



Fall 2020

BEACON VOTED #1

We're excited to share that our friends in the Peninsula community recently voted Beacon #1 in 3 categories in the 2020 Peninsula News Review Readers Choice awards:

Favourite Day Care

TEAM (Team Education & Motherhood Programs)

Best Senior Friendly Establishment

SHOAL Centre

Favourite Thrift & Consignment Store

Beacon Community Services

Your kindness and support is greatly appreciated!



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Thank you volunteers!

Volunteers plant seeds of love that help countless hearts grow

Beacon is so lucky to have over 600 dedicated volunteers who have given many years to help people and improve lives. Unfortunately, this year's April volunteer recognition luncheon was cancelled due to COVID restrictions, so instead we're dedicating September and October to volunteer recognition. And we'd like to start by thanking the 81 volunteers who reached benchmark years of service in 2020!

5 Years

Lesley Addis
Brooke Baille
Gwen Bell
Howard Brunt
Helen Buck
Lori Campbell
Kathleen Clark
Joan Collins
Ellie Crowell
Mary Cully
Sandra Cumming
Denise Currie
Syd Dunning
Yvonne Evans
Guy Forest
Doreen Gibson
Gayle Gordon
Rita Goudie
Maureen Grant
Marjorie Johnson

Marlene Kaufman
Sally Lang
Sara Lohman
Jennifer MacVicar
Hilary Marks
Sharon Miller
Bob Mortimer
Catherine Naismith
Karen Olsen
Bob Orchard
Linda Rick
Karen Rodd
Robin Roeker
Sandra Strickland
David Topping
Carol Watkins
Henny Welter
Rebecca White
Donna Williams
Donald Wilson

15 Years

Colin Hood
Anna Hudson
Anna Ilott
Gail Latta

Daphne Macnaughton
Jane Oglesby
William Orrick
Audrey Woodget

20 Years

Lorraine Borstad
Sylvia Gamble
Susan Langlois

Mervyn Lougher-Goodey
Sally Palmer
Sita Pillay

21+ Years

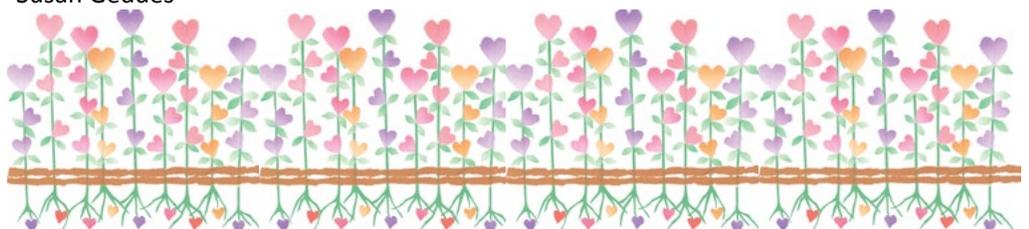
Bryan Critchison (21) Ruth Elvey (23)
Corrine Porter (21) Gwen Isomaa (23)
Terry White (21) Bobbie Miller (23)
Isabelle Yoxall (21) Betty Parrott (23)
John Anderson (22) Ann Rogers (24)
Patricia Beck (22) Margaret Frew (26)
Peter Binkert (22) Jill Harrison (28)
Jean Clarke (22) Marilyn Ball (31)
Fern Watson (22)

10 Years

Heather Andrews
Roberta Boyd
Helena Buchanan
Carole Butler
Susan Geddes

Frank MacDonald
Penny Mayo
Elizabeth McCurdy
Margaret Rapatz

We are so grateful to you all for your committment to helping people and improving lives throughout our community! Thank you for all that you do!



What's new @ thrift shops and SHOAL Centre

Since re-opening, thrift shop sales are brisk and donations even more brisk! Even with the 80% return of volunteers we have had to hire extra staff and youth employment program participants to help receive and sort donations. We are still looking for volunteer greeters at our Sidney locations and volunteer cashiers and pricers at our Brentwood locations. Please help share the opportunity with anyone you think might be interested. Click here for a list of our [thrift shop locations](#).

In order to help us to keep everyone healthy and safe we are now requiring all staff, volunteers and customers/members to wear a mask while in the thrift shops and SHOAL Centre.

- Masks will be available for free to all those who come in without one.
- To accompany masks, face shields will be available for free to volunteers and for sale to customers who want them.
- Please speak to the manager if you have a medical condition that may impact your ability to wear a mask.
- Staff and volunteers do not need to wear a mask if they are working in a room by themselves.
- In a common space – in the retail area, outside an office in SHOAL, in a backroom with more than 1 person – everyone must have appropriate personal protective wear on at all times.

Thank you for all your patience as we work together to flatten the curve – everyone's health and safety is our top priority. And thank you for continuing to *be calm, be kind, and be safe!*

NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer Visitors – by phone

Join a unique group of volunteers who reach out daily to isolated elders in their homes during the pandemic. Your phone call is a gift that can make a world of difference to someone who is alone. The time you spend together can be anything from a 2 minute check-in to a conversation about common interests. If you're interested, or know someone who might be, please contact volunteer@beaconcs.ca.

TideLines Delivery

TideLines brings readers news about activities and programs we offer at SHOAL Centre. This bi-monthly newsletter reaches over 1,300 people via email web and print. We are seeking help delivering TideLines to condo buildings in Sidney and surrounding areas. If you live in a condo, or near one, and would be willing to drop a few copies off at the building, please let us know: volunteer@beaconcs.ca or call 250-656-5537.

Free Volunteer Training – online

Volunteer Victoria is offering free online training to volunteers to help them learn more about types of engagement and volunteering options during the pandemic, risk considerations, best practices and how to stay connected and supported through COVID. To sign up, visit [Guidelines for Safe Volunteering during COVID-19](#).

WELCOME BACK!

We recently welcomed some of our office volunteers back to SHOAL Centre!



Chris



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As we move into the fall season, we are excited to be able to continue to welcome people into the SHOAL Centre. We would like to thank everyone for working with us to help keep people safe as we open. Seeing everyone work together has been such a delight.

As well, we will continue to be the hub agency for BC 211's Safe Seniors, Strong Communities program, including grocery shopping, wellness checks, and meal delivery. If anyone is in need of support, please call us at 250-656-5537.