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Semiahmoo House Society's Star Athletes

Heart of a Champion!

Everything Derek Tomm seems to touch turns to gold. Derek is 4 years removed from his team winning a gold medal in soccer at the Special Olympics in Shanghai, China and is eager to defend that title this summer in Greece. Derek's team won the nationals, which were held in London, Ontario last summer, to qualify for the worlds again. Derek will be accompanied by his dad and stepmom in Greece, they were there to cheer him on in Shanghai in 2007 as well.

Derek recently decided to try another sport in addition to soccer, he has taken on swimming and is already showing his power and technique in the pool. Derek went an unbelievable 3 for 3 in his first swim meet! That's 3 first places finishes in the 3 events Derek was registered in, the 25m and 50m backstroke and the 50m freestyle.



Stacey... A star! Going the distance!

SHS also wishes Stacey Kohler well on her journey to Athens, Greece where she will be representing Canada at the Special Olympics World Summer Games.

In June, Stacey will be competing in the 800-metre, 1,500-metre, and 3,000 metre events!

Stacey has been working hard to get ready for the Games! She's been kick-boxing, running 3 times a week and meeting with a personal trainer twice a week! Wow!!!



We are so proud of you Stacey and Derek! You show us that with hard work and dedication, anything is possible. We wish you both all the best this summer in Greece!



Visit: www.specialolympics.bc.ca/

“...they need a hero that can tell them that sometimes,
the impossible can become possible... if you're awesome!”
~ from the Walt Disney movie 'Bolt'

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lifestyles

Runner set for 'dream' event

Hannah Sutherland
Staff Reporter

Stacey Kohler and her family are preparing for “the trip of a lifetime” to Athens, Greece this June, where the South Surrey resident will represent Canada at the Special Olympics World Summer Games.

Stacey, who has a developmental disability, was still riding the excitement of her gold-medal performance last summer at nationals in London, Ont. when discussing the accomplishment with *Peace Arch News* this week.

“I got emotion in my stomach,” she said of winning first in the 800-metre, 1,500-m and 3,000-m events. “I’m so happy. I got butterflies in my stomach now.”

Stacey – who is active at Semiahmoo House Society – has been involved with Special Olympics BC since she was 16, and runs with its Delta chapter.

The times she clocked at nationals last July were personal bests, and qualified her to compete at the world level. She will be the only one from B.C. running for Team Canada in the 800 m, 1,500 m, 3,000 m and 4x400 m relay.

“This was kind of a dream,” Stacey’s mother, Breyli Kohler, said.

As the competition draws nearer, the 27-year-old continues to train regularly by kickboxing four times a week, working with a personal trainer twice a week and running six kilometres three days a week.



Janek Bajerski photo

Stacey Kohler shows off the three gold medals she won at nationals last summer. In June, she will compete in Greece.

“She’s like a little energizer bunny,” Breyli said, noting the upcoming trip will be Stacey’s first time abroad.

While opening ceremonies kick off June 25, Stacey and other athletes will have an opportunity to tour Athens and take in the culture a few days beforehand.

Stacey said she is looking forward to tasting authentic spanakopitas, as well as excelling on the track.

“I’m hoping to get another medal,” she said, noting her parents and boyfriend Andrew will be cheering her on from the stands. “It feels good – my mom is cheering in my head. That

makes me happy.”

Stacey has another opportunity to look forward to this year – she has been lined up with work at Choices Markets through Semiahmoo House Society’s Customized Employment Program, which assists people with disabilities in finding meaningful employment.

Breyli said it’s positive for Stacey – who is friendly, loves to talk and is a hard worker – to be out in the workforce.

“It’s just nice that some of these companies are willing to give our guys a chance... They’re all capable, but not everybody is willing to give them a chance.”

Semiahmoo House Society Board of Directors

We want to share with you the members of our Board of Directors. These members recently spent time listing "What's Important TO ME" about being on Semi's Board. We thought we'd share some of their thoughts to help you see the high quality of motivation and focus they bring. At Semiahmoo House Society we're very engaged in person centred practices. We know that what is important to a person or group can tell us where they will spend their time and energy. The material below shows our Board will be focused where it counts.

