. She replied, "I guess you could say it feels like home!"

Kelsey has been embraced as an integral member of the fashion team, ensuring that the displays and clothing are organized and approachable and create a positive shopping experience for Walmart's customers. During our last visit, one of her supervisors exclaimed, "She is dependable, personable, and the best-darned shirt-folder we've ever had!" CLV's Employment Services team knows that the Langford Walmart is fortunate to have found a truly exemplary employee in Kelsey.



Youth Services

VICTORIA OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Victoria Opportunities for Community Youth Leadership (VOCYL) is an inclusive youth leadership program, and our philosophy is that everyone has the right to belong, no matter their race, gender, size, age, religion, sexual orientation or ability. Members share their knowledge and experiences as youth both with and without disabilities in order to advocate for change in their local schools and communities.

"My name is Dacian. Being the youngest member of VOCYL, I feel very good about myself when my ideas and thoughts are welcome and valued. I like that there is a place for youth with and without disabilities not only to talk about inclusion and accessibility but to take action and educate others about it. Before VOCYL, I felt very lonely in my advocacy for accessibility. The presentations we

do with VOCYL impacted me a lot. I like helping my peers understand what living with disabilities means and I think they get it. It feels good to know that you are important and your story matters. I have even got an honorarium for one of my presentations, which made me realize I could do this as a job. Thank you for supporting VOCYL. They are amazing and I feel very lucky to be part of it."

"Our class is more kind

with our words."

A Student



TEEN COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS & AUTISM SERVICES

Teen Community Connections (TCC) is an inclusive program for youth between the ages of 13 and 18 with intellectual disabilities. Our support helps them make friends, develop social and life skills and access the community.

Autism Services is designed for children and youth ages 6 to 18 years who live with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). We help families manage and designate their funds, navigate the system, plan for success, and coordinate contractors to provide direct services such as behaviour intervention, social skills groups, day camps and family support.

This year, many youth in our TCC after-school programming and Autism Services social skills groups participated in a series of workshops focused on teaching them how to self-regulate. Thanks to funding from Variety Children's Charity, CLV had an occupational therapist create hands-on lessons to teach youth how to better describe their emotions, identify emotions in others, and practise strategies for self-regulating. Telus provided CLV with additional funding to create an **"I Know Me Best"** train-the-trainer manual that

builds on the information and activities taught in the first round of workshops. Two TCC inclusion facilitators and two autism behaviour interventionists were trained to deliver the **"I Know Me Best"** modules within our programming structure. With this train-the-trainer model, TCC and Autism Services will be able to deliver these workshops long after Telus' and Variety's funds have been spent, and the youth within our programs will gain important skills.

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The facilitators have enjoyed delivering the *“I Know Me Best”* modules within our TCC and Autism Services programs. They found the visual representation of linking emotions to colours valuable in teaching youth to identify their feelings. As Ben explained, “Green is for happy, yellow is grumpy, blue is sad and red is GRRR.” Through the hands-on activities, videos and games the groups have grown in their ability to recognize emotions in both themselves and others. The personalization of sessions creates also a more accessible approach to using the *“I Know Me Best”* content.

One of the highlights of the TCC and Autism Services programs is our facilitators’ individual skills and talents in providing unique and interesting experiences for youth. For example, Olivia, one of our TCC inclusion facilitators, has incorporated her skills as a yoga instructor to create meaningful new experiences for her groups. During her sessions, the groups used a singing bowl, practised yoga and read books about meditation and mindfulness. Animal poses were also a big hit, with participants moving and stretching to symbolize different emotions in each animal.



“Time and again when I am at the end of my rope and struggling to meet my child’s needs, CLV has been available to support and advocate on my family’s behalf. No other organization has contributed to my child’s and my family’s well-being as much as CLV has.”

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The Foundation board currently consists of 10 volunteers who come from a variety of backgrounds. In 2018, we welcomed two new members, Don Taylor and Amie Kilgour, to the board.

