

SUCCESSFUL ACCREDITATION DESIGNATION ANNOUNCED BY CARF FOR GVCSS COMMUNITY LIVING PROGRAM

After many months of preparation by Community Living workers, supervisors, the head office management and administrative team and our Board of Directors, the GVCSS Community Living program went through its second CARF accreditation review on May 4 and 5th of this year. The formal status notification was recently received from CARF and we are pleased to announce that GVCSS was successful in achieving its second three- year accreditation designation which is effective to June 2012. A complete copy of the CARF Survey Report results are posted on the GVCSS web-site at www.gvcss.bc.ca under the “Accreditation” section. Following is an excerpt from the CARF report that we are very happy to share with you:



“Greater Vancouver Community Services Society has earned a Three-Year Accreditation. For this significant accomplishment, leadership, staff, and persons served should be justifiably proud.”

We wish to say thank you once again to everyone who worked so diligently on this project, and include below Executive Director Ron McLeod’s letter of appreciation which was forwarded to the Community Living staff following the Accreditation survey.

Dear Community Living Employees:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and senior management staff, I wish to extend our appreciation to all of you for the exemplary work you have done in preparation for the CARF Accreditation Review which took place on May 4th & 5th.

By now you have probably heard that the CARF Survey Team was highly complementary of the professional and compassionate care being provided in all of our six group homes, and that CARF praised the efforts of GVCSS staff to provide a home-like and personalized living environment for the individuals that we serve. Although a final written report of the survey results will not be presented to us for approximately 6 – 8 weeks, we feel that based on the positive verbal feedback that we received from the CARF surveyors our Agency has done exceedingly well in this evaluation process.

Congratulations to each of you for the important work that you do every day on behalf of our Community Living clientele. It is extremely gratifying to receive external recognition and validation from CARF that our collective efforts DO INDEED make a real difference in the lives of our residents, and everyone involved with the Community Living program deserves to share in this remarkable achievement.

Please be assured that we will distribute the final version of the CARF survey results as soon as we receive them. I look forward to celebrating the CARF Report with everyone soon; perhaps as early as July.

Thank you again for all of your hard work on this accreditation project.

Regards,
Ron McLeod, Executive Director