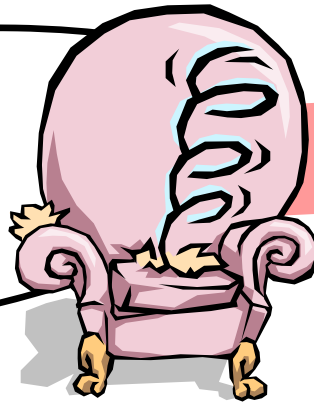


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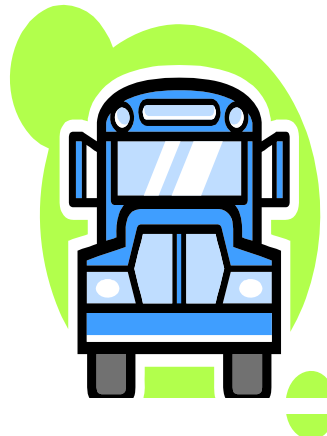
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Translink Donates Bus!!!!

Translink has donated a 24-passenger shuttle bus to Pacific Community Resources Society (PCRS). The shuttle bus will be used to enhance the wide variety of youth programming offered by PCRS in the Lower Mainland. The freshly painted bus will allow PCRS to enhance its service to often hard to reach Surrey and Vancouver at risk youth. In a recent ceremony at the Edmonds Sky train Station, Doug Kelsey, Chief Executive Officer of Translink, handed over the keys to Laurie Birdsall, Fraser Region Director.

Mr. Birdsall thanked Mr. Kelsey and Translink for their strong support of community youth services and commented on what a wonderful addition the bus will be to PCRS' schools, youth resource centres and outreach endeavours. Mr. Birdsall stated, "Youth serving agencies always have difficulty in coming up with the necessary dollars for major capital purchases. This very kind donation will now allow us to very significantly expand our service reach." In addition to the bus, Mr. Kelsey has committed to and is looking forward to personally providing mentoring

support to youth in a variety of youth programs.



"In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt."

— Margaret Atwood

Feedback Quotes

- "it's good to know I'm not alone"
- "you guys are doing great—keep up the good work"
- "we are having so much fun"
- "this place is my second family"
- "my experience at the youth centre is awesome, everyone is so eager help and is so nice"



SURREY YOUTH RESOURCE CENTRES GO GREEN!!!



Resource Centre staff are all doing their part to ensure the safety of our planet. Each centre is doing all they can to apply the 3 "R's" REDUCE; REUSE AND RECYLCE. PCRS is moving towards paperless files, admin systems and recycling programs are in each centre. We have switched to bottle-less water coolers and over the summer we are planning youth initiative such as street clean-ups, vol-

unteer programs and connecting with the city, SLYC and Surrey Re-Uses to develop green programs for youth. Call Michelle at 604-592-6200



Immediate Response a huge success in Surrey!!

The Immediate Response Program offers a crisis response service to families in need of immediate support and mediation. This service is offered to families with youth in the Surrey area and is attached to the Surrey Youth Resource Centres. Family Counsellors are able to work on an outreach basis and have flexible hours in order to help families' access services easily. This brief intervention (4 to 6 visits in your home) is designed on a collaborative, strength-based model. The program has provided

service to over 217 families this past year and continues to receive high praise and feedback from both families and community partners. Family Counsellors will also assist individuals and families to connect to long-term services in the community. Referrals to the program come from the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

For more information on this program please call Heather Evans at 604-592-6200



CITY OF SURREY CELEBRATES YOUTH WEEK

The City of Surrey, in collaboration with many youth serving agencies, is pleased to host and sponsor many Youth Week Activities. Events will be taking place throughout the City at all local Youth Centres. Check the city's website or call 604-502-6309 more information on programs or events and to find out what's happening near you!!!

City of Surrey is pleased to sponsor the Surrey Youth Leadership Council—SLYC—check out the website if you are interested in participating!

YOUTH WEEK IS MAY 1—7
WWW.SURREY.CA

Quick List of Events!!

May 2 - Youth Recognition Awards

May 3 - Youth Band Jam & Skate

May 16 - Youth Speak Up Nights

May 24 - Holland Park Official Opening



NYRC YOUTH ADVENTURE CLUB STARTS IN JUNE CALL SONYA!!!! 592-6200

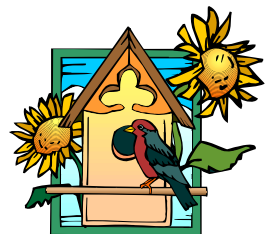
CJI Updates

We at Community Justice Initiatives (CJI) are truly excited to welcome our new Restorative Community Service Coordinator: (drum roll please !!!) KAREN DHILLON! Karen grew up in Surrey and has just returned from living in London, England for 4 years. Welcome her and introduce yourself, she has great story's. Other news at CJI include a FREE workshop on May 29th on

Communicating in Conflict, watch for the brochures and posters! Everyone is welcome, it will be interactive and fun! With the help of our past practicum student Christina Mcauley and the help of many of you, we were able to put together 50 care packages for youth just released from custody. Packages include hygiene products, clothing, snacks, games and resources for youth. The packages were

delivered on April 10th and Custody staff was extremely excited.

