



Nezul Be Hunuyeh Child & Family Services Society

May 2019 Newsletter

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New Initiatives

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"Nezul Be Hunuyeh

Child & Family Services"

We are pleased to announce that our vision for a Youth Transition House has become a reality! We are currently in the process of planning and hiring for our new program. The home will accommodate 6 youth from both Nak'azdli & Tl'azt'en which are transitioning to adulthood. The home will provide a safe, secure and supported atmosphere for these youth on youth agreements and/or transitioning out of care.

The program will prepare them for independence through: education and employment support, life skills support, cultural support and landlord/tenant support. Each youth will have an education/employment plan and will be supported from staff working around the clock to achieve their goals.

Help us in selecting a name for our home.

See details in this newsletter.

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Hearts & Dreams

Nezul Be Hunuyeh hosted a Hearts & Dreams event on May 25, 2019 at Nak'al Bun School for Nak'azdli children who are residing outside their familial homes, along with their caregivers. Invited guests enjoyed a catered meal and music entertainment by Thomas Mueller a member of Nak'azdli Whut'en and actor from the TV series "Blackstone".

The community witnessed a "Coming of Age Ceremony" for Alicia Isaac as she makes the transition from Youth to a Young Adult in this powerful and moving ceremony. She was gifted with symbolic gifts of Food, Medicine, Language, Music & Spirit. She was blanketed by Three Lusilyoo Clan Grandmothers. The ceremony was witnessed by over one hundred community members in attendance who individually wished her well as she made her way around the large circle formed in her honor.

Happy Birthday Alicia, we wish you all the best on your journey.

Celebrated in May and June, Honouring Memories, Planting Dreams invites individuals and organizations to join in reconciliation by planting heart gardens in their communities. Heart gardens honour residential school survivors and their families, as well as the legacy of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. Each heart represents the memory of a child lost to the residential school system, and the act of planting represents that individual's commitment to finding their place in reconciliation. In 2017, more than 4500 hearts were planted in gardens across Canada. Everyone who attended the Hearts & Dreams event on May 25, 2019 received a heart to record the name of someone close to them who attended Residential School.

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The inaugural Honouring Memories, Planting Dreams event took place at Rideau Hall as part of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's closing ceremonies on June 3, 2015. In support of the main event, individuals and organizations across Canada planted more than 6,000 hearts in over 80 heart gardens. Nezul Be Hunuyeh planted their first Heart Garden in 2018.

A presentation was made to acknowledge the caregivers who open their hearts and homes to care for Nak'azdli Children. We hold our hands up to them as they support the children and youth in their care to dream big.



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Elder's Working Group:

The Elders working group is based out of the Prince George office. It is a social group that focuses on language and culture. The Elders group meets on a monthly basis; however, May was their last meeting as they will be taking a break until the fall season. Elders network with the social workers and Nezul Be Hunuyeh families to provide direction on the care and planning of our children. During the gatherings, Elders offer the opportunity to hear our traditional language and history, share bannock and drink tea.



Young Warriors:

- Harvesting spring medicine: so far we have picked Red Willow Nuts
- Spring Inipi Ceremony May 28
- Agate picking at a Gravel Pit
- Beach Day at Cottonwood Park
- Drum Making
- Young Warrior Boys learned about the Porcupine story and how to remove quills from a porcupine
- Young Warrior Girls made Porcupine Quill Bracelets and Necklaces



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Tsilbalyan T'o:

- May 1:** We had 7 Elders attend a luncheon
Watched a video on a late elder
- May 2** 2 Elders, Gloria Alexander and Genevieve Pierre, came in and told stories about residential school
First day of sewing
- May 13:** Gloria Monk came in to teach parents how to make clan vests and moccasins
- May 14:** Listened to recorded clan songs and practiced them
- May 15:** Tl'azt'en health fair
Dakelh shared games
- May 16:** Attended the Tl'azt'en Health fair
Listened to recorded stories about local pictographs located on Stuart Lake
Ruth came in and met with 2 of the parents
- May 21:** Beading projects
- May 22:** Met with Prenatal Program Coordinator so we can partner up with her group.
- May 23:** Elders came for lunch and met with Ruth to discuss the Indian Horse movie
- May 27:** Started loom beading; One of the parents taught her teenage daughter how to loom bead and it took her only 5 hours to make a bracelet
- May 28:** Helen Johnnie came in to visit. She was happy to see the parents beading. She also told us some stories
- May 29:** Review Helen's stories from previous visit
- May 30:** Continued with beading projects. One of the fathers beaded an orca whale barrette for the schools fundraiser.

