

A Slice of Summer

Shekinah Newsletter
Summer 2023 Edition



Happy Rock CI

Take a peek into our Happy Rock home's Community Inclusion Day Program. Core Members Cheryl and Tasha's daily activities in the program include bowling, swimming, music lessons, and much more. They also contribute to their home by joining staff in the yard, on shopping trips, and by experimenting with new recipes in the kitchen! Our CI program is individually and specifically designed to each Core Members' needs and interests, enabling them to experiment and learn in the ways they choose.



Thank You Donors

We are deeply grateful to all who lovingly remembered Rachel Buchanan and Wally Russell by donating to Shekinah in their memory. Core Member Rachel was a remarkable woman with an open heart and strong ideals. Wally, parent to a former Core Member, embodied values of family and care for others. We hold them close to our hearts and they are dearly missed in the Shekinah community.



Community Night

Core Members' and staffs' summers at Shekinah are characterized by time spent outdoors alongside loved ones. Our recent community night, hosted by Bethesda house gathered staff and Core Members for a backyard barbecue. Everyone dressed in a flower theme, danced, and socialized with friends and family. These events encourage everybody to celebrate the commitment, compassion, and care each person puts in to our loving community.



Birthdays

Wishing a belated happy birthday to Geoffrey, June, and Pat, all of whom celebrated their birthdays this past month. We are looking forward to celebrating David B. and Andrew's birthdays coming up over the next few weeks!



Local Support

We'd like to thank Wildwood Outdoor Living Centre, Davey Tree Victoria, and the Fort Street Starbucks (#00190) for their generous support to our community.

Summer Students

We'd like to express our appreciation for this year's Canada Summer Jobs students! Over the summer, they've been assisting in support, office, and recreation positions. Their energy and initiative has been vital in accomplishing our goals and visions for the summer. Thank you students!

Team Building

Staff from all corners of Shekinah Homes Society recently participated in a team building day. Activities challenged staff to collaborate with unfamiliar teammates, ultimately learning more about their fellow staff members. Activities like this promote healthy and compassionate communication between staff, enabling home teams to provide the high standard of care expected of Shekinah.



Operation Fresh Air



We are requesting help from our community to implement low-maintenance outdoor landscaping at three of our homes, designed for special mobility access, safety, and privacy. These spaces will empower our Core Members to enjoy full access to the sunshine and fresh air at their own home. These spaces are currently paved for utility and are uninviting as recreational spaces. Updates like this are vital to providing an exceptional quality of life for our Core Members. However, we cannot fund these projects on funding alone. Please contact Corinne McGregor at ed@shekinahhomes.org to donate or to learn more.

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Give Towards an Endowment Fund

Shekinah Homes Society has recently opened an endowed fund at the Victoria Foundation. To discuss options for donation or for further information please contact Corinne McGregor, Executive Director at ed@shekinahhomes.org.

Social Media

Interested in keeping up with the day-to-day activities and events at Shekinah Homes Society? We regularly share photos, videos, and stories from around our homes and around the community. Follow our Facebook at Shekinah Homes Society and our Instagram [@shekinahhomes](https://www.instagram.com/shekinahhomes).

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Contributions of any kind make a huge difference in our community. They fund the programs and activities that empower our Core Members to flourish; living the lives that they choose, supported by an exceptional group of assistants and staff. To donate or to learn more about how to provide support to our loving community, please consult our donation webpage at www.shekinahhomes.org/ways-to-give/.