



Saanich Neighbourhood Place Summer Newsletter

Neighbours and Friends,

Looking out at a glorious Summer day, I am reflecting on all that we've done here at Saanich Neighbourhood Place since the last time I shared with you in the cold January days of Winter. I hope everyone has had time to enjoy the sunshine. We have been busy at SNP, with a full calendar of programs running at all our locations, finishing up at the end of June. Summer is a bit quieter, with playgroups offered weekly. [Please check the Summer calendar for more information.](#)

In February, we were joined by Island Health's 'Nurturing Connections' Program. The team, based in the Child and Family Centre, offers individualized post-partum support and programming for families with little ones. To connect with Sean, Dawn and Alexis, please contact sean.boulet@islandhealth.ca

We were excited to host our 'first-in-a-long-time' Family Barbeque in June this year. We had over 200 folks from our SNP families attend! Staff and SNP board members attended as well to enjoy the event and to kindly help out. It was a great opportunity to see some families again in person, and also to welcome new families to the Saanich Neighbourhood Place community.

June was also the month of the 'Canada Helps Giving Challenge'. Fundraising is a part of life for our organization and allows us to offer services and programs that help young families each day. We have some interesting infographics on our website that show how we are able to impact the lives of parents, youth and children in positive ways. Our sincere thanks to the individuals, businesses and foundations that support our work each year.

Our SNP Child and Family Centre is almost one year old already. It has been a busy year as we've welcomed new staff members to our team and families to our programs, all while navigating the ongoing pandemic. We've been fortunate to have been able to operate with minimal disruption to our programs due to the pandemic, and to support our families and staff who have had to deal with the challenges.

As an organization, SNP believes that it is vital to invest in our staff members by providing opportunities for professional development and training. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to participate in the Bystander Training offered by the [Inter Cultural Association](#) as well as the Intro to Gender