Thank you to Olivia Lynn Roberts for donating Moose hide, prizes and games to the Tsilbalyan T'o Program!



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New Staff

Greetings! My name is Carrie Davis. I hail from Kispiox, BC from the house of Gyologet and belong to the Lax Gibuu (wolf) clan. I grew up in Prince Rupert, BC but I have lived in Prince George since 2009. My husband is from the Nisga'a nation and together we have two beautiful children.

I began my journey with Nezul Be Hunuyeh in January of 2019 where I completed my fourth year practicum placement in Family Services and Guardianship. Since, I have graduated from the Bachelors of Social Work Program with a First Nations Specialization and have begun employment with Nezul Be Hunuyeh as the Prince George Team Assistant. My previous experience is working with seniors in residential care and I have also spent several years working in photography. I am passionate cultural preservation, holistic approaches, Indigenous education, and violence prevention.

I am excited to continue my professional career with Nezul Be Hunuyeh. I look forward to assisting the Prince George staff and feel blessed to have the opportunity to join this flourishing agency.



Dzin hoonzoo, My name is Dawn Pius.

I was born and raised in Fort St. James and I am a Tl'azt'en band member. I am from the Lusilyoo clan. My grandparents on my father's side are the late John and Vera Henkes. My grandparents on my mother's side are Mildred Martin and the late Frank Martin. My parents are Rita Henkes and the late Lawrence Henkes.

I have been working at the Nezul Be Hunuyeh agency for just over three years. I previously worked as the Resource Social Worker and recently moved into the Admin/Team Assistant position as of April 2019.



Family Services Group:

The family services group meet every Wednesday from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.

For the last 6-8 weeks Kari Barge has been leading this group and has been teaching topics:

- Self-esteem
- Arguing fairly
- Motivation
- Five year goals
- Vision boards

We have also planted herb gardens, and created recipe books for the families to take home.

The month of June we had a community member from Tl'azt'en who is wanting to do a beading project, so we will be connecting with her to make this happen.

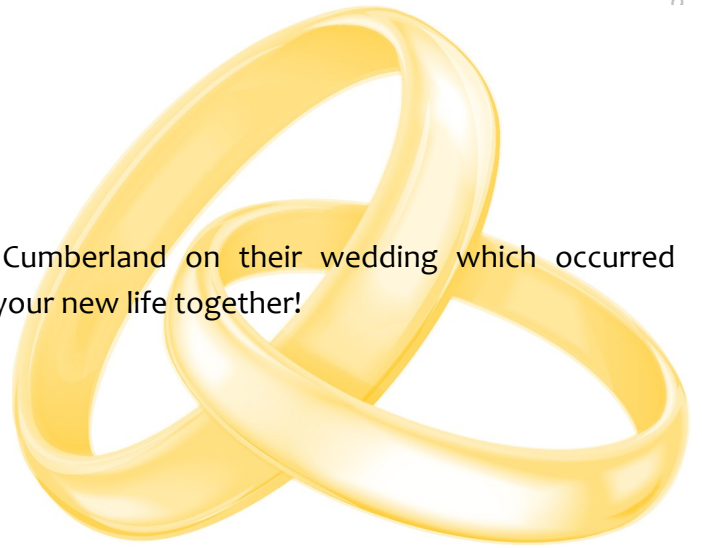
For more information, Contact: Katelynn Buchner, Family Service Worker.
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Congratulations

Warmest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Cumberland on their wedding which occurred May 25, 2019. We would like to wish you all the best in your new life together!



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Sincerest condolences:

To the Morris and Aslin Families on the loss of their beloved mother and grandmother, Mary Lebrun. Mary served as a Nezul Be Hunuyeh Board Member for Nak'azdli for several years. She brought wisdom, knowledge, humor and a peaceful presence to the boardroom table. She leaves a legacy with the children and families of Tl'azt'en and Nak'azdli.

To Dennis and Leona Cumberland and the Nooski Family on the loss of their beloved mother Margaret Nooski.

