



Dozens of local agencies receive the benefit of your donations, and with that support – your support – they are able to reach out to the people in their neighbourhoods, and supply much-needed resources to those in need. Read on to hear from some of the agencies that United Way works with every day, right here in Colchester County.

United Way - Third Place Transition House

Third Place Transition House has been in operation since the 1980s. First as a strictly outreach service, then with a shelter opening in 1989. We provide supportive counselling, education, advocacy and other services for women who are involved in unhealthy or abusive relationships. Some of these women have not yet decided to leave their relationships and some of them are women who have stayed in the shelter and still need support. Our catchment area consists of Colchester/East Hants Counties.

A great many the women we have assisted over the years have come from West Colchester County, including but not limited to the commu-

nities of Glenholme, Debert, Portapique, Bass River, Economy and Five Islands. Our pamphlets and other information are currently available in the medical center in Bass River but I am more than happy to distribute our materials in other places where you feel it would be helpful and visible.

We also have a great deal of valuable support from churches, community groups and businesses in West Colchester in the form of donations and fundraising efforts and we greatly appreciate that people in the area have chosen to support us over the years. As the Women's Outreach worker, I am happy to provide presentations about our agency as well as issues related to domestic

violence, to groups and churches in West Colchester as I feel it's important for people to get to know us and for us to be involved with the communities we serve.

Since the early 1990s, through yearly grants, The United Way of Colchester County has made it possible for me to hold group sessions for women where they can share their experiences and help each other grow, provide educational materials and transportation to appointments and events when needed. Thanks to United Way, I have been able to supply women with books on topics designed to help empower them, help them recover and move on, learn to make healthier relationship choices, and

learn new ways to deal with many life challenges.

Most of them are on fixed or low incomes and could not afford to purchase them on their own. The women find these very valuable. There are so many things I could not have accomplished without the assistance of United Way of Colchester and they have made it possible for many women to change their lives for the better. They are truly a blessing to the communities and organizations they assist and we are grateful for all they have given us over the years.

If you would like more information or a presentation about Third Place, both the shelter and our Outreach services, my name is Ann and you can reach me at (902) 895-9740 or ann@thirdplaceth.ca

Homes and Supports for Homelessness



The Province is taking action to help those experiencing homelessness by investing \$10.1 million over two years to provide wrap-around supports, shelter and culturally relevant housing across Nova Scotia. "These investments will create greater stability in the Province's shelter system and move us toward a more preventative approach, with a goal of more permanent housing and shelter for people across the province," said Karla MacFarlane, Minister of Community Services. "We could not do any of this without our dedicated community partners - their work is often difficult, yet

their commitment, kindness and tenacity has been unwavering."

Investments over the next two years include: \$4.2 million to various organizations across the province to maintain emergency shelter investments created during the COVID-19 pandemic; \$1.6 million for the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre for Diamond Bailey House, an Indigenous supportive housing initiative in Halifax. An additional \$76,000 will be provided in the first year for start-up costs; \$1.3 million for emergency, short-term hotel stays and 24/7 wrap-around

supports for individuals temporarily living in hotels; \$931,000 to support people transitioning out of correctional facilities. This includes funding for the John Howard Society and the Elizabeth Fry Society of Mainland Nova Scotia; \$713,000 annually to Shelter Nova Scotia to stabilize operations; \$630,000 to Adsum for Women and Children to launch a Diverting Families program in East Preston and to pilot the program for Nova Scotians living in Shelburne, Yarmouth and Digby. The Diverting Families program will work directly with families who are in crisis due to homelessness or impending homelessness.

Over the two years of these

investments, the government will work closely with community partners and other levels of government to be responsive to the needs of vulnerable, homeless or precariously housed families and

individuals. Future investments will be driven by the changing housing market, feedback from stakeholders and partners, and the needs of Nova Scotians across the province.

Remembrance Day Online Tool

To help business owners and their employees observe this day while complying with provincial legislation, a new online tool has been created to clarify how the Remembrance Day Act applies to businesses. The new tool was launched during Small Business Week. Remembrance Day is a time to pay respects and honour those who have served and those who continue to serve.

Remembrance Day is a unique holiday in Nova Scotia. The Remembrance Day Act outlines which businesses can operate on November 11, includes rules about holiday pay and exempts certain businesses from the rules altogether. The new online tool is available at <https://remembranceday.novascotia.ca/>

For more information on the Remembrance Day Act, visit: <https://novascotia.ca/lac/employmentrights/remembrance.asp>



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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM LEADERS

Village of Bible Hill is recruiting two After School Program Leaders for the 2021-2022 school year. These positions will deliver fun, interactive programs in Bible Hill and Valley schools. We are looking for passionate, energetic, mature, and responsible leaders with an interest in developing leadership skills to lead our programs. The programs will be physical activity-focused, with elements of play, self-leadership, and teamwork. Most programs will be based on outdoor play, games, skill building, and nature awareness activities. The programs take place directly after school multiple days per week.

Position Overview:

After School Program Leaders will play a strong role in the design, promotion, and delivery of after school programs for youth ages 10-14. Leaders will work with children/youth, and must have an understanding of the importance of being a positive role model. The position requires individuals who enjoy physical activity, sport and/or recreation, and are interested in learning new skills around youth engagement and delivering quality programs which promote being active for life.

Qualifications:

- Current CPR/first aid certificate
- Volunteer or work experience that involves children/youth is an asset
- High energy with a positive outlook with the passion for working with children/youth
- Possess strong interpersonal and organizational skills
- Enthusiastic individual who believes it is important to be physically active and have fun
- Strong communication skills are essential
- An understanding of risk management and delivering safe programs
- Satisfactory criminal record and child abuse registry checks are a non-negotiable condition of employment
- Reliable transportation to school work site(s)

To Apply:

Please send resume and a letter expressing interest by 4:30pm, October 15, 2021 to Josh Kennedy, Parks and Recreation Director - josh.kennedy@biblehill.ca

Senior Fitness Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for Senior Fitness classes. Classes resumed back on Wednesday, September 8.
Where: H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall, 69 Pictou Rd, Bible Hill.
When: Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:30am and 11:30am; and Fridays at 11:15am. Registration is required.
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