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GOOD NEWS!

Thank you! Replies to the first "mini" newsletter were overwhelmingly positive with 140 received – we loved hearing from you! The good news is that so many of you are excited to return to your roles – we're excited to see you again too, whether that is face-to-face (but safely apart), mask-to-mask, or screen-to-screen!

More good news – the Thrift Shops will be high priority as we open up post COVID. Busy hands are calculating how many customers can enter the store and discussion about barriers for cashiers are now underway.

In the meantime, why not clean out the closets – donations will be accepted again soon! Visit beaconcs.ca/thrift-shops/ to find the closest Beacon Thrift Shop.

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Meal Delivery Program now offered across the region

A home cooked meal and a safely distanced visit from a volunteer can make all the difference!

Thanks to United Way funding, Beacon Community Services has started a new seniors' meal program. We've partnered with James Bay New Horizons and 14 other agencies throughout the capital regional district to deliver 3 prepared meals a week to seniors – the goal is to provide up to 1,000 meals a week to clients identified at their local agency. Not only do the meals warm the belly, but the opportunity to visit with those delivering can truly brighten someone's day. If you know of anyone that might benefit give us a call at 250-656-5537.



A volunteer collects meals made by the Chefs at SHOAL Centre and delivers to seniors.

NEW! T-SHIRT FUNDS SUPPORT BEACON



Rhonda Todrick and Kenny Podmore wearing their t-shirts in support of Beacon Community Services.

In tribute to Dr. Bonnie Henry and the frontline workers who are leading us through the COVID pandemic, Sidney Town Crier and Beacon medical drive volunteer Kenny Podmore has coordinated a fundraising initiative that supports Beacon Community Services' programs for vulnerable seniors.

Kenny has taken Dr. Henry's inspirational quote "be calm, be kind, be safe", along with a red heart (which has become a symbol of recognition for frontline workers) and created t-shirts. Each shirt is \$25 – with proceeds going to Beacon. T-shirts will be available at SHOAL for order and pick up. Call 250-656-5537 to order yours.

We are currently experiencing a surge in requests for medical drives due to the backlog of surgeries and treatments. If you are willing to help until you return to your regular role let us know. Email: volunteer@beaconcs.ca