

## Our Year at a Glance 2023

### A letter from our Executive Director, Nancy Gurr

As we near the end of another successful and exciting year I would like to thank everyone who has made 2023 such a banner year for TACL. We very much appreciate the support the Association receives from families, donors, community members and funding providers. We could not be as successful as we have been without their efforts. The Association has outstanding staff whose dedication, professionalism and hard work is truly a gift to the Persons Served by TACL, making their lives richer and more fulfilling. Our Board of Directors has grown with new members and has provided excellent leadership and guidance throughout the year. The inspiration we take from those in our care who day in and day out show us the value of diversity.

At long last COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted after nearly 3 years. Vacations, picnics and other community events were enjoyed by Persons Served this year and we will finish the year off with our first Christmas Social in 3 years. This year saw the best results we have ever had from our CARF Accreditation Survey. TACL achieved a 3 year certification with a success rate of 99.96% for the 1080 standards we were surveyed on. Thank you to everyone for your hard work making this possible.

All the best to everyone in the New Year and what I know will be a fantastic upcoming year.



### Volunteering in the Community



Participants from the Day Program volunteering with Communities in Bloom.

Summertime fun in the sun!

The participants of our Day Program had an excellent day giving back to the community by volunteering some of their time to help beautify the downtown core.





### Haircuts at La Nina Shelter



Who doesn't like a fresh haircut?!? Our wonderful staff Megan, Nancy & Jessica giving haircuts to our unhoused guests! Everyone feels like a million bucks after a haircut and these two were walking on air after getting their new do's! Downtown business owners and residents of the community were invited to come to have a conversation and meet the staff & service providers that come to the

shelter to provide support. Thanks to Danny Ferraro (Ferraro Foods) who not only provided the food for the event but was the Grill Master for the day. There were a lot

of great conversations where information was shared and myths debunked. The shelter guests were

happy with the respectful conversations and sharing of their space with others that wanted to learn more about how they could help and be a part of the solution.

This day was a great success for everyone involved!













### **Krysia Retires**

A fun get together to celebrate Krysia's retirement. The residents had fun celebrating with Krysia.

Thank you for all your hard work and years of dedication you gave to TACL and the people we serve!

All the best in the next chapter of your book Krysia!



### **Celebrating Pride Day**

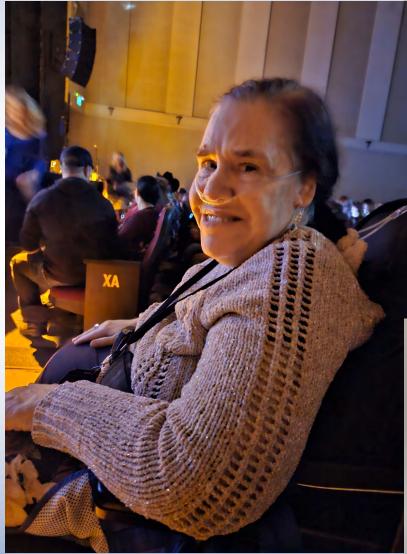
Our clients celebrating Pride Day!





### Shari parties with Terri Clark & Paul Brandt

Shari had a blast with her VIP Tickets to the Terri Clark & Paul Brandt concert. She laughed, she cried, she danced from her chair! What a great experience for Miss Shari! Look at that smile!





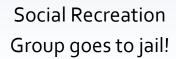




## Elvis getting ready for the Silver City Parade!

# Fun times for everyone!

Helping out in the workshop with our Maintenance team!





Showing off those gardening skills!









### **Trail Association Activity Centre**

Participants of our TAAC program learning kickboxing skills. It was so much fun, a couple of the participants signed up for further training! Thanks to Glen and Pride Gym for volunteering their time!







One of the highlights for the group this year was the Cultural Diversity Expo. A huge thanks to the group COINS (Circle of Indigenous Nations Society) who joined in to do some drumming and smudging. The learning of other cultures and different kinds of foods was a great experience for all involved.



# **Day Program Outings**



#### All aboard the S.S. Moyie!



Unicorn art and Hot Cocoa fun!







Horsing around at Harding Ranch

## **Employment Services**



#### Celebrating Inclusion Awareness

Our Employment Counsellors Tina & Alicia helped celebrate with some of their Person's Served and our inclusive employers.

Person's Served and employers were recognized by our partners at WorkBC for their hard work and inclusivity within the community.

The Employment Counsellors work hard with Person's Served placing them in the work force with work that fits their abilities and skills. The Person's Served get to feel a sense of accomplishment by being active members of the community. Giving them a sense of achievement and feeling like they belong.

A big thanks to our partners at WorkBC for recognizing all the hard work our Person's Served and Employers do within the community. Feeling a sense of self worth is important for everyone and we think it should be celebrated every day!



### From all of us at Trail Association for Community Living we wish you all the best in the coming new year!

# SENDING THE WARMEST WISHES FOR A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR!