



# Nezul Be Hunuyeh

## Child & Family Services Society

October/November 2019 Newsletter  
Lhoh Ooza'/Banghan Nuts'ukih  
Time of the Whitefish/  
Half of this time we travel by boat

## Hearts & Dreams

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"Nezul Be Hunuyeh

Child & Family Services"

Caregivers, Children, Families, Board of Directors, and staff gathered at Eugene Joseph School on October 26 for our Hearts & Dreams event. The Event was organized to provide an opportunity for children who reside outside their community to return home along with their caregivers to enjoy time with their families. It was also an opportunity to acknowledge all the caregivers, grandmas, grandpas, and other family members who step up to provide care for children so they don't have to leave the community. We hold up our hands in appreciation to those who want to make a difference by opening their hearts and homes.



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# Hearts & Dreams

The late Mary Lebrun was honored for her contributions to the Agency as a member of the Nezul Be Hunuyeh Board of Directors for ten years.

Mary's family was present to accept a blanket and drum in her honor.



Long serving Board of Director members Verne Tom and Doreen Austin were blanketed and received drums to acknowledge their contributions on the Board of Directors for Nezul Be Hunuyeh.



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# Hearts & Dreams

The community witnessed a Coming of Age Ceremony for youth transitioning to young adults. Daizeray Felix-Paula, Raylene Dennis, Justice Collier, and Montana Duncan were recognized with traditional gifts including:

The Gift of Music—A handmade drum presented by Dennis Cumberland

The Gift of Food—Traditional foods presented by Allan Roberts

The Gift of Medicine—Dakelh Medicine presented by Jonas Morris

The Gift of Family—Genealogy presented by Michelle Chase

The Gift of Spirit—A feather presented by Jolene Prince

The Give of Love—A button blanket created by Yvonne Pierreroy and presented by Clan Grandmothers Karen Hanson and Margaret Mattess



As Raylene, Justice, and Montana were not in attendance, family members stood in their place to accept their gifts.

Our best wished and congratulations to all four of these young people as they continue on their journey. May all your dreams come true!



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# Hearts & Dreams



*Each gift represents traditional knowledge that allows the young adults to know they can always come back to their home of: Language, medicine, food, the gift of spirit, family and their clans*



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# Support Services: Apple Day



The mouth watering smells of apples and cinnamon drifted through the halls of Nak'al Bun October 9 and Eugene Joseph Elementary October 15 as students had the opportunity to learn how to make apple crisp that's to a joint project between Nezul Be Hunuyeh (NBH), St. Vincent de Paul and the Okanagan Fruit Growers. Each year a group of fruit growers donate the apples which are then transported to Prince George and distributed by the St. Vincent de Paul Society to over 30 agencies in Prince George and area including NBH. A pickup load of apples was bagged and distributed to school children along with baking demonstration by NBH staff, a recipe and all the ingredients needed to make the recipe at home. NBH Executive Director, Michelle Chase, a 33 year volunteer with the St. Vincent de Paul Society is grateful for the opportunity to be included in the project. "This is the sixth year the children and families we serve have benefited and it's a great opportunity to provide fresh fruit to the kids".



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## Support Services: Tsibalyan T'o

Tsibalyan T'o provides a place for caregivers and their preschool children to learn together and support each other in a culturally enriched learning environment. The drop in program, coordinated by Anne Michell and Assistant Leona Nooski has become a gathering place for families. A total of 1350 people accesses the program between October 2018 and July 2019. The program runs four days per week including a family night every Tuesday evening.