Our newest Board member, Matt Houghton, is missing from this list. Matt joined the Board after this work was complete. As soon as we get Matt's info we'll share it with our readers.

Gina Cuthbert – current Board Chair

I am honoured to serve on the Board of Directors for Semiahmoo House Society. I am proud to be associated with an organization that takes a creative and caring approach to improving the lives of the people we support, and one that takes a leadership role in advancing the agenda of true inclusion across BC, Canada and beyond.

I joined the Board because I believe all people deserve the opportunity to be respected, healthy, happy and contributing members of our community. I believe Semiahmoo House Society has the ability to create a new understanding of community, one where individuals are embraced for their uniqueness, are safe, and are welcomed in a kind and caring environment.

I am inspired by the people we support and their amazing achievements in overcoming what some might be seen as insurmountable challenges.

In my professional life, I am a Fundraising Consultant with ten years experience in assisting not-for-profit organizations maximize their fundraising performance, primarily in major gifts and capital campaigns.

I am the mother of two boys, ages 3 ½ years and 7 months. Community service has always been an integral part of my day to day life, and I am pleased to have found an organization where my time and skills can provide some value.

Terry Jones – current Vice-Chair

I have a loved one with autism.

I want to learn and understand and find a way to give back and make a difference.

I want to have meaningful involvement in community other than work, something near and dear to me – to contribute what I know and to teach the business community.

I would like to foster change, to see our community educated through Semiahmoo House Society's efforts and to remove the community's fear of the unknown and embrace our 'mission statement' fostering healthy attitudes and to educate one person at a time and help individuals grow.

Doug Tennant –past Board Chair

My daughter Christa has given me inspiration.

I want to do meaningful work, to help make decisions that will have a positive impact in the lives of people with disabilities and to help them live and have full lives.

Paddi Robinson

I joined the Semiahmoo House Society Board of Directors to be involved in community and to contribute to that community through conversation, by talking and listening to the concerns of people, to understand the wants and needs of the people we support and the people in the community who support them.

I want to contribute in any possible way to make the world we live in a brighter place - day by day; to see Semiahmoo House Society supporting the people in the community to capacity, and to see our dream of a housing project completed.

Dave Aune

I joined the Board of Directors because of my Rotary involvement and my connection to Semiahmoo House Society through fundraising and because I am interested in different organizations working with groups (gifting).

I feel a heightened sense of community through my involvement with SHS and feel their work for Independent living for developmentally disabled individuals is important.

Jim Dudar

I joined the Semiahmoo House Society Board of Directors to apply my knowledge of the community and to assist Semiahmoo House to create housing for the people we support.

I have a granddaughter with a developmental disability.

Mary Martin

I joined the Semiahmoo House Society Board of Directors because of a chance to help our very important community members be able to thrive and to have a chance to be independent.

Semiahmoo House Society provides:

- o support systems;
- o independence; and
- o the ability for all to thrive and be vital community members.

Baksho Ghangass

Manjeet, my daughter, is a participant in various recreation and leisure activities provided by Semiahmoo House Society. Five years ago, when we moved from Nanaimo, the transition was especially

hard on Manjeet. While we all settled into our 'new lives' (new school, new place of work) she was very much isolated for the first year until we found Semiahmoo House Society.

I appreciate the opportunity to give back. I enjoy volunteering as it gives self-fulfillment and meaning to my life. It is a pleasure to serve on the Board of Directors for Semiahmoo House Society as it enables me to give back to an organization that has given so much to Manjeet's life.

Mohammad Afzal Malik

I joined the Semiahmoo House Society Board of Directors to make a difference. Parents are worried about their children's future; who will look after them in their absence? Families found Semiahmoo House and are receiving help to address their worries. Semiahmoo House Society provides programs to help their children be independent and encourages developmentally disabled individuals to become useful members of society.

Manjeet Ghangass

I joined the Board of Directors for Semiahmoo House Society as the self-advocate's representative. I am very fortunate to represent my peers. I am inspired by my friends and peers in the Recreation and Leisure Program here at Semiahmoo House Society.

I would like to show, that despite all the obstacles that life has thrown at me as a result of being born with a disability, instead of making people feel sorry for me by acting like there is something wrong with me, I have chosen to rise above this. I have allowed myself to become strong and confident.

