



NEWS RELEASE

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Beacon Celebrates National Volunteer Week

VICTORIA, BC – National Volunteer Week is April 11 – 17! Volunteers are critical to all that we do at Beacon Community Services, and this week we are celebrating and thanking all of our 500+ volunteers. Beacon was founded by volunteers over 40 years ago, and the organization today continues to be largely supported by the work of volunteers.

“The work that volunteers do for us is so appreciated. They’re the backbone of Beacon Community Services,” said Bob Boulter, Beacon’s CEO. “The truth is that without volunteer support, we wouldn’t be able to carry out a number of our important community programs. So Volunteer Week is a particularly special week at Beacon!”

On Tuesday, April 12 from 4 - 7pm, Beacon is hosting an Open House at SHOAL Centre (10030 Resthaven Dr, Sidney), to let people know about all the rewarding volunteer opportunities and services available at Beacon Community Services. Come by to check it out!

On Friday, April 15, we will host our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at SHOAL -- a wonderful event attended by more than 200 volunteers. More than 60 long term volunteers will also be formally honoured on that day for all they have given to Beacon – and our community -- throughout their years of service.

Established by a small group of Saanich Peninsula in 1974, Beacon Community Services has evolved to become one of BC’s largest non-profit social services organizations. Beacon serves thousands of clients in the Greater Victoria and outer Gulf Island areas, including through programs and services in the fields of Child, Youth and Family s; Counselling and Mental Health; Employment and Training; Affordable Housing and Assisted Living and Licenced Dementia Care; Adult/Senior’s Recreation Services; Volunteer Services; and Home Support and other health care services.

Many of Beacon’s community programs are funded through sales at its thrift shop operations, powered by volunteers.

To learn more about Beacon Community Services visit: www.beaconcs.ca

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