### Tsibalyan T'o Hours of Operation:

**Monday, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Tuesday, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Wednesday, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Thursday, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm**

### Activities Include:

#### October

**Cultural Activities**

**Drum Making with Dennis, Sewing Regalia for Baby Welcoming**

**Holiday Activities**

**Halloween Crafts, Halloween Party, Thanksgiving Dinner**



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# Support Services: Tsibalyan T'o

## November

Cultural Learning	Drum Making with Dennis, Drumming & Singing Dakelh Games, Dakelh Scavenger Hunt
Holiday Activities	Remembrance Day Craft & Teaching
Cooking	Preparing homemade baby food, Pizza, baking
Family Game Night	




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## Introducing: Leona Nooski

Welcome to new staff member Leona Nooski. Leona was hired as our Early Years Assistant at Tsibalyan T'o. Leona is from Nadleh Whut'en, a member of the Duntem'yoo (Bear) Clan and daughter of the late Ernie Nooski Sr. and the late Margaret Nooski. Leona has one 14 year old son. Leona recently relocated to Fort St. James and is married to Dennis Cumberland. Leona is enjoying her new position and meeting the children and families of Tl'azt'en Nation.



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# Support Services: **Tl'azt'en Baby Welcoming**

The 2nd Annual Tl'azt'en Baby Welcoming Ceremony took place on November 9, 2019. Clan Leaders, Elders and Community members welcomed 22 babies.

Nezul Be Hunuyeh gifted each baby with a blanket and moccasins presented by Nezul Be Hunuyeh Board of Director, Genevieve Pierre, with a wish to “wrap your child in love and set their feet on the right path.”



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## Support Services: Fall/Winter Clothing Drive

Nezul Be Hunuyeh hosted the annual Fall/Winter Clothing Drive at Eugene Joseph Elementary on November 5. NBH accepts donations of new and gently used clothing throughout the year. Staff sort and distribute to children and families twice per year, in the spring and fall, at Eugene Joseph school. Teachers accompany their students one class at a time to “shop” for their seasonal clothing while NBH staff are on hand to help the students. Each child also receives a hygiene bag containing hygiene items along with new socks and underwear. The children look forward to these events as a former administrator states “When the kids hear NBH is coming, they know it’s going to be a good day”.



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## Community Advocate: Nak'azdli & Tl'azt'en

Nezul Be Hunuyeh has contracted with Nak'azdli Whut'en and Tl'azt'en Nation to hire a community advocate worker in each of their communities to provide support and information to families who are involved in the child welfare system.

### **A community advocate provides the following services:**

- Advocacy for families who are involved in the child welfare system
- Attends with MCFD when they receive a child protection report
- Attends with MCFD workers when they interview children
- Attends family court proceedings with families in Fort St. James
- Ensures families understand their rights in relation to child welfare law
- Assists families in securing legal counsel
- Receives court documents for families who are residing outside traditional lands
- Assists in developing safety plans for children to prevent removals from the community
- Attends family court in Fort St. James to provide support and information and to speak on behalf of the band
- Attends meetings with the family

For community members who reside in Prince George, Nezul Be Hunuyeh workers provide these services. NBH cannot make decisions on behalf of a band in regards to the bands position. They can however, present the bands position if requested.

NBH also provides mentorship and training to community advocates.





## Community Advocate: Training

Nezul Be Hunuyeh hosted training for Community Advocates, Elders, staff and Board of Directors October 23 and 24 in Fort St. James.

Presenter, Lise Haddock led participants through the *Child, Family, and Community Services Act* and provided an introduction to Bill C92 *An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Metis children, youth and families*.

Lise Haddock is an indigenous woman from Manitoba of Cree Metis descent. She brings many years experience as the Executive Director at Lalum'utul' Smun'eem Child & Family Services and as the Director of Aboriginal Initiatives for the Office of the Representative for Children and Youth. Lise will be back in February as a keynote speaker at our Sharing Medicine Event.



## SHARING MEDICINE

### COMMUNITY SERVICES EVENT

Come explore Services & Resources for Children, Youth, Adults and Elders provided within your community!



