



Society News

Fall 2011 Newsletter

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**You're Welcome to Attend
The Annual General Meeting
of the Pacific Child and Family Enrichment Society which will
be held October 24 at 7 pm at 3156 Barons Road.**

**Please contact the office to renew membership and confirm
attendance by October 17, 2011.**

Happy Fall Everyone!!!

PacificCARE's first annual Little Fox Run was held on September 16 at the "Participark" located at Beban Park. This event was a success with two care providers and one parent bringing out eight children. The run started off with a warm up given to the children, however most participants chose to stroll rather than to run. Supporters of the event included Woodgrove Mall, Kool and Child, and Jumping Jiminy's who provided the prizes to the two childcare providers. Save on Foods and Thrifty Foods donated oranges, granola bars, bananas and bottled water; Country Club Mall who donated soft Frisbees and crayons, and Share-Kare donated firefly flashing pendants. All participants also received ribbons from PacificCARE and tattoos from the Terry Fox Foundation. The winner of the fundraising activities received a \$10 gift certificate towards any PacificCARE workshop over the next year.

Donations received through the Nanaimo event to date totaled \$65 with a few more donations still to come and over \$200 from our Parksville event.

Many thanks go out to all who helped to make this event a success. In addition to those mentioned above, a big thanks goes out to staff members Shanda Harris who brought the idea forward and assisted with organizing, Danielle Boyd who did the majority of the organizing for this event; as well as Shirley Sugden and Kirsten Barlow who also provided support and input in pulling everything together.

Thank you again to our participants MaryAnn Cavalier and Fran Stoddart and their crew, and to Austin Harris and his mom Shanda who managed to run the track in under 15 minutes. Austin stated that he wanted to keep running and that he hoped to be a "Little Fox" again next year.

The run was also held in the Parksville/Oceanside area under the guidance of the Arrowsmith Child Care Association and PacificCARE consultant Sue Oliver. Munchkin Central Family Daycare, Harmony Family Child Care, Little Tots FCC, Strawberry Shortcakes FCC and Arrowview Kids Club participated in raising funds. We hope to run an even bigger and better event again next year and include all the communities we serve.

This is a great example of PacificCARE team work!



Other news: Our Annual General Meeting is fast approaching and takes place at our mini-hub on October 24 at 6:30 pm. We would love to see for you who wish to join us. We've had a great year full of success which include being reaccredited. For those who wonder what it means, it means that we have been recognized as achieving the highest professional practice in Counseling, Support and Education Services to those we serve. Our team works hard to ensure that we are providing our care providers, families and children with best practice standards. Thank you to all who work with us and are a part of our success.

Happy Fall everyone, enjoy the beautiful colours of our maple trees and the cool, brisk nights! We hope that everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving which reminds us how blessed we are to have our friends and families with us. Oh and Happy Halloween! Be safe and have fun.

*Warm Wishes,
Dianne Magor, Executive Director*



Little Fox Run September 16, 2011

Nanaimo



(Left) Austin and Shanda Harris (PacificCARE staff member and son), MaryAnn Cavalier and her troop (above), and Fran Stoddart and friend (right).

Oceanside



Participants at Oceanside Little Fox Run pictured at far left: Munchkin Central Family Daycare, Harmony Family Child Care, Little Tots FCC, and Strawberry Shortcakes FCC. Immediate left photo: Donna Shorting (foreground) with Mari and Corinne Purchase with Grace.

Congratulations to all Participants and thank you for making our event such a success!

Do You Have...

An interest in child and family related issues?

A desire to expand your current business skills and experience?

Time to contribute to an accredited organization and amazing team?

Come to one of our Board Meetings to see if being involved in our Society is something for you. Please contact our Executive Director, Dianne Magor at mailbox@pacific-care.bc.ca for information and an invitation to attend. We now provide access to teleconferencing for people outside of the Nanaimo area.



An Insurance message

Great News! We are pleased to announce that Coastal Community have advised that the rates will not change for the 2011/2012 renewal which is really great as we had heard that rates for business insurance have increased.

