



Offering services that support and advance children, individuals and families in the Lakes District.

2024-2025

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Lakes District Family Enhancement Society



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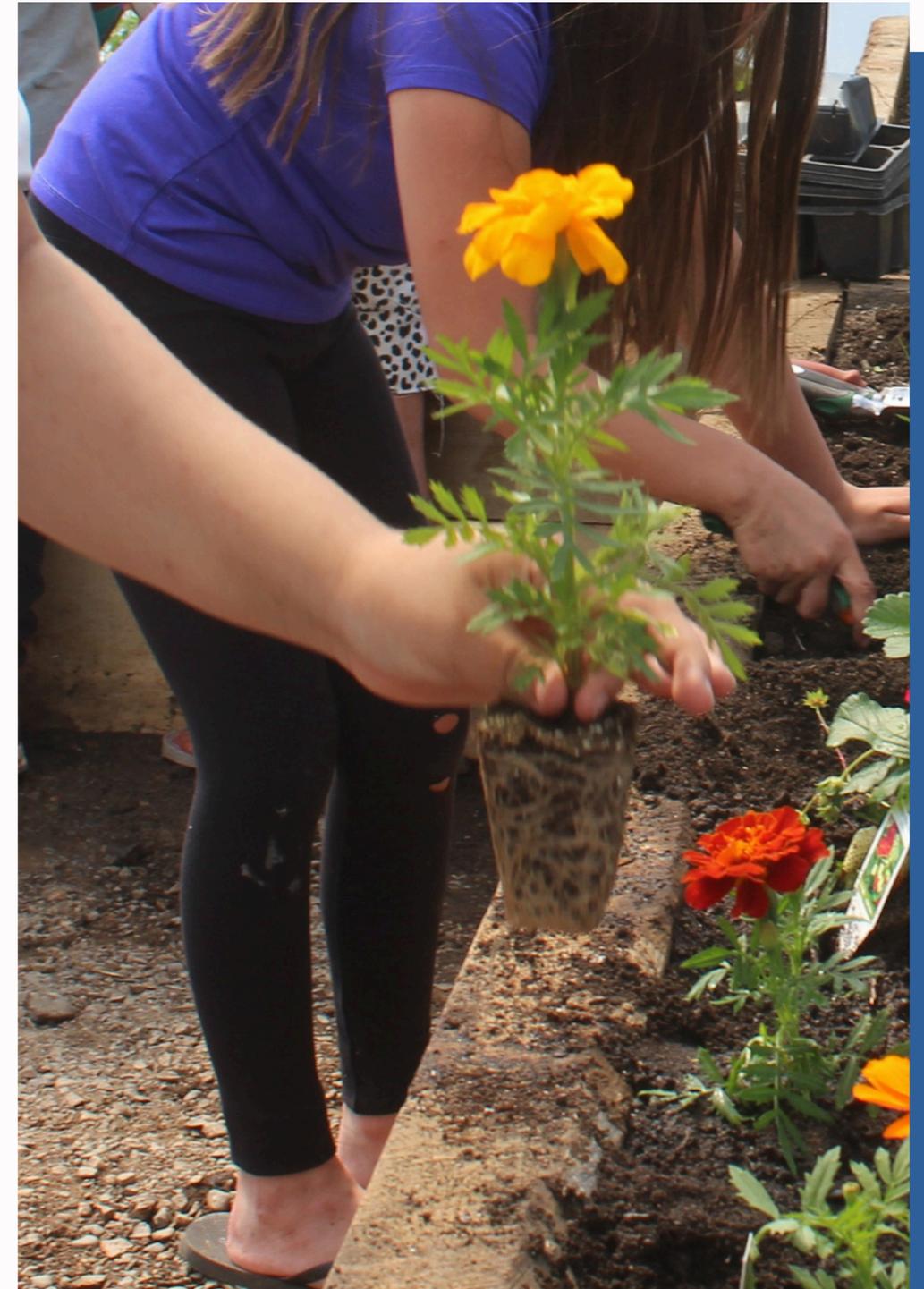
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About Us



01

Our Story begins over 30 years ago, with a handful of people who recognized that some families in the community were struggling, and the supports they needed were not locally available.

