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Beacon Community Services Nurse Wins Prestigious Award

VICTORIA, BC – Sarah Reiter, a Licensed Practical Nurse Supervisor with Beacon Community Services, will today be honoured as BC's Home Support Care Provider of the Year. The BC Care Award will be presented by the BC Care Providers Association (BCCPA) in Victoria this evening, at a special ceremony attended by BC Lt Governor General Judith Guichon and BC Health Minister Adrian Dix.

The award honours a front-line care provider employed by a BCCPA member for going above and beyond in delivering care to BC's seniors.

"Sarah works in a rural part of the province, where staying late to help a client or a co-worker might mean missing the last ferry home," said Bob Boulter, Beacon Community Services' CEO. "But she's unstintingly generous with her time and skills, and team members recognize her as a 'go to' person and praise her dedication and commitment."

A Salt Spring Island resident, Reiter joined Beacon in 2015, starting with the not-for-profit organization as a Community Health Worker care aide and then moving into a nursing leadership role.

In her career with Beacon, Reiter says she finds enjoyment in "helping people live their lives to the fullest. Being capable of making a difference in a person's day, week, year."

Boulter says that perspective nicely parallels Beacon's mission of helping people and improving lives. "We're proud of what Sarah and her colleagues bring to the job every day," Boulter says. "And it's really gratifying that the BCCPA is recognizing another one of our staff for their success in helping people."

Last year, the BCCPA recognized Beacon nurse Mari Green, who is Reiter's supervisor, as BC Care Provider of the Year.

Established on the Saanich Peninsula in 1974, Beacon Community Services is now one of BC's largest not-for-profit social services organizations. It serves about 10,000 clients in the Greater Victoria and outer Gulf Islands areas with a diverse range of services and programs for people of all ages, including as the Island Health Authority's sole provider of publicly subsidized Home Support services for southern Vancouver Island and the outer Gulf Islands.

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