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UNITED WAY OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA (UWNBC) – COMMUNITY IMPACT IN TERRACE

As part of UWNBC community development work, community issues were identified through research and consultation for UWNBC’s 3 pillars: **Successful Kids/Empowered Families, Involved Seniors** and **Healthy Citizens and Safe, Supportive Communities**.

The Terrace issues identified can be summarized as:

Successful Kids/ Empowered Families	Involved Seniors	Healthy Citizens and Safe, Supportive Communities
Need a broader range of child care options (i.e., shift workers, special needs children, etc.)	More activities to engage seniors in community development	Limited access to mental health supports
Need more resources for after school development programs		Limited access to programs for residents with low-risk mental health issues
More affordable / free social and recreational activities for low income youth		
Need more support for lone parent families		Need long-term addiction services / detox facility
For more information please visit: www.unitedwaynbc.ca/Documents/Success_By_6_2010_2011.pdf		

Listed below are current community development, organizational capacity enhancements and community investments that begin to address the community issues identified above. With your support UWNBC will continue to assess needs and invest for change.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- **Community Impact and Investment Committee (CIIC):** UWNBC opened a northwest sub-regional office in Terrace in the fall of 2010. As part of the ongoing work to strengthen the impact UWNBC investments have in the northwest, a Community Impact and Investment Committee (CIIC) was formed in Terrace. The results of their community engagement can be seen in the community impact investment listed below.
- **Days of Caring** – UWNBC organized land clearing at the Ksan House Society’s Communal Garden (250-635-2373). RBC employees provided the labour, preparing the site for planting. UWNBC organizes these opportunities on an ongoing basis as charities request support and businesses step forward to offer their time and talent.

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ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT

- **Facilitation:** UWNBC plays a facilitative role in connecting businesses that have excess new or used resources, be it technologies, furniture, employees or other resources, with charities throughout the region that would benefit from the resources. An example of this is the donation of a photocopier and office furniture from local businesses to two community charities to help them continue providing important community services. UWNBC coordinated the initiative by distributing the information on the opportunities and partnering with another local business to deliver the photocopier.

COMMUNITY IMPACT INVESTMENTS

NORTHERN BC CITIZENS RECEIVED SERVICE THROUGH THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS

PROGRAM NAME	ORGANIZATION	TERRACE	NORTHERN REGION
PEER PROGRAMMING	BC Paraplegic Association 1-800-689-2477	12 persons	121 persons
INFORMATION SERVICES		9 persons	395 persons
REHABILITATION SERVICES	cnib 250-563-1702	62 persons	863 persons
CRISIS PREVENTION, INTERVENTION & INFORMATION	Crisis Centre for Northern BC 250-564-5736	964 persons	6831 persons
MEMBER SERVICES SUPPORT PROGRAM	Positive Living North 250-562-1172	64 contacts made	
CHILDREN WHO WITNESS ABUSE	Amata Transition House Society 250-992-7321	1 person	18 staff were provided training
FOOD 4 THOUGHT	Terrace & District Community Services Society 250 635-3178	12 families	

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COMMUNITY IMPACT INVESTMENTS - JULY 1ST 2011 TO JUNE 30TH 2012

- **BC Paraplegic Association** - The mission of the BC Paraplegic Association is to help people with spinal cord injuries and other physical disabilities achieve independence, self-reliance and full community participation. For further information call 1-800-689-2477 or visit www.bcpara.org.

The BCPA **Peer Program** hosts social groups, special events and educational sessions that give people with spinal cord injuries, their family members and their friends the opportunity to connect with others in similar situations, to try new activities that they may not have thought possible because of their injury and to continue learning about living with an injury.

Information Services: comprised of a Provincial InfoLine (1-800-689-2477), a dynamic website (www.bcpara.org) and a comprehensive SCI Information Database, people can access vital information on issues related to living with a spinal cord injury, such as accessible housing, government benefits, employment opportunities and recreation options.

- **cnib** - Provides community-based support, knowledge and a national voice to ensure blind and partially sighted Canadians have the confidence, skills and opportunities to fully participate in life. For further information call (250) 563-1702 or visit www.cnib.ca.

Rehabilitation Services include: Orientation and Mobility, Independent Living Skills, Career and Employment and Low Vision Services. People who are coping with vision loss receive peer support from trained volunteers and referrals as needed to health professionals, information on obtaining a CNIB ID card, training from service staff to help them remain independent or maintain employment and access to the free CNIB library service.

- **Crisis Prevention, Intervention & Information Centre for Northern BC** - Operates a Crisis line, youth support line and online youth chat room and provides community education workshops and information on community resources. They provide crisis intervention, suicide prevention, resource information, education and confidential peer support for the people of Northern BC. For further information call (250) 564-5736 or visit www.northernbccrisissuicide.ca
- **Amata Transition House Society** – The Amata Transition House is a non-profit feminist based society dedicated to ending all forms of violence against women and children. For more information call 250-992-7321 or visit www.amata.ca

Children Who Witness Abuse: Amata is hosting a training session for Northern BC staff of transition homes in support of Children Who Witness Abuse (CWWA) programs. CWWA is an intervention and prevention based program that addresses the needs of children and youth between the ages of 3 and 18 who have been exposed to abuse.

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- **Positive Living North** - Provides culturally-appropriate care and support for people living with HIV/HCV, their families, and their significant communities; PLN also provides education and prevention information to the community at large. For further information call (250) 562-1172 or visit www.positivelivingnorth.ca

The **Member Services Support Program** supports a Peer Support Worker in providing informal counseling and modeling of healthy choices and lifestyles to others at risk of getting or currently living with HIV/AIDS/Hepatitis C, the ability to network locally, provincially and federally, advocate on behalf of people living with HIV/AIDS/Hepatitis C and develop and initiate Member Services programming.

- **Terrace and District Community Services Society** – Provides services to improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of all citizens of the northwest. For more information call (250) 635-3178 or visit www.tdcss.ca

Food 4 Thought is a cost effective nutrition program that provides nutritious foods and education on nutrition for families. There will be meal planning and cooking instruction and the families will create and distribute a cookbook of nutritious meals using recipes from their program.

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