I want to make a positive difference in the lives of people with disabilities by helping to improve their lives. I want to encourage them to have a loud, clear voice and to become more active in their communities so they can learn to get what they want out of life. They have a right to live their lives as much as their peers do.

Paul Wheeler



“I believe in the spirit of sharing and I believe we are what we are because of those around us.”

- Maasai tribal saying

National Volunteer Appreciation Week

“The Volunteers at Semiahmoo House Society are wonderful people. They come from all walks of life -- in the midst of careers, raising families, attending school, being retired and in the ultra-prime of their lives. All of these men and women bring a rich and diverse contribution to all of our lives here at Semiahmoo House Society. We welcome their presence and thank them for their dedication and commitment to service. Our number of volunteers in the capacity of Board Members and Support Personnel are at present 37, with the number soon to reach 40 people. There are also large numbers of volunteers who enthusiastically participate in our Taste of BCs Finest and the Golf Tournament every year. These successful events are so because of the people who give hours of time and energy for our benefit. And there are groups of people who join us each year in an effort to promote “community” as we serve together -- Participants, Staff and Volunteers. Consider some of the things that Semiahmoo House Society Volunteers do:

- As Board Members, providing the overall guidance of Semiahmoo House Society
- As part of the team of planners & tireless workers in Semiahmoo House Society Foundation
- As event workers, giving extensive time and energy to events in numberless capacities
- As assistants to staff, helping with set-up of materials and working with children at Peninsula Child Care (PCC)
- Using playful music to interact with the children at PCC
- Involvement in Sports Stars, After Skool Kool, Rec Rockers, Friday Night Drop-In and other exciting programs – all of which

- utilize the talents and strengths of men and women in such things as art, drama, sports, music, computers, and personal interaction
- Some long time and other new volunteers in the Personal Development programs supporting people as they participate at the Treehouse or out in the community
- Providing music sing-along time for those in the Seasons program
- Working alongside people at Employment Training & Support (ETS) in Card Services and teaching skills in Janitorial training
- Contributing workday hours for several months in assisting staff in PD, ABI and Admin
- Assisting staff and being a friendly support to participants in ABI
- Visiting individuals and accompanying them into the community in our Residential programs

The volunteer opportunities are charted through the imagination and lively interest of those who volunteer and those who encourage them in their volunteering.

During this month (April 10 - 16) of National Volunteer Appreciation, we thank you, our friends, for who you are and what you do.” Our formal celebration of our volunteers happens in the fall each year along with our appreciation of Donors and Staff.

Dorothy Gurney
Volunteer Coordinator

P.S. – just for your info, Paul Wheeler reminds us that Dorothy is our volunteer Volunteer Coordinator.

The Semiahmoo Foundation

Thank you to all our donors for their generosity and support. Semiahmoo House Society Donors November 1, 2010 - March 31, 2011

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A very special THANK YOU to the employees of 4th Utility Inc. !

Juan Aristizabel, of 4th Utility Inc., and his daughter Teresita, presented a \$6,500.00 cheque to Paul Wheeler, Executive Director and Zena Peden, Director of Development.

The money raised was a result of employee's contributions and fundraising initiatives and then matched by 4th Utility Inc.. Money will be allocated towards the Society's Rec & Leisure program.

Thank you !!



The Semiahmoo Foundation

Semiahmoo House Society, is a non-profit organization located in Surrey/ White Rock, which exists to provide quality services and support to people with disabilities and their families in the community.



PLEASE JOIN US !

by becoming a member of Semiahmoo House Society

Your support in this community is vital to our work and can make a significant difference in the lives of our participants, their families and our community.

Benefits:

- Helps us to gain additional support and strengthen our cause;
- Helps to build a strong, caring community in which all of its community members are valued, accepted and feel a sense of belonging;
- Generates greater awareness and understanding about developmental disabilities, and the community based support services we offer;
- Invitations to special events and seminars;
- Automatic membership to BCACL (British Columbia Association of Community Living);
- Receive our newsletter;
- A Voting 'right' at our AGM meeting ... your voice impacts our efforts.

Attached is the membership form which runs from April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012. Individual and/or Family membership fees are \$15.00 - \$25.00 per year. Please help us by filling out the form at the back of this newsletter, including your membership fee, at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your support !

