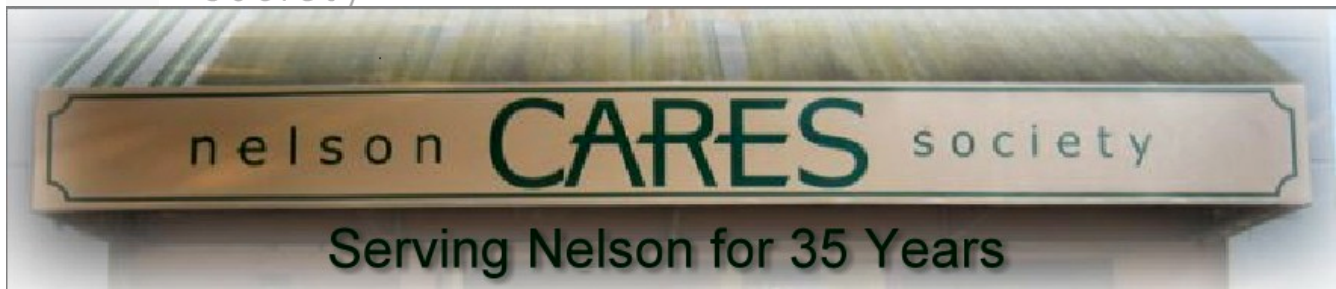




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Message from the Board Chair

We're moving! After much effort and budget crunching the Directors unanimously approved a move to new office space at 521 Vernon Street, next door to the Salvation Army. Reno's are almost complete. This has been a long-awaited event for our program and administration staff who have been working elbow to elbow in the present office at the end of Baker Street for many years. This new space will allow us to offer fully accessible services to all. There is much excitement as space is assigned and paint colours are chosen. We are hopeful to be moved in and "up to speed" by the end of September. So come on over and have a look.....

With input from the staff, the Directors have approved a rewording of our Vision, Mission, and Values Statements. We now declare the following:

Vision

Our vision is a healthy and inclusive community where complete respect for all individuals is an ordinary, everyday occurrence.

Mission

Through service excellence and community collaboration, Nelson CARES Society works to strengthen the community by providing advocacy, housing, support, employment, and environmental programs and initiatives. Nelson CARES Society aims to be a reflection of the community it strives to create.

Values

The following VALUES guide the work of Nelson CARES Society:

Equality

Respect

Collaboration

Diversity

Transparency

Accountability

On September 23rd the **Society's 35th Annual General Meeting** will take place at The Best Western Inn on Baker Street at 7:00 p.m. The agenda for the meeting is posted on our website: www.nelsoncares.ca. Along with our annual reports there will be time for Staff Recognition and refreshments. All employees and Society members are asked to attend and exercise their voting privileges. All are welcome to hear what a great year we've had! See you there,

Jody Dudley
Chair, Board of Directors

Please note: *In an effort to minimize our impact on the environment, we would be pleased to send you future quarterly newsletters via email. Please email info@nelsoncares.ca to let us know.*



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Stamp-A-Stack Fundraising Event for Nelson CARES Society

On **Saturday, October 17, 2009**, a special fundraising event will be happening at the new Nelson CARES Society location! For \$35, you can support our amazing non-profit organization and make 12 hand made cards (all supplies included) that you get to keep! Proceeds go towards the wheelchair accessibility features in the society's new office.

Complete the registration form below and drop it off to us at 201 – 182 Baker Street by **September 25, 2009**.

Call Alison Roy at 250-551-4732 or email her at aldech@shaw.ca if you have any questions. It's going to be a lot of fun and a wonderful way to make a contribution to Nelson CARES Society!

We look forward to seeing you there.

**Stamp-a-Stack Fundraiser
Registration Form
Saturday, October 17, 2009
9:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Nelson CARES Society
521 Vernon Street, Nelson BC**

Please join us!

Proceeds go towards the new wheelchair ramp and accessible bathroom.

\$35 registration fee includes refreshments, door prizes, instruction, precut supplies, adhesive & envelopes to create 12 beautiful all-occasion cards.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Postal Code: _____

Email Address: _____

____ Please sign me up for a workshop.
My fee of \$35 is enclosed. Please submit this registration form with payment (cash or cheque accepted) by **September 25, 2009** to:

Alison Roy
Nelson CARES Society
201-182 Baker Street, Nelson, BC
250-551-4732

We will start on time! Please arrive 15 minutes early.

Staff Comings and Goings....

We are pleased to welcome the following people to the Nelson CARES Society Staff:

Jana Russell-Loewen, Stepping Stones

Lynn Moylan-White, Stepping Stones

Jake Banman, SCL

Alison Roy, Supported Employment

Zhenia Tarasoff, Supported Employment

Celeste LeDuigou, NCOH Coordinator

Farewell and good luck to:

Florence Christophers, Supported Employment

Dorothy Hall, Supported Employment

Piper Jade, SCL

UPCOMING EVENTS

The "Just for Fun" Staff and Board Golf Tournament on September 18th, 2009, 3 p.m. at the Salmo District Golf Club. For more information or to register, please contact Leisa @ 250-352- 6011 x. 10 or info@nelsoncares.ca by Monday, September 14th, 2009.

35th Annual General Meeting
at the Baker Street Inn,
Kestrel Room at
7:00 p.m. on September 23rd, 2009. You must be a member in good standing 14 days prior to the meeting to allow you voting privileges. A door prize will be awarded to those who participate ... see you all there!

Look for information on the upcoming Nelson CARES Society Garage Sale in early October in the Nelson Daily News

Measuring Up Projects Chosen!

At the end of May, the project proposals were all in and the Measuring Up Committee had big decisions to make. In early June, the Committee decided on four different projects that would receive funding. Measuring Up, through the 2010 Legacies Now Program supported by the Province of British Columbia, has chosen to fund the completion of a wheelchair ramp at Kootenay Co-op Radio, and co-fund the renovation projects of The Kootenay Kids Society and the Nelson Municipal Library, both of which acquired Measuring Up dollars for a Wheelchair Lift. The fourth project is a Retail Training Program at the WINS Store. It is an exciting pilot project that will bring individuals who work in the back of the store to the front of the store – the Sales Floor – and learn the essential skills required for the retail sector. The Measuring Up Committee is very excited to have multiple projects to fund. It is rewarding to see so many projects come forward!

While these projects are underway, Alison Roy, Measuring Up Coordinator, continues the project by seeking nominations of Nelson serving businesses, clubs or organizations that go above and beyond to be accessible and inclusive to individuals with disabilities. Here is an opportunity to nominate a local 'gem' that goes the extra mile to reach out to every member of our community.

A business or club or organization can be accessible and inclusive in any of the following ways:

- Physically accessible so all patrons can enter and enjoy the shopping experience by getting around with ease and feeling welcome.
- Hiring individuals with any kind of disability and offering a supportive work place.
- Providing a service or products that benefit people with a disability such as delivery service or shopping online.
- Training employees about disability issues or how to serve customers with a disability.
- Supporting local recreational, cultural or community events or teams that benefit individuals with disabilities.

It is very easy to submit your nomination. Send an email with a short paragraph about the business, organization or club you wish to nominate describing how they are accessible or inclusive to people with disabilities by September 30th, 2009 to Alison Roy at aldech@shaw.ca, or call 250-551-4732. Nominations will be reviewed against the criteria and those found to be 'measuring up' will be formally acknowledged in the community.