02

Working together, the College of New Caledonia, School District 91, First Nations and community members began to identify important issues and concerns.

03

Over the next several years, the society acquired funding to help create the Early Intervention Services program, FASD training and support, and The Link Food Centre

04

Today, we continue our commitment that began over thirty years ago: to nourish family and community. We do this in an interconnected hub of services called The Link.



Mission

To offer services that support and advance children, individuals and families in the Lakes District.

01

Respectful, dignified and inclusive services that focus on improving the quality of life for all members of our communities.

Supportive environments that are thoughtful, non-judgmental, considerate and focused on solutions.

02

03

Reflective and dynamic practices that allow services to best meet the needs of those the Society serves.

A commitment to reconciliation and decolonization, and to supporting and learning from local Indigenous communities.

04



UPDATES

An interconnected hub of services
called The Link



ASHURST CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Community Childcare

29 children served this year

We have 8 licensed
Infant/Toddler spots,

16 operational Pre-school spots
(licensed for 24)

Challenges

Funding

Application to be included in the
\$10/day program denied

Staffing

We struggle to recruit ECE
certified staff

Successes

Quality

Amazing feedback from families

Constantly adding to early
childhood curriculum



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SENIORS' SERVICES

Better At Home

Funded through United Way. Helps seniors with simple non-medical, day-to-day tasks so that they can continue to live independently in their own homes and remain connected to their communities.

Burns Lake & Southside services.

There were 96 clients (47 last fiscal) who were visited over 966 times (up from 785).

Food Security & Transportation

There were over 3,027 meals served to clients through our Food Security program as well as 3,234 with Meals on Wheels.

103 rides provided through the United Way transportation funding

Seniors' Drop-in

2,080 visits with 35 clients

Burns Lake Seniors' Advisory Group had 6 members



FOOD CENTRE

Client Services

1,592 clients (up from 1,051 clients (roughly 30% children and 20% seniors) received services.

707 households (up from 464).

There were over 3933 hampers distributed (up from 2,581).

Food Security

In addition to food distribution, the Food Centre also rescued good food from being thrown in the land fill, planted and harvested a garden and greenhouse and delivered hot meals.

Working on a multi-year grant from NDIT for food security initiatives.

Community Partnerships

Services were offered on the Southside and in Burns Lake, and through partnerships, Tachet and Granisle.

21,663kg of food was recovered through food-share with Save-On and Wholesale.

36,016kg of donated food.



HEALTHY START

Client Services

58 caregivers and 71 children received services and attended classes and workshops.

This program is funded through the Canadian Prenatal Nutrition Program.

Food Security

80 lunches were prepared with clients throughout the year

Community Partnerships

Services were offered on the Southside and in Burns Lake.

The program worked closely with 4 other community partners.



SECRET SANTA

Client Services

176 children received gifts from
this program

61 households were served

Community Partnerships

20 volunteers to make this
program possible

Local employers supported their
staff to volunteer

Local business & community
support



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board of Directors

Bernice Magee

Cathy Ashurst

Monty
Palmantier

Priscilla
Crouse

Chantal Reid

Jessica Hart

Board Roles

The Board of Directors for the Society is a legal entity, and as such is responsible, accountable, and liable for all legal and operational aspects of the Society.

All not-for-profit organizations in BC are required to comply with the Societies Act. The Act states that all Societies must develop a constitution and bylaws which are subsequently filed with the B.C. Societies registry.

The Board is responsible for:

- Governance
- Mission, vision and values
- Strategic planning
- Recruitment
- Community, agencies and government relationships
- Fundraising





THANK YOU

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