
Bridging Generations Newsletter



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Program Update

As we reflect on this past season, we would like to take a moment to extend our deepest gratitude to all the volunteers who participated in our intergenerational programs.

For instance, in our Letters to Seniors program, despite the challenges presented by the postal strike, we are thrilled to share that we collected and distributed a total of 345 heartfelt holiday messages to seniors living in care homes. Your generosity and compassion have made a significant impact, brightening the lives of many who may not have had the chance to receive such kind messages.

The dedication of all of our volunteers continues to be a vital part of the success of our programs, and we are incredibly grateful for your support.

Thank you for spreading joy and warmth during this holiday season, and for your ongoing commitment to making a difference in the lives of seniors and youth.



Important News

We want to share some important news regarding the future of Volunteer Grandparents. After an incredible 20 years of dedicated program delivery, Veronica Grossi, our current Program Manager, will be stepping back to embrace new opportunities. Veronica has been an essential part of our organization, and we deeply appreciate her hard work, commitment, and leadership over the years.

To ensure the continued success of our programs, we are pleased to announce that Hope Stenhouse will be stepping in as the new Program Coordinator. Hope will be working closely with Veronica to support the delivery of our three core programs: the Family Match Program, School Grandparent Program, and Letters to Seniors Program. We are confident that Hope's experience and passion for our mission will provide a smooth transition as we continue to grow and support our community.

Veronica is fully committed to ensuring this transition is as seamless as possible. She will be working closely with Hope and Volunteer Grandparents' members to ensure that everyone continues to feel supported, and that all our programs are sustained with the same level of excellence you've come to expect.

We are excited for this next chapter and look forward to the continued success of Volunteer Grandparents.

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Snow flakes and New Faces: Welcome Our New Program Coordinator



Hope Stenhouse, PBD Gerontology at Simon Fraser University

Meet Hope Stenhouse, Our new Program Coordinator

We are thrilled to introduce Hope Stenhouse, our new Program Coordinator. Originally from Edmonton, Alberta, Hope has worked in senior care with The Good Samaritan Society and holds a degree in Health Administration. Currently, she is continuing her studies in gerontology at Simon Fraser University, including critical issues like social isolation and ageism in healthcare.

Hope's background in health administration, combined with her passion for aging issues, has fueled her dedication to bridging gaps between generations. Her goal is to enhance the lives of seniors through meaningful connections, and she is excited to facilitate volunteer opportunities that bring together older adults and younger generations. By fostering these relationships, she hopes to improve individual well-being and create stronger, more cohesive communities.

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