



## ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



2021 was a milestone year for BGCA as we celebrated 30 years of service. BGCA has been responding to community needs since 1991, initially providing school age child care to families in the Burnside Gorge neighbourhood. Over the next decade programs and services grew rapidly to include programs reaching youth and families across the Capital Region. The newest expansion of services includes health and wellness programming for seniors. Since inception BGCA has maintained a strong commitment to continuous improvement of existing services while remaining responsive to emerging needs in the community.

Opportunities to celebrate are more important than ever as we all navigate the ongoing impacts of the pandemic. Being able to invite the community to join in celebrating 30 years of service has allowed us to bring an extra dash of levity and connection throughout our summer events. We send our thanks to everyone who has been a part of the evolution of the agency – staff, supporters, volunteers, and most importantly those we serve who have shared their stories, joys and struggles and extended their trust to us over so many years.

We were able to continue offering our signature special events, with some modifications, throughout the year including the Gorge Waterway Cleanup, Santa's Pancake Breakfast and the Selkirk Waterfront Festival. 2021 also saw the launch of our new website and the completion of a business plan for a proposed thrift store in the Burnside Gorge community.

BGCA also continues to work hard with service providers, government and residents to improve the safety and liveability of our community. We applied for and received a grant to expand the Clean and Safe Teams in our neighbourhood, coordinate graffiti removal and build on a community engagement initiative to bring neighbours, and people living with homelessness together to discuss how collectively we can build a healthy community. The Board of Directors has tremendous faith in the resilience and capacity of the Burnside Gorge community to overcome the current challenges and build on the vibrancy and uniqueness of the neighbourhood.

*"At the end of the day it's not about what you have or even what you've accomplished... it's about who you've lifted up, who you've made better. It's about what you've given back." ~Denzel Washington*

# 2020-2021: A YEAR IN REVIEW

## YOUTH & FAMILY SUPPORTS

- More than 500 youth received support and counselling services in schools and in the community.
- Our Housing Outreach team worked with more than 200 families who were either homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- Early years programs aimed at increasing healthy development and socialization in children 0-5 saw more than 1400 visits.
- 82 families strengthened their coping and functioning through parenting and financial skill building to better meet their family's needs.



*A note of thanks from a child whose family received fresh veggies through BGCA's hamper program.*



*Fun n' Sun Camp enjoying a sunny day at the beach.*

## CHILDCARE & RECREATION

- 586 children and youth attended our licensed and unlicensed Pro-D, spring, and summer camps.
- Children and youth made over 8000 visits to lunch hour and after school recreation activities improving their physical health and social skills.
- 107 children registered in childcare including before and after school care at Burnside, Tillicum, and Quadra school sites.
- More than 1000 people came out to enjoy the return of the Selkirk Waterfront Festival!

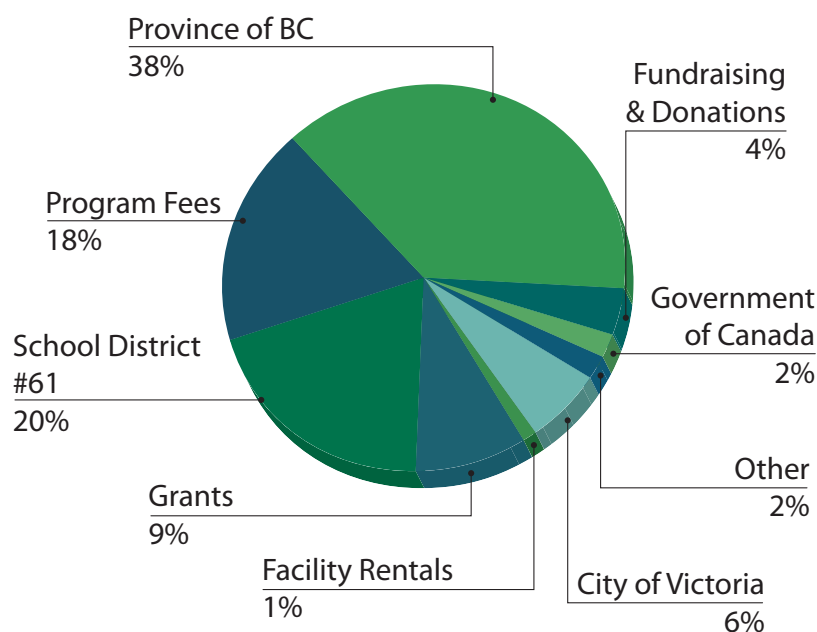
## COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

- More than 2600 meals served through Community Dinner & Soup for Seniors.
- More than 1500 food hampers were distributed to families experiencing food insecurity.
- More than 200 tax returns were completed for community members.