Semiahmoo House Society is on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/login/setashome.php?ref=login#!/pages/Semiahmoo-House-Society/169554873056152

PLANNED GIFTING

Reasons from the heart and tax reasons too!

Giftng to a charity is very much an act of the heart. Each year, a significant number of Canadians make generous gifts to their favorite charities. Why? The reason is twofold; because we as Canadians are caring people. We are concerned about social and religious institutions, our communities, the arts, health care and education and such organizations in our community as

Semiahmoo House Society, est. 1950's

“The term forgotten child’ no longer applies. These children are winning a rightful place in Society. What is our aim in teaching? Happiness first, all else follows. What do we want for these children? - to be accepted for who they are.”

www.semi-house-society.com

More and more Canadians are looking for ways to bequest their estates in a more efficient manner, and there are many ways you can leave a family legacy too! Gifting.....

There are several ways to gift, however, many individuals are unfamiliar with the different strategies they can adopt to make the most of their donation.

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Some things to consider.....

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When you write or review your Will,
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thoughtful planned gifts
PLEASE remember us.

For more information on how you can
LEAVE A LEGACY to
Semiahmoo House Society Please contact:
Zena Peden a 604-536-1242, ext 232
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Compassion and Generosity



I know a young couple in our community who got married and started a family. The young lady recently gave birth to a beautiful baby boy named Michael who was diagnosed with Thrombocytopenia-absent radius (TAR) syndrome. That is a rare genetic disorder which is characterized by the absence of the radius bone in the forearm, and a dramatically reduced platelet count. This means the family will need to take their baby to Children's Hospital for regular blood transfusions and surgeries.

A group of my friends and I decided we would get together and create meals they could freeze and have on hand so the tiresome and worrisome journey to the hospital would be much easier. After we bought the food I realized that the Catering Services Program being such amazing cooks, should be given the opportunity to do the cooking and earn some money. I approached both the Janitorial and Catering crews about my idea and told them of baby Michael and his family's struggles. I was amazed by the response I was given, all of them decided that they wanted to donate their time to cook the meals. Some of them had big tears in their eyes. I was so touched by the compassion and generosity they showed and how enthusiastic they were to give back to a family in need. I cried watching them all in the kitchen with their aprons, hair nets and love in their hearts! I'm so proud to be a part of such an amazing group of people, thank you so much for bringing some light into other's lives!

Forever Grateful
Denene Robinson

In Memorium

Danielle Miksche

It is with heavy hearts that we share the loss of a special and treasured friend. Danielle Miksche, who was an admired, inspirational and brave member of our group lost her life following a long and courageous battle with Cancer on January 6th. She will be greatly missed and we will always be grateful for her friendship.

Denis O'Conner

*June 22, 1938 - February 15, 2011
Denis was a part of the Semiahmoo House Society family for the last 10 years. He will be remembered for his charming personality, his great humour and his enormous heart.*

Eva Castro

Goodbye Eva, you will be missed.



Customized Employment (CE) Participant Success Stories

January was a busy month for participants in the Customized Employment Program. The CE brochure was released with photos of participants successfully working in the community at a variety of jobs.

The beginning of January, Eric returned to Fieldstone Artisan Breads from one day to three days per week. On January 27th Janek's photograph was used in the Peace Arch News story, "Runner set for 'dream' event." The story featured Stacey and her athletic accomplishments after winning three gold medals nationally and earned her invitation to compete internationally in Greece, Athens. The story was written and pitched to local media by CE with the idea that Janek could shadow the newspaper photographer and take the photo for the story.

In February, Stacey started a work experience at Choices that quickly turned into possible employment two days per week. Shaun started contract work cleaning at St. John's Church one day per week and after two days of work his employer requested Shaun work two more days per week to cover staff vacations throughout March and April. Shaun has also been called into work on weekends to assist with shoveling snow.

One month work experiences with written evaluations continue to be helpful for CE participant discovery with participants from the South Surrey high schools. In January, Alex started two work experiences, one with the landscaping crew of ETS and the other at the World Serve Thrift Store. In late February, Siddiqa started her work experience at the World Serve Thrift Store.

