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Beacon Community Services Releases 2024–2025 Annual Report, Showcasing Community Impact

Victoria, BC - July 7, 2025 - Beacon Community Services is proud to launch its 2024–2025 Annual Report, highlighting the organization's continued commitment to building a caring, connected, and resilient community across southern Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

This year's report showcases the wide-reaching impact of Beacon's programs, with key highlights including:

- 114,400+ hours donated by over 500 dedicated volunteers.
- 644,009 thrift shop items sold, supporting sustainability and local services
- 12,831 meals delivered to vulnerable seniors
- 95 people supported with rental supplements to reduce housing insecurity and further \$24,000/month provided in direct financial aid to prevent eviction.
- \$77,500 BC Housing grant secured for tech upgrades and digital access
- BEAMS supported 96 clients and connected with 170+ others through mental health services.

"These numbers reflect something greater than data; they represent care, connection, and community in action," said Tricia Gueulette, Chief Executive Officer of Beacon Community Services. "We're deeply grateful to our volunteers, staff, partners, and funders for helping us meet people where they are and offer the supports they need."

Beacon Community Services invites community members, partners, and stakeholders to explore the full report online at https://beaconcs.ca/publication/

About Beacon Community Services

Beacon Community Services was formed in 1974 when a small group of volunteers established the Citizens' Advisory Committee to help address social issues in Saanich Peninsula communities. Today, Beacon serves Southern Vancouver Island and the outer Gulf Islands - and the Beacon team numbers around 300 staff and 600 volunteers. Through a wide range of community programs and services, Beacon continues to support people of all ages, strengthening communities and transforming lives. For more information, go to: https://beaconcs.ca/

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