Thank you



Thank you to Driftwood Valley Outfitters Ltd for donating a freshly hunted black bear. The Young Warriors have processed the meat by smoking it in the smoke house, cut/wrap the meat. The meat will be shared with the children in care, and families. The hide will be processed by young warriors to make it into a rug to be used for ceremonies and circles.

Thank you to Ruth Suvee, Holistic Practitioner for doing a session of Expressive Art Therapy.

Thank you to the BC Regional Correctional Centre for donating wood for the sweat lodge. The wood should last for all the ceremonies throughout the year.

Thank you to Dawn Pius for donating a Porcupine to the Young Warriors group



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NEZUL BE HUNUYEH CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES IS RECRUITING!

Resource Worker – Permanent Full-Time, Fort St. James

We are offering an exciting opportunity to become part of a passionately dedicated and skilled team. Under the supervision of the Manager of Child & Family Services, the Resource Worker will recruit Caregivers in the Fort St. James area and provide ongoing education, information and support to existing caregivers.

Key Areas of Responsibility

- Recruit Caregivers and complete homestudies
- Develop, plan, and attend caregiver recruitment events
- Collaborate with Nezul Be Hunuyeh staff and other professionals
- Attend meetings with caregivers and other school/ health professionals to provide advocacy and support
- Work with social workers in placement planning for children in care
- Plan caregiver training opportunities
- Work closely with Nezul Be Hunuyeh staff and community service providers to identify kin caregivers

The Successful applicant will:

- Work independently and collaboratively building effective interpersonal relationships
- Have strong analytical and assessment skills
- Be proficient in the use of computer programs as well as oral and written communication
- Have knowledge of Dakelh Culture and the communities served by Nezul Be Hunuyeh
- Have a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) or related Human Services Degree; Social Services Worker Diploma with experience may be considered

Applicant must agree to a Criminal Record Check and have a valid Class 5 Driver's License.

Experience working with MIS/ICM and Best Practices is an asset

First Nations ancestry is an asset

Please submit resume and cover letter to:

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Youth Transition Worker – 2 (two) openings – Permanent Full-Time, Fort St. James

We are offering an exciting opportunity to become part of a passionately dedicated and skilled team. Under the supervision of the Manager of Youth Services, the Youth Transition Worker will provide youth with safe, secure and affordable living until they are fully prepared to transition into living independently.

Key Areas of Responsibility

- Assist youth in successful transition to adulthood and live successfully in a residential setting through lifeskills, enhancement/development and connecting youth to available community resources
- Participate in assessment, goal setting, creating personal service plans and program planning for youth living in the residence.
- Actively participate in all in-house activities
- Recognize and respond to potential emergency situations
- Perform administrative tasks such as documentation, statistical record keeping, program planning, report preparation, and client contact notes.
- Assist youth in accessing supports and resources
- Transport youth to appointments, shopping, school, leisure activities such as outlined in their contract/services agreement.
- Perform residence maintenance, janitorial, and housekeeping duties such as sweeping and washing common areas, stocking basic pantry, planning and cooking meals as scheduled, lawn maintenance, and snow removal as required, kitchen maintenance, bathroom maintenance.

The Successful applicant will:

- Work independently and collaboratively building effective interpersonal relationships
- Have strong analytical and assessment skills
- Have strong planning, organization, and time management skills
- Be proficient in the use of computer programs as well as oral and written communication
- Have knowledge of Dakelh Culture and the communities served by Nezul Be Hunuyeh
- Have an understanding and appreciation of Carrier cultural beliefs, values, ceremony, teaching, and a commitment to continue learning, participating, and advocating during any opportunity provided by the communities served by Nezul Be Hunuyeh or Nezul Be Hunuyeh Child & Family Services
- Have a Certificate in Child and Youth Work or Human Services Work and experience directly related to youth; an equivalent combination of post-secondary education and appropriate training/experience may be considered

Applicant must agree to a Criminal Record Check and have a valid Class 5 Driver's License.

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CULTURAL BONDING

NAK'AZDLI CULTURAL CENTER

JUNE 19TH | 12PM - 7:00PM

JUNE THEME:

HUNTING AND BIRCH BARK GATHERING DAY

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Name Our Building Contest



The name must encompass our vision of the house to be a place that empowers youth who are beginning their life journey as young adults.



\$100.00 gift certificate to the winner.

Please send submissions to:

Maria Willick, Youth Program Manager

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