



INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Beacon Community Services supports cancer patients with medical drives

SIDNEY, BC – In the wake of the Canadian Cancer Society's decision to discontinue medical drives for patients, Beacon Community Services is pleased to offer free rides to cancer patients who live on the Saanich Peninsula and need to get to and/or from medical appointments in the Greater Victoria area.

The service builds on the extremely successful medical drive program already offered through the local charity's Volunteer Services program; last year, volunteers with Beacon Community Services' medical drive program provided more than 3,000 rides to assist elderly or ill Peninsula residents.

Expanding the drive program will help alleviate stress and improve access to treatment for Peninsula residents who must travel into Victoria for cancer treatment or checkups.

To access the service, people should call 250 656-5537 at least one week before the required drive.

Established on the Saanich Peninsula in 1974, Beacon Community Services has evolved to become one of BC's largest non-profit social services organizations. Beacon serves more than 6,000 clients in the Greater Victoria and outer Gulf Island areas, including through programs and services in: Child, Youth and Family Services; Counselling and Mental Health Services; Employment and Training Programs; Affordable Housing and Assisted Living and Licenced Dementia Housing; Adult/Senior's Recreation Services; and Home Support and other health care services.

Many of Beacon's community programs are supported by funds from its seven thrift store operations, and more than 550 community volunteers are registered to serve the community with support from Beacon Community Services' Volunteer Services program.

More information about Beacon Community Services can be found at www.beaconcs.ca

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