Cheers Johanna



WHAZZZ UP AT THE CENTRES???

Y-lounge continues to run every other Friday from the NYRC. This spring has lots of fun activities planned such as Rock Climbing, Flip City, beach BBQ's and a spring fling dance. **Theater Sports** is joining Y-Lounge.....we are looking for youth to help spread the word...**fun, food and friends**. Come check us out.

As we begin to prepare for the end of the school year new programming is continuously being developed. If you have any thoughts we look forward to hearing from you. Currently scheduled to begin in May: Flashback Photography: a new photography group starting on Monday May 12 from 3:30-4:30

Loonie Spoons is cooking up a storm. Come out to cook dinner every Wednesday at NYRC from 3:30 - 5:30 pm.



FOR INFO ON EVENTS AT THE CENTRE CALL THE YOUTH PROGRAMMING COORDINATORS.....

NYRC—SONYA 604-592-6200

GYRC—GINA 604-587-8100

LOVE AND SUYP at NYRC

Leave out Violence has partnered with the Surrey Urban Youth Project to bring an amazing summer program to Surrey. This amazing arts based program will run from June to September out of the Newton Centre. For more information or to participate or volunteer call Mia at 604-780-8463 or Camyan at 604-709-5728

ClubHouse Without Walls Open's it's "Doors"

Clubhouse Without Walls (CWW) is a new, innovative and unique MCFD, Fraser Health and OPTIONS collaborative initiative. Launched March 12, 2008, Clubhouse Without Walls is a continuum of services; recreation therapy and group information sessions/outings (Sheri Keller), one-to-one life skills and social support (John Heron) and vocation rehabilitation (Suki Thindal). Clubhouse Without

Walls is an outreach program, designed to reach and assist youth and adults 16—24 with an Axis 1 diagnosis (DSM IV—TR). The program is a gated program and is accessed by a referral from the Child and Youth Mental Health clinicians. For more information, please call OPTIONS at 604-596-4321



City of Surrey Gives Back

Twice per year, employees from the City of Surrey voluntarily provide at risk youth with basic necessities such as non-perishable food items, personal hygiene items, and clothing. These items are packaged into backpacks in the spring time, and large wool socks in the winter time. This year, the Reconnect Program, run by Pacific Community Re-

sources will receive 75 backpacks to distribute to the at risk youth population within the Central and Northern portions of Surrey. The Reconnect Program is hoping to have these backpacks by late May of this year. If professionals have a youth in mind who may benefit from a backpack, please contact either Surrey Youth Resource Centre.



SURREY YOUTH RESOURCE CENTRES

Guildford Youth Resource Centre

205-14727 108th Avenue
Surrey, BC V3R 1V9
604-587-8100

Newton Youth Resource Centre

114—13479 76 Avenue
Surrey, BC, V3W 2W3
604-592-6200

We are on the web
www.pcrs.ca

PARTNERS MAKE IT POSSIBLE

SYRC would not be possible without our funders, Ministry of Children and Family and our contributing partners Options Services to Community Society, Community Justice Initiatives, Boys and Girls Club. If you have a youth organization or programming and would like to becoming more connected with SYRC please call Michelle Van Keith at 604-592-6200 or Michel Pouliot at 604-587-8100 to find out more about how your organization may be able to partner.

SYRC is always looking for donations for our youth. furniture, clothing, toys are always accepted. Please call Sonya, Danielle or Adriana at 604-592-6200.



Boys & Girls Clubs
of Greater Vancouver



Surrey Youth Resource Centre Staff Moves and Grooves

Surrey Youth Resource Centres are pleased to welcome Paul Harrison as a new School Support Worker to the LINKS Program; Shanda Bowie as an Outreach Worker to the SEY Program; Adriana Azzolini as a Youth Housing Coordinator for the expanded Surrey Youth Housing Program; Gina Abramovitch as the new Youth Programming Coordinator at GYRC; Diane Laverdure as a Family Counsellor in the IRP Program.; Karen Dhillon as the new Coordinator for CJI; Harjeet Gahunia as the new Life Skills and Housing Support Worker and Natalie McClendon as the new ISSP worker.



We are sad to see the following leave us but wish them well in their new endeavors. Heather Kempton, Mandy Saunders, Carolyn Bell, Ian Nichols and Nicky Spires.

We are also pleased to welcome back Heather Lynch who has returned from maternity leave..

Congratulations go out to Kiran Dhami for being the successful applicant for the NYRC Administrative position; to Rebecca Wykes on her move to SEY and Guildford Youth Support; to Heather Evans as the new IRP Supervisor; to Mindy Simmell the new Prevention Worker in Chilliwack; to Julia and her husband who had a health baby boy and to Carolyn (LINKS Teacher) who will be having a baby this June!!!