**Tl'azt'en Nation**—February 10, 2020  
Eugene Joseph School, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Nak'azdli Whut'en**—February 14, 2020  
Kwah Hall, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

# TSIBALYAN T'O - DECEMBER EVENTS



## HOURS OF OPERATION:

### MONDAY

11:00 am — 2:00 pm

### TUESDAY — NEW HOURS!

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

### WEDNESDAY

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

### THURSDAY

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

### Contact Eagles Nest for



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Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
1	2 Christmas Decorating	3 4:00 - 7:00 PM Christmas Decorating	4 Dakelh Games & Crafts	5 Cultural Connections with Dennis	6	7
8	9 Christmas Baking	10 11:00 - 2:00 pm Christmas Baking	11 TBT Closed	12 TBT Closed	13	14
15	16 Dakelh Games & Crafts	17 4:00 - 7:00 pm Special Christmas Dinner	18 Dakelh Games & Crafts	19 Cultural Connections with Dennis	20	21
22	23 Crafts & Snacks	24 11:00 - 2:00 pm Crafts & Snacks	25 STAT - Closed 	26 STAT - Closed 	27 Dakelh Games & Crafts 11:-00 - 2:00 pm	28
29	30 TBT Closed	31 TBT Closed				



# Programs Offered:

## Fort St. James Office:

**Young Warriors Boys**—*Wednesday, 3:00 - 5:30 pm*

**Young Warriors Girls**—*Thursday 3:30 - 5:30pm*

**‘Alhgoh ‘Uts’ut’en “Working Together” - Next Meeting Date**

**January 22, 2020 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm, Nak’azdli Elder’s Centre**

## Prince George Office:

**Family Service Group**—*Tuesdays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm*

**Young Warriors Girls**—*Tuesdays 3:30 - 6:30 pm*

**Young Warriors Boys**—*Thursdays 3:30 - 6:30 pm*

## Tl'azt'en Office

**Tsibalyan T’o Eagles Nest, Monday - Thursday**



*Nedusneke-ne Dax on Hais Gvahn – Following the Trail of Our Ancestors”*

# Dreams Take Flight



Five lucky kids went on the trip of a lifetime to Disneyland on October 22, 2019. Keira Alexis, Mario Lessard, Keifer Prince, Dalton Basil, and Avery Alexis along with Chaperone Winnie Sam, spent one fun filled day thanks to Dreams Take Flight.

This is the third year Nezul Be Hunuyeh has been involved in the program thanks to the efforts of Anna Whitely who submitted the application and made all the arrangements. The kids spent a fun filled day enjoying all Disneyland had to offer and returned home with a bag full of Disneyland swag and a lifetime memory.

Musi Cho to Winnie, Anna, and Dreams take flight!



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# Young Warriors

Our Young Warrior groups have been busy the last few months with harvesting, Traditional teachings and life skills workshops. Boys and Girls groups are offered once per week in Prince George and Fort St. James, let by Crystal French and Joshua Mueller in Prince George and Jolene Prince, Dennis Cumberland and Joshua Prince in Fort St. James.

## Activities Include:

### October & November

<b>Traditional Teachings</b>	<b>Introductions, Feather Teaching, Preparing Smudge, Medicine Wheel Teaching, Making Tools, Historic Park, Legends and Story Telling</b>
<b>Harvesting</b>	<b>Rosehips, Ludi Musjek, Cranberries</b>
<b>Lifeskills/Wellness</b>	<b>Pilates, Baking, Hiking, Making Fire, Personality Colors workshop</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>Pumpkin carving and Roasted Pumpkin Seeds, Remembrance Day Honoring Indigenous Veterans</b>



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# Annual General Meeting:

Nezul Be Hunuyeh held their 17th Annual General Meeting on November 13, 2019 at the Fort St. James Community Centre. Staff, Board of Directors and Membership were in attendance. The Society Membership is made up of the Chief & Councils of Tl'azt'en Nation and Nak'azdli Whut'en. In Addition to presentation of the annual report, we welcomed new Board of Directors Renada Walstrom, Nak'azdli, Genevieve Pierre and Michelle Aslin-Pierre, Tl'azt'en.

