

GFN Annual Report 2023



Annual Summary Report - On behalf of the Gibsons Family Network Board I am pleased to offer a summary of our activities this past year.
 - Pat Stuart, Chair

- Gibson Family Network's purpose is:**
1. to facilitate families supporting one another through networking
 2. to provide on-going advocacy for community inclusion for people with developmental disabilities
 3. to provide employment opportunities for people with developmental disabilities.

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SUNSHINE SHACK

CLBC – Community Living BC renewed our contract for the Sunshine Shack to provide funding for a part-time community inclusion coordinator and a manager for the Sunshine Shack for 2 more years. Patty Shields is our wonderful kiosk manager and mentor at the kiosk. She is always positive and enthusiastic in her interactions with everyone. Unfortunately our community inclusion coordinator Joanne left to help support her new born grandson. We were successful in hiring Jessica Simpson as our new community inclusion coordinator. Jessica grew up on the Sunshine Coast and she knows many of our employees as she has been a coach with Special Olympics. She started volunteering with SO basketball program when she was in high school. She is a wonderful asset and her quiet, gentle calming influence is appreciated.



Our goal is to provide opportunities for community inclusion in recreation and lifelong learning activities. We offer part-time employment and volunteer opportunities for ten individuals who are eligible for CLBC Persons With Disabilities (PWD) funding..

Check out our website for pictures of a few of the activities this year at www.gibsonsfamilynetwork.ca

GFN Board of Directors

- Pat Stuart
- Don Stuart
- Mercy Campbell
- Shannon Martel
- Donnie McAra
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Reminder - we do have charitable status so if you know anyone who would be interested in receiving a tax receipt for a donation please tell them about us.

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COMMUNITY INCLUSION ACTIVITIES

Some of our weekly events include recycling, participating in a fitness program, setting up tables and chairs for a community bridge group and in the spring and summer planting, weeding and harvesting the garden, playing pickleball and bocce. We offered cooking classes with the support of a grant from the Sunshine Coast Community Foundation. A cookbook was made with all the wonderful recipes for each person.



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We celebrated our 15th anniversary at the end of April and in May the Sunshine Coast Quilters held their bi-annual quilt show at Gibsons Community Centre. The Sunshine Shack provided tea and coffee and served goodies made by the quilters. It was a big success and it was nice to be part of this coast wide community event.

Over the summer many fun adventures took place. Patty and Jessica offered a full summer program with 16 excursions and over 60% participation! Bruce and Linsey were super stars golfing at the Langdale Heights Par 3 course. Coco and Chris enjoyed searching for and identifying bugs at the Iris and Billy Griffith Nature Centre in Madeira Park. Sarah, Brandon and Amber loved all our water activities including trips to Porpoise Bay and Thormanby Island. Megan and Lindsay liked the chaos of the PNE. These were only a few highlights from our summer!



THANK YOU!!!

Thanks to a generous donation by Rick and Margaret Griffen we were able to attend Chris Samuels "The Mentalist" production at the Heritage Playhouse in Gibsons. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this evening out! The rest of the year we celebrated whenever possible and gave our time to support other vulnerable communities. Puzzles and crafts are favorite rainy weather activities. Thank you to everyone in our community who supported the Sunshine Shack. ♡♡♡



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