

# Brightside Community Homes Foundation

*Supporting our Residents through Connection and Sociability*



## Independent Living:

no daily living services or supports

## 26 buildings:

20 self subsidized, 6 BCH Operating Agreements, 4 under development

## Income Levels:

Must not exceed:

- \$57,500 for a bachelor or one-bedroom unit
- \$69,000 for a two-bedroom unit
- \$80,000 for a three-bedroom unit
- \$88,500 for a four-bedroom unit

Minimum of \$32,000/year

## Rents:

- 30-40% of gross annual income, adjusted every year or every 2<sup>nd</sup> year.
  - Rental fees are calculated on a rent-geared-to income basis (ie. 30-40% of household total gross income, subject to minimum rent based on # of people).
- Minimum rent (for \$32,000 income) is \$800/unit



# Community Development and Resident Support Department (CDRS)

## Director of Community Development and Resident Support

- Oversees development and implementation of strategic priorities related to supporting ongoing wellbeing of Residents

### Community Engagement Coordinator

- Inclusion of Resident voices / Resident Advisory
- Development and use of physical assets: Amenity spaces, Community Gardens, Service Provider In-services and education sessions
- Working with Community Groups, Service Providers and CRNs

### Resident Support Specialist

- Information and Referral to Residents and Families
- Cross department support – Resident and Employees
- Liaising with community services and health authorities re. specific residents.



- **Academic research**
- **Systemic advocacy**

# Brightside Residents



# Survey:

What Information do you already have?

Formal, Informal, Active, Passive

Work with others, especially on larger or more complex issues.

Report Back!



# MY IDEAL COMMUNITY:

- How would you describe it?
- What values might your ideal community hold?
  - brief, pleasant interactions
  - welcoming feeling
  - opportunities for longer visits / interactions
  - safety / feelings of safety
  - accepting the differences of others = culture
    - religion
    - etc.
  - celebrations together / gathering for special

## Re/Connect to Residents

### Challenges:

Power imbalance, post covid social malaise, not all buildings have space. Capacity can be an issue in terms of staff and budget. We know from the surveys that more than 1/3 not interested in getting to know their neighbour better.

### Assets:

**Resident Champions** (find & develop), Information about needs (formal and informal survey responses), many buildings have ample amenity space and/or community gardens. **Resident Advisory Connections with networks, community organizations and universities.**

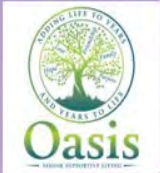


Mount Pleasant  
Neighbourhood House

QUEST food exchange

reduce hunger with dignity, build community, boost sustainability

NEXGEN HEARING



HEY NEIGHBOUR!  
Collective



wellnesspharmacy  
NAZ'S PHARMACY



United Way  
Lower Mainland

SFU SIMON FRASER  
UNIVERSITY



# Connect to Community

*Actively seek relationship and partnerships*

*Know your needs, gaps and interests*

*Be open AND strategic*

*Be clear on the exchange*