## Staff Milestone Awards were presented to:

Michelle Chase	15 years of Service
Michelle Morris	10 years of Service
Monica Brittain	10 years of Service
Lori Den Engelsen	5 years of Service
Anna Whitely	5 years of Service
Katelynn Buchner	5 years of Service
Patrice Moonie	5 years of Service



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# IN MEMORY OF MARY LEBRUN

1937–2019



*A loving Grandmother, Mother, Aunt, respected Elder and  
encharming Medicine Women*

*Mary served as an Elder Advisor on the Nezul Be Hunuyeh  
Board of Directors for 10 years*

*Mary showed compassion, dedication and commitment to her people and the  
children and families we serve*

*Her spirit lives on in our board room, in her teachings, in the plants she gath-  
ered, on the land she loved and in the medicines she leaves behind.*

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## **NEZUL BE HUNUYEH CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES IS RECRUITING!**

### **Casual Family Connection Workers – Fort St. James, BC**

We are offering an exciting opportunity to become part of a passionately dedicated and skilled team. Under the supervision of Manager of Child and Family Services, the Family Connections worker will be working with a culturally centered Delegated Aboriginal Agency to ensure holistic, culturally focused services are provided to the children and families we serve.

#### **Key Areas of Responsibility**

- transport and supervise visits between children and their families
- schedule visits as required

#### **The Successful applicants will:**

- demonstrate excellent written, oral, and problem-solving skills
- Should be proficient in Microsoft Office Software and computers
- Knowledge of the Carrier culture and history is an asset

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

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**Closing Date: ONCE POSITION IS FILLED**





## **NEZUL BE HUNUYEH CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES IS RECRUITING!**

### **Youth Mentorship Workers – Part-Time, On call, 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 Mentorship Workers 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.

First Nations ancestry is an asset

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## NEZUL BE HUNUYEH CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES IS RECRUITING!

### Youth 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 Youth Services, Youth Care Worker is to assist our youth aged 13 -19 in meeting their individualize goals through support, referrals, skill development, education, mentorship and cultural continuity

#### Key Areas of Responsibility

- Provides one-on-one advocacy and support services to youth on assigned caseload.
- Provide crisis de-escalation, intervention, supports and referrals to youth
- Assists with planning special events, camps, and project for youth.
- Facilitate group and workshop for youth on various areas
- Connect youth and their families with community resources and supports
- Provide short term, intensive and outcome-focused intervention/services that promote growth and improve life and social skills functioning.
- Maintain and complete documentation including service plans, case contact notes, statistical record keeping, program planning and report preparation to Manager
- Transport youth to appointments, shopping, school, leisure activities and such as outlined in their contract/services agreement

#### The Successful applicant will:

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- 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
- Have experience in strength-based and evidence informed practice including motivational interviewing, crisis intervention, problem solving, conflict resolution and behavior modification

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Evenings and weekends may be required

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November 20, 2019

### Power Outage Protocol

Power outages are a common occurrence in Fort St. James. In most cases, power outages are very short in nature, but some last longer than 2-4 hours.

When the outages are going to be longer than 3 hours (especially in freezing weather), the following Protocol will be put in place.

- Kwah Hall will be opened and used as a Warming Center.
- Any event that is taking place in Kwah hall will be canceled.
- If there is a Potlatch or Funeral, Kwah Hall will open after to the public
- All Nak'azdli members and surrounding community are welcomed.
- The kitchen will be used to heat or cook food.
- There will be refreshments provided.

If you have questions do not hesitate to call the Band Office at 250-996-7171

Thank you

Tarina Honeywell

**Events and Communication Coordinator**

# TL'AZT'EN CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S FAIR

December 17, 2019

1:00 pm - 7:00 pm—Eugene Joseph

## NAK'AZDLI COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 12, 2019

12:30—2:30 pm—Kwah Hall

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