



Summer 2021 – Program and Service Update

Even with a couple of our programs taking some time off over the summer, it has been a busy time at The Link. We said goodbye to Megan and Angeleen – they have moved out of Burns Lake to be closer to family – we will miss them and wish them all the best.

As of July 31st, The Link has received donations and funding from 18 local businesses and organizations as well as dozens of local community members!!! We appreciate all of the support we receive and take this responsibility very seriously. Last year The Link provided service to over 1200 and we could not do it without our donors!!

The Link Food Centre Renovations

Work will be starting on a new accessible entrance and loading dock as well as a new bathroom and storage in the Food Centre building. We will be remaining open during the renovations.

New energy efficient air handling units were also installed in July.



Summer Students

Thank you to our summer students Molly and Avril!! All your hard work in the daycare, garden and Food Centre over the summer is much appreciated – best of luck in school this fall!!



Food centre Staff

Robin, Julie and Danielle in their “Every Child Matters” T-shirts



The Link Garden & Greenhouse

This year our Sow, Grow and Share food program is in full swing. Every week in July we distributed over \$400 worth of fresh produce – and we are just getting started!!



Volunteers

All the preparation and planting of The Link Garden & Greenhouse is done by community volunteers.

Thank you to Tracey Payne for all the work and organizing you do in the garden!!!



School partnerships

William Konkin Elementary School and Morris William Elementary School are key partners. Children and staff use the garden and green house as educational spaces. Helping prepare the garden beds, planting (over 900 radishes were harvested this year!!), paint rocks and putting up bird houses are all part of the fun





Ashurst Children's Centre

It was a long winter and everyone at the Children's Centre was excited to get outside in the nice weather this Spring !!



Welcoming Special Guests back into the Children's Centre

With the relaxation of COVID restriction, guests were able to join us once again!! Lana MacDonald from Lake Babine Nation's Aboriginal Services Innovation Program sharing 'Moe the Mouse' with children and staff of the Children's Centre.



The Community Connections program building planter boxes for the Wellness Centre greenhouse and fixing picnic tables at the SEDA Centre



Healthier Start Program

Staff and participants in the Healthy Start program look forward to the possibility of meeting in person again this fall. Nothing is better than sharing a meal together and in person discussions.



New Programs and Services

In an effort to better meet the needs of the community, The Link is always looking for new partnerships to improve existing programs as well as resources to start new programs in the Community.



Better At Home Program

We are working with The Village of Burns Lake and The United Way to bring this program to the community this fall. Stay Tuned!

This program will help seniors to age in place by supporting the non-medical needs of seniors living in their own home. Examples of services include:

- Friendly visiting
- Transportation
- Light yard work
- Minor home repairs
- Light housekeeping
- Grocery shopping
- Snow shoveling

Farmers' Market Coupon Program

The Link partnered with The Burns Lake Chamber of Commerce and The BC Farmers' Market to provide some community members with coupons to be used to purchase locally grown food at the local farmers' market. The program is designed to increase food literacy as well as access of seniors, pregnant women and lower-income families in farmers' markets across the province.

