



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Black Press readers honour Beacon with 3 awards**

SIDNEY, BC – Beacon Community Services today proudly accepted three Peninsula Readers' Choice Awards from the *Peninsula News Review*, a Black Press newspaper. The annual gala awards ceremony recognizes the best local services, businesses and attractions, as chosen by Black Press readers.

Beacon took first place in the categories of:

- Favourite Thrift/Consignment Store;
- Favourite Senior Friendly Establishment; and
- Favourite Seniors Services.

It was the 11th consecutive year that Beacon's thrift shops have placed first. The SHOAL Centre, which is operated by Beacon, has also previously been awarded for the quality of its services and environment for seniors.

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 about 10,000 clients in the Greater Victoria and outer Gulf Island areas, including through programs and services in the fields of: Child, Youth and Family ; Counselling and Mental Health; Employment and Training ; Affordable Housing; Assisted Living and Licenced Dementia Care; Adult/Senior's Recreation Services; Volunteer Services; and Home Support and other health care services.

Many important community programs are funded by proceeds from the sale of donated items at Beacon's thrift shop operations.

To learn more about Beacon Community Services visit: [www.beaconcs.ca](http://www.beaconcs.ca)

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