

# A Year at Shekinah



Connecting Hearts in Our Community

We've had a busy year at Shekinah! Despite the obstacles that the pandemic has appointed us, 2022 has proved how resilient our community is when we continue to care for one another in the face of challenges. We are grateful to be able to gather safely with friends and family to host events and activities again. To reflect on all of the wonderful opportunities this year has granted us, we'd like to share some of its highlights!

## Welcome to our new Executive Director

We started the New Year by welcoming Corinne McGregor as Shekinah's new Executive Director. Before accepting this role, Corinne spent the last four years working as the Human Resources Coordinator at Shekinah's head office. She has developed relationships of trust, compassion, and care with Core Members and staff alike. Putting a focus on mutual respect, empathy, and community, Corinne's contributions reflect Shekinah's essential values and enable them to thrive under her leadership.



### Salt Spring Island Trip

Three of our Core Members—longtime friends Jamie, Pat, and Andrew, spent some time exploring Salt Spring Island this spring! This was the first big trip since the beginning of the pandemic and their elation was contagious.



### Concert Nights

Our members at the Ark spend their Monday and Friday evenings making music together. Jamie leads, confidently strumming his guitar, usually playing oldies that everyone can sing or drum along to together. What a great way to end the day!



### Emergency Preparedness

Over the summer, our staff and Core Members spent a day practising their emergency response skills. Everybody gathered and tried their hand at setting up all of our emergency tents and equipment. Plus, we got to snap an awesome group photo at the end!

### Pet Therapy

Last year, our Core Members expressed their interest in pet therapy! We are ever grateful for the generous donations that fund activities like these. We are happy to report that this experience was a gratifying one for Core Members, staff, and hounds alike!



## Enjoying Life



David



Tasha



Cheryl





June



Albert

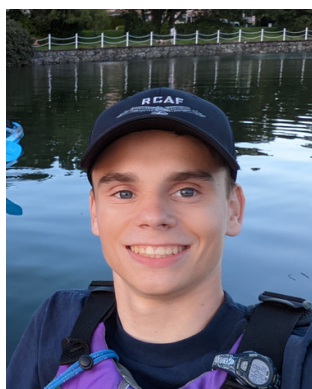
### Paper Route

Albert and June have been helping out in the community by delivering the weekly copies of the Times Colonist newspaper! Be sure to wave hello if you encounter them on their delivery route in the area!



### Community Dinner

This spring, we were excited to finally host our first community dinner since the beginning of 2020! We focused on celebrating our community's cultural diversity, featuring dishes from the different countries within the Shekinah family. Harnessing a close sense of community is vital to life at Shekinah and we're ever thankful to be able to gather and share our love and friendship together again after so much time apart!



Elliot



Tyla and Bean

We are deeply grateful for the generous bequest of Ariane Templeton whose donation will help augment recreation and services for our Core Members.



### Our Summer Students

This summer, we had the opportunity to have students Meghan, Jonathan, Rebecca, Tyla, and Elliot work at Shekinah. They put in lots of time getting to know our Core Members and learning about what makes Shekinah such a valuable community to be part of. Students recollect a sense of compassion and care for one another that they had never experienced before. We'd like to thank our summer students for the exceptional work they put in during their months with us and for keeping open minds and hearts while getting to know the Shekinah family.

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