

Trail Association for Community Living

Winter 2025
&
Spring 2026



A letter from our Executive Director, Nancy Gurr

As we welcome the spring season, we reflect on both moments of sorrow and moments of celebration within our TACL community.

This year began with the heartbreaking loss of two long-term friends and residents of Fruitvale House, Brenda Thompson and Dan Lutz. Brenda and Dan touched the lives of so many people throughout the years and will be deeply missed by their families, friends, roommates, fellow residents, and staff. Their kindness, laughter, and presence will always remain in our hearts and memories.

Spring has also brought many wonderful moments of connection, inclusion, and celebration.

Our Annual Mother's Day Tea was once again a tremendous success. Thank you to all of the programs, participants, volunteers, and staff who helped make this event so meaningful and memorable for everyone involved. TACL participants also handed out lots of great TACL swag and a had bubble machine this year at the Silver City Days Parade, helping spread awareness and community spirit throughout the event. Thank you to everyone who helped decorate, organize, and participate in this special celebration.

A special thank you also goes out to the many staff members who have stepped up to obtain their Class 4 driver's licenses. Their commitment helps improve accessibility and creates more opportunities for the individuals we support to participate fully in community activities and events.

We are all looking forward to our 3rd Annual Camp Tweedsmuir event, which continues to be a favourite experience for participants, staff, and families alike. It is always a wonderful opportunity to build friendships, invite fellow organizations, enjoy the outdoors and create lasting memories.

This spring also brings an exciting opportunity as we prepare to welcome the CARF surveyors on June 3 - 5. We look forward to showcasing our organization and highlighting the incredible work our staff, participants, families, and community partners do every day to promote inclusion, acceptance and meaningful community involvement.

On behalf of everyone at TACL, I hope you all have a safe and wonderful summer filled with fun, laughter, and sunshine. We look forward to many exciting events and opportunities in the months ahead.

Warm regards,

Nancy Gurr
Executive Director
Trail Association for Community Living



Special Olympics



Stan, Noreen and Andrew showing off their skills at the Special Olympics Bowling Competition. Person's in Care really enjoy participating in the Special Olympics, this is where they get a chance to challenge themselves and their peers. The smiles say it all!



Christmas at TACL

What a wonderful time of year!

Who doesn't love a good Christmas Party surrounded by family and friends?!?!?

Turkey dinner, door prizes & music. Who could ask for more!



More Christmas fun...



Christmas Market, Social Recreation and more...

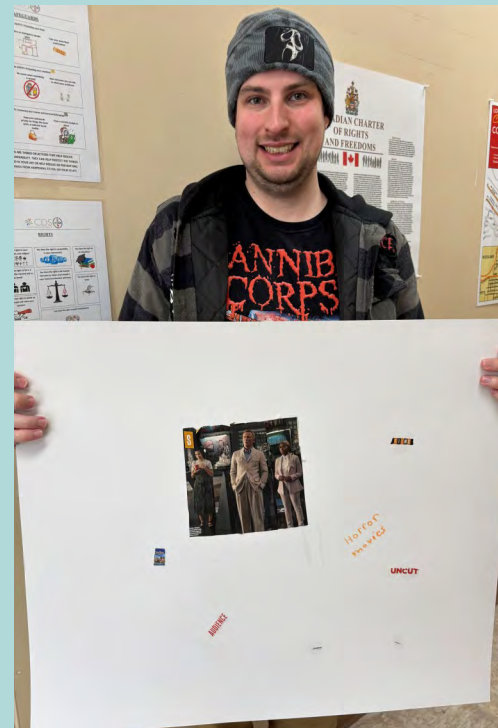
Such a busy time of year! Christmas market, outings with Social Rec, Seniors Group and wrestling! There isn't enough time in the day for all the fun to be had!



Peer Group



Peer Group gets together weekly to explore, talk and learn... Here are some of the participants showing off their vision boards. Smiles all around!



Spring has Sprung...

The City Crew hard at work getting the cemetery grounds ready for Spring!



The City of Trail and Career Development Services has teamed up for over 25 years to provide job opportunities. Individuals work within a team setting to build transferrable job skills that can help lead to employment in the community. The Crew helps the City with park maintenance and garbage clean up along the bridges, highways and tunnels as well as snow removal in the winter months. This program not only provides employment opportunities, it helps give the individuals a sense of accomplishment and much needed job skills to ensure future job potential.

Silver City Days

We proudly participated in the annual Silver City Days Parade. Our float focused on the important values of community inclusion, diversity, advocacy, and acceptance. Participants chose a fun Disney theme for their costumes, bringing smiles and excitement to the community throughout the parade route.



