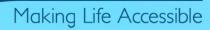


Making Learning Accessible

East Hants

COMMUNITY RIDER





Making Food Accessible











This year, we revamped our strategic plan:

MISSION

Empowering individuals to live with a sense of freedom and confidence through accessible learning opportunities, transportation and food security

VISION

The community of East Hants is supported to learn, grow and thrive

VALUES

Collaboration - Community - Integrity - Inclusion - Connection

EHCLA EHCR ECG

Registered Learners: 50

Learning Programs: 16

KMs: 469,978 **† 21**%

Rides: 12,271 **† 26**%

Passengers: 522 **14%**

Plates of Food: 3,520

Community Lunches: 11

Pop Up Markets: 8

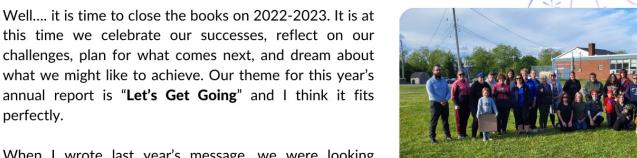
Communities Visited: 5





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A FEW CELEBRATORY REMARKS



When I wrote last year's message, we were looking toward reuniting with the people and programs we had so badly missed. We also knew that we would need to adapt, collaborate, and grow with the changing times and technology. Over the past year, EHCLA, EHCR and the Elmsdale Community Garden have certainly done that! We have experienced many wonderful accomplishments over the past year that we are excited to highlight in this report, including: a refreshed Strategic Plan, a Corporate Sponsorship Program, improved technology, increased fleet, and an amazing community garden program. This past year we have experienced an overall increase in those using all of our services.

Recently, I attended a conference. Included in the teambuilding aspect of the day was a Personality Dimensions activity. Through this activity, participants were able to define their predominant personality style according to a colour. Having experienced this activity in the past, I was not surprised to find that my predominant color is "gold". Folks who present with a strong "gold" color tend to be organized, doers, list makers and get the job done-ers. I also learned that those with strong "gold" skills who function in a leadership role, tend not to just build a team, but build a family. That is so true.



Our EHCLA team is built of amazing, dedicated, caring, compassionate, and empathetic individuals, who do what they do because they care. We are so fortunate and grateful to all of you and all that you contribute to make EHCLA the very best place and East Hants a great place to live.

Please take a few moments to check out our report. I hope, like me, you will feel a sense of pride and accomplishment! Now, "Let's Get Going" and see what 2023-2024 will bring.

























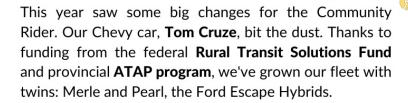


TRAVELLING FURTHER



Meet Pearl & Merle, our twin Ford Escape Hybrids!





We said farewell to Brent Gallant, who retired at the end of September. Thanks for your many miles on the road, Brent! We were very fortunate to find two more amazing team mates, George Morrison and Beverly Clarke.

The Community Rider has been booming, with more rides, passengers and kilometres than ever before! We were grateful to receive funding for the Fare Assistance Program again this year, which enabled low-income passengers to travel for less. We also received a one-time investment from the province to help us keep up with rising costs - this was a huge help in an expensive year!

Another area of growth for us was in the transportation of food. Many people used the Community Rider this year to pick up mobile orders for groceries, meals and **more**. It's an efficient way to do shopping and our drivers are happy to help you get it to your door.

As we close another amazing year, we look back on the many people we reached, the kilometres we drove, and the MANY hours spent on the phone with passengers. Sometimes, people just need to be heard!

> Thank you to everyone that makes our service shine: the drivers, passengers, and our community. We hope next year stays busy, but even more than that, we hope to have more drivers, more vehicles and most importantly, help more people.

- Mobile Order Pick Up & Delivery
- Community Lunch Delivery
- \$5 Vaccination Transportation
- Fare Assistance Program
- Medical Transportation Program
- 2 Shopping Trips to Mic Mac Mall
- **Christmas Lights Tour**





This year, we launched a new Corporate Support Program. You can now advertise on our vans!

THANK YOU TO OUR DRIVERS!







Brent

Gallant

Bev George Morrison

George Robertson

Mark

Lynch

Clarke



LEARNING LONGER





Jean Wright



Tom Richard

Diana Stead



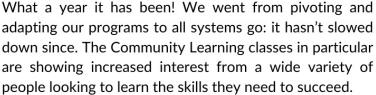


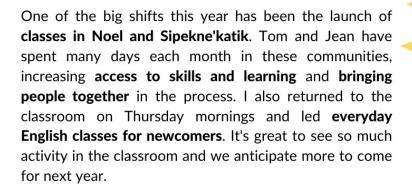












What sticks with me from this year is the joy of seeing people actively taking part and having fun. From our Hot Chocolate Holiday Sing-a-long to the knitting group that meets at our office on Wednesdays, there has rarely been a day without folks laughing, smiling and enjoying the great community that we have built here at EHCLA.











- Adult Learning classes Levels 1-3
- GED Preparation
- Alphabet Soup in Motion
- Digital Literacy Classes
- Take Charge of Your Health
- First Steps in Weaving
- Fly-Tying Sessions





- Poster Making and Presentation at the Elmsdale Legion
- Hot Chocolate Holiday Sing-a-long
- Family Literacy Day Event
- Trip to Pier 21
- Presentation from Hope for Wildlife
- End of Year Party at Oakfield Park









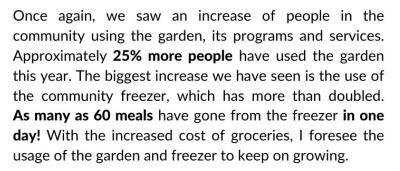
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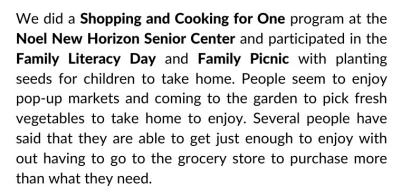












A big part of our success is credit to our garden team, Sara Millen, Krestin Mosa, Becky Grant and all of our volunteers. I feel that as the cost of groceries keep increasing, the need for the garden project will continue to grow. Thanks to all for a successful year and I look forward to the upcoming gardening season.

















- Harvest Dinner
- Seed Planting at the Family Picnic
- at Noel New Horizons









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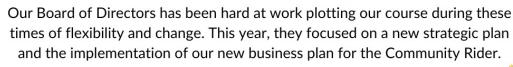






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Leanne **Taylor** MacMillan



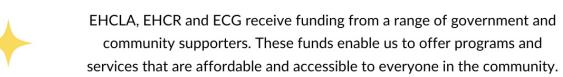




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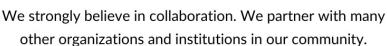














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