The primary objective of the Foundation board is to raise funds for and the profile of Community Living Victoria (CLV). Events like our concert series, bringing amazing musicians to the McPherson Playhouse stage, and the Vipond Royal Colwood Golf Classic raise needed funds for CLV while also raising awareness of CLV in the community. Our CLV Ambassador, Ken Marriette, promotes CLV in the community as well, speaking to service groups and other community organizations in order to raise our profile in Greater Victoria and promote our concert series.

HOW THE FUNDS WE RAISE HELP

CLV Family Support receives little outside funding and has seen a 20% increase in families asking for assistance in the last year. We continue to provide funding to ensure that Family Support can meet the demand. Many of the individuals who depend on us for support live in poverty, and we can make a difference

in their lives by providing support such as food vouchers, funds to access the community, helping them see family, or getting their dental needs met.

We provide funding for maintenance and furniture replacement in CLV's 14 group homes. In addition, we provide assistance for people supported by Employment Services to purchase work clothes when they are beginning a job and provide funds for families who otherwise would not be able to afford the fees for CLV Youth Services after-school programs or camps.

We also help fund transportation. Last year we purchased an accessible vehicle that seats up to seven people with up to five wheelchairs. Another accessible vehicle is needed for our Reflections day program in the West Shore.

CONCERT FUNDRAISING EVENT: NASHVILLE, TN, COMING TO VICTORIA

Our concert series began in 2007 and has raised \$640,000 to date. The 12th annual concert will take place at the McPherson Playhouse on November 16, 2018, featuring a sister duo called **Larkin Poe** out of Nashville, Tennessee.

One of "10 New Artists You Need to Know" (*Rolling Stone*), Larkin Poe joined Keith Urban on his world tour this year. (Keith has charted 37 singles on the US Hot Country Songs chart, 18 of which went to number 1.) The Larkin Poe duo has previously hit the road as opening or backing band for Conor Oberst, Kristian Bush (Sugarland) and Elvis Costello, who said, "they have a head start on the rest of us with the unique power and beauty

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LARKIN POE



of sibling harmony." Larkin Poe is currently working on its next album.

You will not want to miss this great annual event. Tickets are available now at <http://bit.ly/CLV-McPherson-Nov16> or by calling 250.386.6121.

We could not put on these incredible events without the generous support of our sponsors, who are listed on our website. Please support them!

VIPOND ROYAL COLWOOD GOLF CLASSIC

Another key fundraiser for CLV is the Vipond Royal Colwood Golf Classic, which has raised almost \$300,000 in the past six years. The seventh annual tournament was held on June 15, 2018 and raised \$50,000.



Every event has its champions, and this one has Bruce Brown. We are so fortunate to benefit from Bruce's amazing leadership and to have his dedicated team working on behalf of Community Living Victoria.

CAMPAIGNS

One hundred percent of donations received through our annual *Reach for the Sun* and *Reach for the Stars* direct mail campaigns go to the people that CLV supports, enhancing their lives at critical times. In 2017, we raised \$10,300, bringing our 27-year campaign total to \$143,400. Thanks to everyone who has made these important fundraising campaigns possible.

This year we also received a US\$10,000 grant from the Newman's Own Foundation for our Family Support program.

BBQ

On June 27, 2018, at our Cedar Hill Cross Road location, the Foundation board hosted a barbeque for about 150 people that CLV supports, along with some of our sponsors, staff, board members and guests. For the second year, live music was provided by Mile 0, which has quickly become a favourite attraction for those who attend this heartwarming and fun event.



Robert Taggart

Robert Taggart, PRESIDENT
Community Living Victoria Foundation

"For the past four years, I have had the privilege of working for CLV and I consider myself to be a valued member of its 'family'. 'Family' is precisely what we are here, a diverse group of staff and people supported who genuinely love, trust, care about, and look out for each other... I can't fathom what my career and life would be like without this organization. Thank you, CLV!"



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