



CONNECTING SENIORS ACROSS OUR COMMUNITIES

June 2019



Community Connections

Photo: Seniors on the Move seniors in transit, showcasing Call 211 cards

Seniors on the Move is marking two years since the launch of the [211 Seniors Transportation Hotline](#). They extended their reach to seniors and organizations across the region through workshops and events, contributing to the number of calls to bc211 for seniors' transportation-related information increasing to 12.2% of total inquiries. (Calls about housing and homelessness account for 27.7% followed by calls for health issues at 20.7%)

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Most requests were for medical appointments and post-surgery transportation needs. People also seek information on the BC Bus Pass Program, HandyDART, TransLink, Taxi-Saver, and volunteer driver programs.

(Submitted by Janette McIntosh, BEST)

Senior Story

"Thank you... this is best thing that happened in my life in Canada."

A group of Persian seniors that started gathering in January has really taken off. [SHARE Family and Community Services](#) launched this welcoming spaces group. Self-directed volunteer leaders now keep it going. Outreach and recruitment resulted in steady attendance and drew many older male participants. Nearly 50 attended the last session.

Project Updates

Welcoming Seniors' Spaces and Seniors Hub will host two shared learning events in the fall. One will focus on strengthening senior volunteers' expertise and connections; the second will focus on reinforcing service provider connections. *Key an eye on our event calendar for dates!*

Volunteer Impact is adapting key training modules for web access. Service providers and senior volunteers will be able to draw on Allies in Aging insight and research to deepen their training and programs.

Allies in Aging partners will gather in August to reflect on results and refresh connections for the years ahead. Invitations were emailed directly to partners - let us know if you didn't get yours: connect@alliesinaging.ca

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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