



CONNECTING SENIORS ACROSS OUR COMMUNITIES

June 2018

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Collective Impact

On June 19, partners gathered for an evaluation update and talked about the many different ways we collaborate to support seniors. We also discussed sustainability issues and goals. Click to see the [June Evaluation Findings Report](#) or [Partners' Gathering Summary](#).

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Volunteer Impact will take a break over the summer after a tremendous year of training. They delivered 48 workshops, strengthening the ability of 1224 volunteers and service providers to effectively support seniors at risk.



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Project Story

Provided by Seniors Hub Project:

Lily came to **South Vancouver Neighbourhood House** with a tight frown. She had to find a shelter in a week before the move-out deadline. "When renters know I pay my bills on income assistance, they always have excuses to say no." Lily has health issues due to hard work in her young age, and she has to raise her teenage daughter on her limited income assistance. "My daughter is 16 years old, but we still have to share a small bedroom to save money." With multiple barriers - finance, health, employment, and language - Lily is experiencing a tough time.

Unfortunately, there are no shelter services at SVNH to help Lily with her urgent housing need. However, staff did not give up. We made calls and connected her with a Vietnamese-speaking worker at another agency. "Their office is very close to my home. I can walk there and save a bus ticket." Knowing she uses regular compass card, staff double-checked information for an annual bus pass. When Lily learned she is eligible to pay only \$45 for a whole year pass, she calculated quickly. 'I can save about \$100 for the rest of this year!' For the first time that morning, Lily had bright smile.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Transit Training for Seniors

Vancouver, Collingwood Neighbourhood House. Call **604-435-0323** to register for free.

- **Mon. July 23, 1:30 - 3:30: Intermediate** - How to register for Compass, basic trip planning

- **Mon. Aug. 27, 1:30 - 3:30: Advanced** - Online trip planning, Next Bus Texting, and more

VOLUNTEER IMPACT Workshops (Pre-registration required.)

Registration will open later this summer.

Mid September: Pain Management

Late September: Moving Through Grief & Loss

October: Diversity & Inclusion

Call 604-988-5281 to be added to our mailing list for workshop updates.

Allies in Aging collaborates to connect seniors across our communities through leadership, outreach, transportation, training and advocacy.

More than thirty organizations are working together to connect seniors to supports and services. Our focus is on seniors 75+ who are at risk of isolation due to disability, low income, language or cultural barriers.

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