PacificCARE continues to be a conduit to a Master policy that is provided through the broker Coastal Community Insurance Services. For 17 years PacificCARE has worked very closely with Coastal Community to ensure that a Business Liability Policy is accessible to child care providers in BC.

Coastal Community Insurance agencies have taken over the management of the policy between PacificCARE and Coastal Community, they wanted more access to the clients directly, however it was agreed that they would continue the relationship with PacificCARE. Hence the Associate Membership with PacificCARE was implemented.

The process to purchase is a two step method.

- It is mandatory to enrol as an Associate member of Pacific Child and Family Enrichment Society dba PacificCARE to obtain access to the insurance program. The forms for Society membership are on the PacificCARE website, or can be mailed or emailed upon request.
- Once clients become members with PacificCARE they are given a membership number to use on their forms for insurance. The forms can either be printed from Coastal Community's website or sent to them from Coastal Community by mail.

At this point the client deals directly with the insurance broker if they have questions and to discuss premiums. PacificCARE does not have an insurance license to provide insurance information. For your convenience we have created a link from PacificCARE's website www.pacific-care.bc.ca to Coastal Community's website that is located in our Business liability Insurance section.

Points of Interest:

- The insurer is called INTACT, a Canadian company who supports local communities.
- Professional development is a key factor in reducing risk and helps to keep insurance premiums low. By showing proof that you are either registered, or a subscribed member of a local resource and referral program, it verifies to the insurer that you have continued access to workshops and training, resources and support.
- Review your policy to see that it has everything you need for your particular situation.
- PacificCARE promotes insurance as a BEST PRACTICE STANDARD when running a business.
- Please call PacificCARE at 1-800-565-6510 if you need assistance with the process.

The Board of Directors Meetings for PACIFIC CHILD AND FAMILY ENRICHMENT SOCIETY

Meeting dates for the Fall/Winter 2011 and 2012 are:
October 24 (prior to the AGM) and November 21

The board will break in December and will be in session again starting January 16, 2012

Everyone is Welcome (please RSVP)

If you would like to join us, please email the PacificCARE Head Office in Nanaimo at mailbox@pacific-care.bc.ca

Teleconferencing available.

Strategic Planning Session for the Board August 2011

The Board of Directors met recently for their annual weekend strategic planning retreat session.

The goals that the board will be looking to achieve over the next year and beyond are:

For the Short Term:

- Conduct on-line surveys and evaluations through a tool such as Survey Monkey to determine effectiveness of the Board, satisfaction of our Co-locators, Insurance needs assessment, reward and recognition ideas for staff, and to get an overall demographics of our membership.
- Maintain “best practice standards” from the re-accreditation process.
- Have every staff member attend at least one board meeting in 2012 as part of their professional development, to give them a better idea of how the board operates. This will also give staff members an opportunity to connect with the board.
- Membership Committee to review the current membership fee structure with the intent of establishing rates for non-voting and voting members.
- As part of their risk management responsibilities the board continues to focus on ongoing maintenance, upgrades of our computer technology, and ensuring that back up and security measures are in place.
- Pacific Child and Family Enrichment Society (*PacificCARE*) will look to expand their programs and funding base by engaging in varied Requests for Proposals. *PacificCARE* has applied for proposals with the Queen Alexandra Foundation and New Horizons for Seniors.

Long Term Goals include:

- Over the next five years the Board would like to explore some options to offset our current property tax burden, this would include looking into the possibility of initiating a separate property holdings society.
- The board would also like to revisit the possibility of achieving Charitable Status for *PacificCARE* and the Society. This too would help with offsetting our property tax by giving us tax exemption status.
- Plan *PacificCARE*'s 25th Anniversary Celebration in 2014.
- Continue updating and working towards reaccreditation in 2015.
- For succession planning; it is important that the board look towards recruitment of new board members over the next few years to mentor them into their position.

2011 Board Of Directors

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