

Beacon Community Services

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Dear Community Partner,

I am writing to invite you to the Beacon Community Services Community Partners Forum—a gathering to discuss issues facing Capital Regional District communities. We hope this forum will engage community partners in discussion and create important connections in order to foster opportunities for innovative new programs to better serve our community.

Beacon Community Services has provided a wide range of services to South Island residents for over 35 years. You may know that our origins are the Saanich Peninsula but, over the past decade, our services have expanded to include all of South Island. While not all of our services are offered in all communities several, such as home support, housing, mental health and thrift shops are throughout the region.

In addition to the services we deliver ourselves, Beacon is part of a network of providers within the region and we work with a number of different agencies to meet the many needs of our community. With this in mind, Beacon Community Services is endeavoring to bring together stakeholders and community leaders to look at how we can better serve our communities, either directly or through partnerships.

At this, our first ever Community Partners Forum, we'd like to specifically focus on issues relating to seniors, children and youth, mental health, training and employability, as well as affordable housing.

The forum and light luncheon will be held:

Saturday, February 20th
9:30 am to 1:00 pm
CNIB Canadian National Institute for the Blind
2340 Richmond Road
Victoria, BC

In order that we can confirm lunch and seating arrangements, please RSVP to Sandra Russell, Community Relations Coordinator at russell@beaconcs.ca or by phone to 250-658-7243.

For your interest, and to give you a bit more information about Beacon Community Services before we meet, I've enclosed a copy of our most recent annual report.

Sincerely,



Dawn Fyke
Chair, Board of Directors
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