*A child celebrates BGCA's 30th at the Selkirk Waterfront Festival*

# REVENUE



	2020-2021	2019-2020
Government & Contracts	\$1,550,255	\$1,435,099
Fees	\$422,527	\$299,873
Facility Rentals	\$16,070	\$19,581
Grants	\$206,539	\$310,398
Fundraising & Donations	\$103,164	\$40,936
Other	\$46,678	\$78,930
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,345,233</b>	<b>\$2,184,817</b>

# EXPENSES

For the Year Ending August 31	2020-2021	2019-2020
Salaries & Benefits	\$1,591,911	\$1,519,969
Program Supplies	\$352,793	\$310,188
Office & General	\$80,849	\$77,377
Rent, Maintenance & Security	\$66,322	\$63,563
Instructor Fees	\$3,757	\$4,796
Sundry	\$1,277	\$9,572
Bursaries	\$1,500	\$2,500
Amortization	\$18,474	\$9,915
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,116,883</b>	<b>\$1,997,880</b>



# OUR SUPPORTERS

## **PLATINUM \$10,000+**

CFAX Santas Anonymous; Capital Daily; Coast Capital Savings; Community Food Centres Canada; First West Foundation; RBC Royal Bank; Robert and Devi Jawl Foundation; TELUS; The Jawl Foundation; United Way of Southern Vancouver Island; Victoria Foundation

## **GOLD \$5,000-\$9,999**

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## **SILVER \$1,000-\$4,999**

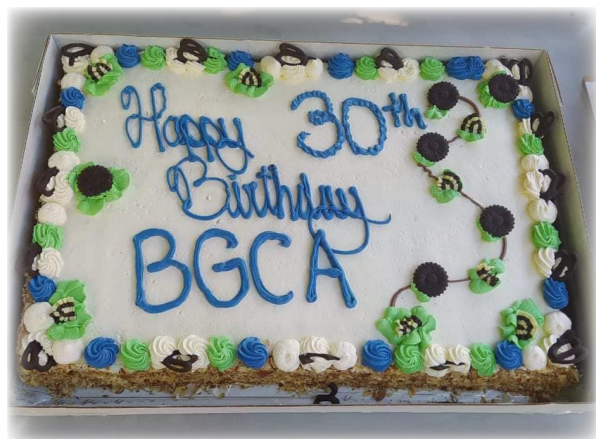
BC Council for the Family; Brenda Fox & Rod Mann; Campus Auto Group; Community of Christ Church; Cridge Centre for the Family; Dean Fortin; DNL Holdings; Ian & Nikki Bridger; ICBC; McElhanney; Nona Dyck; Optimist Club of Victoria; BC Pension Corp; Provincial Employees Community Services Fund; RALMAX Group; Sisters of Charity; Tristan D.K. Story Ltd.

## **BRONZE \$500-\$999**

First West Credit Union; Formwell Homes Ltd.; Jvana Jovanovich; McVagh Cunningham Group Ltd.; Parkers Autobody and Paint LTD; Victoria Guest Services Network

## **GOVERNMENT/COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada; BC Housing; Capital Regional District; City of Victoria; Employment & Social Development Canada; Island Health; Min. of Children & Family Development; Min. of Sport, Recreation & Culture; Public Health Agency of Canada; School District 61



*Here's to another 30 years!*

# OUR SERVICES

Burnside Gorge Community Association offers a continuum of programs and services that respond to the needs of residents in Burnside Gorge and children, youth, families and seniors throughout the Capital Region. Programming includes:

**Childcare** – Before and after school care, Pro-D, winter, spring and summer day camps.

**Youth Services** – School based counselling and recreation programs; youth outreach to at risk youth and youth transitioning from government care to independence; adventure day camps for youth during winter, spring, and summer breaks.

**Family Services** - Community based counselling services for families who struggle with parenting, finances and other issues that are a barrier to meeting their children's needs; direct housing and financial assistance to families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless; long term financial literacy and asset development for families receiving housing subsidy; parent and child programs including a weekly community dinner and a Resource Room for families to access free clothing, food and toiletries.

**Community Recreation and Special Events** – A range of fitness and recreation opportunities for children, youth, families and seniors; community wide celebrations and special events.

**Community Development** – Monthly community newsletter; community history & public art projects; environmental restoration & food security initiatives; neighbourhood improvement and place-making projects.

*We would like to express our deep gratitude & thanks to all of the volunteers, donors and supporters who help to make a difference in our communities!*