More Silver City Days fun...



Supported Individuals pitching in at the fair!

CDS teams up with the City of Trail every year to offer much needed support throughout the Silver City Days celebration.

This year individuals helped by cleaning off tables, dealing with recycling and keeping the tables clean.

Volunteer opportunities like this are so important for the individuals, as they get a chance to give back to the community and feel a sense of accomplishment!



Mother's Day Tea

One of the year's highlights include the Mother's Day Tea. Here, supported individuals put their cooking skills to the test! The group makes tasty sandwiches and treats leading up to the event. Ensuring all the mom's and caregivers have not only full hearts, but full bellies as well! You can see from the never ending smiles how much this event means to everyone.



Thrifty Treasures



Thrifty Treasures has all the good stuff!

Thrifty Treasures reopened its doors in the Spring of 2025, much to the delight of the Community. CDS reached out for Volunteers and the community stepped up!

We have the most wonderful team of Volunteers, and without them, we could not have reopened. They dedicate their time to giving back and that is what it is all about!

If you, or someone you know, want to help give back to the community and volunteer, please reach out to Erin at 250-364-1104 or email her at erint.cdstrail@gmail.com for a volunteer package.

If you are out and about you can pop into the store and ask for a package.

Thrifty Treasures is located at 1565 Bay Ave in Trail B.C.



Getting to Home

Meet Jennie Kelly, our Getting to Home Facilitator.

The Getting to Home Program was created 10 years ago through CDS. This program supports individuals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless in the communities of Trail and Castlegar.

Since April of last year she has completed over 250 intakes with individuals at risk of becoming homeless.

Services provided through the GTH program would include;

- Completing subsidy forms
- Gathering household items
- Liaison with local agencies
- Negotiating with landlords to obtain or maintain housing
- Problem solving as needed

The GTH Program works with other community supports to ensure the success of the housing placement.

For more information about the program please contact CDS at 250-364-1104.



Beautification All the Way Around!



This Spring the TACL and CDS offices got a well deserved paint job. A fresh coat of paint can make a big difference! A big thank you to Todd, Daniel and Kentyn for all their hard work to this project!



**Congratulations to the following
staff members on obtaining
their Unrestricted Class 4
Driver's License in 2026.**

Arshjot Singh
Rajandeep Singh
Alex Goldie
Anandhu Ramesh



3rd Annual



CAMP TWEEDSMUIR

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

*Adventure awaits at Camp Tweedsmuir!
Who's ready to explore?*



June 23–25, 2026



INCLUDES:
ACCOMMODATIONS



MEALS &
SNACKS



GAMES &
ACTIVITIES

\$50
PER PERSON

1620 Scout Rd. Fruitvale

RSVP to taclplanningcommittee@gmail.com
by June 1

Payment to
TACL office

TACL INVITES YOU TO JOIN US IN WELCOMING THE C.A.R.F TEAM

@ The TAAC : 1769 Riverside Avenue

Wednesday June 3 @ 10:00 am

COFFEE & TREATS WILL BE SERVED

C.A.R.F. = Commission on Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities

What is accreditation?

Accreditation is a process that demonstrates a provider has met standards for the quality of its services. CARF establishes these standards to guide as well as evaluate how well a provider serves and how it can improve.

The CARF team will be visiting TACL sites from
Wednesday, June 3, 2026 to Friday, June 5, 2026





**Trail Association for Community Living & Career Development Services
would like to thank all of our employees as well as those whom have
supported our programs**

**Community Living BC
BC Housing
TECK Trail Operations
USW Local 480
USW Local 9705
City of Trail
KCDS & WorkBC
United Way of Trail
Alvarez Family
Makwana Family
Village of Warfield
RDKB
LeRoi Community Foundation
Tool Cool 4 Skool
Greater Trail Skills Centre**

**TACL Employees
Columbia Basin Trust
Government of Canada
Homeless Partnering
Strategies (PGNAETA)
Community Action Initiative
Interior Health
Program Volunteers
A.M. Ford
Campeau Foundation
Barks & Recreation
Ferraro Foods
West Kootenay Toy Run
Home Goods Furniture
Elevate Fitness**

**... and the many more who have generously support TACL & CDS
in all of our endeavors throughout the years.**

Our Mission & Vision...

Our Mission...

to remove barriers and create a community where everyone can thrive.

Our Vision...

is of an inclusive community where individuals of all abilities have equal opportunities to belong and succeed.