CE released two newspaper advertisements, sponsored in part by the Peace Arch News on February 18th and 25th and received an employment request for help with gardening and landscaping.

The beginning of March and Alexa started work at Cob's Bread two days per week and Amanda was hired for office work at Group Global Health three days per week.

Thank you to everyone who helped CE network and create employment success for participants!

Semiahmoo House Society Self-Advocate Group

Self-Advocates are people who speak out for themselves and others to ensure that their rights and needs are recognized and met.

At Semiahmoo House Society, we have had a Self-Advocate group for many years. We meet every fourth Tuesday of the month from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. We talk about issues that worry us and try to come up with ideas to make life better for us. In addition, we plan fundraisers and activities such as dances for the community and other Self-Advocate members.

Self-Advocate 2011 Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, April 26th
- Tuesday, May 24th
- Tuesday, June 28th – Summer Party in the Park 3 – 5:30 at Crescent Park. Pick up and drop off will remain at Semiahmoo House Society. If it is raining, we will remain at Semiahmoo House Society and play interactive games. Hotdogs will be provided regardless of the weather. If you wish to bring beverages or snacks, please feel free to do so, that would be greatly appreciated.
- No meetings in July & August!
- Tuesday, September 27th
- Tuesday, October 25th
- Tuesday, November 22nd
- Tuesday, December 13th – Holiday Party at Sandcastle Lanes 3 – 5:00. Please send \$10 for bowling and snacks.

At this time, we are planning many fun projects to do as a group. Our goal is to create a better place for Self-Advocates and to be part of the community.

If you have any questions, please email rec.leisure@shsbc.ca or call 604-536-1242 (ext 255).



Rec & Leisure program keeps growing

Every year, Rec & Leisure requests feedback from its participants and their families about what they want/need from the program. Last year's survey results showed that more physical activity was a top priority for those accessing the program. As we reported in Rec and Leisure's Fall 2010 newsletter, we promised that we would be offering a variety of physical activities in the building and in the community.

We did just that! We are happy to report that our newest program as of September 2010, 'Rec and Fit' has taught some amazing classes about the Canada Food Guide, vitamins, oils and fats, good fat vs. bad fat, carbs and proteins, sugar and salt, local food vs. imported, and organic vs. non organic food. This group combines healthy learning with physical activity and they were brave enough to hike the 101 steps locally, wow!!! Salsa dancing with Paulina was also another hit!

Although Rec and Fit as well as Sportstars directly address the request, all of our programs have taken the feedback seriously and incorporated much more physical activity into their programs. This has been successfully incorporated all while increasing community inclusion, another request in our surveys last year.

We have seen the greatest variety in both in house activities and outings over the past 2 semesters! Some programs have toured Fresh Slice Pizza, where each participant enjoyed making and eating their own pizzas. Others have also gone rock climbing, to laser tag and enjoyed playing indoor sports at South Surrey Rec Centre. Other cool outings have been a tour of Alder Acres where the group got to milk cows, as well as a tour of Owl, where the group was able to meet Sarah the barn Owl, turkey vultures, kestrel, hawks and eagles. Just recently, the SpringDAZE camp enjoyed a tour of Rogers Arena and the Greater Vancouver Landfill.

Rec and Leisure continues to grow everyday. A few months ago, we grew by 15... all in one day! Yes, the program purchased 15 little wreckers... a combination of neon and white cloud tetras. We recently received a huge fish tank that the kids are proudly learning to care for, feed and maintain!

For the first time in a couple of years, with red, pink, white and silver hearts and balloons everywhere, Rec and Leisure hosted a hoppin' great Valentine's dance. Over 120 participants from the community attended and several groups from other organizations joined us in the fun!



We ended our winter semester with our 4th Annual Winter Extravaganza which was yet another fantastic success. The 4 fine arts programs (African Dancing, Rec Rockers Band, Musical Theatre, and Semi Famous Players) hit the stage at the Coast Capital Playhouse and rocked the crowds both nights! This event highlights the talent and dedication of its performers for their families, friends and the community! We thank all of you who came out to show your support!!!

Julie Thiele
Recreation & Leisure Services Manager

Society's Recycling Program donates to Childcare Canada!



Semiahmoo House Society's, Re-Cycling program has raised close to \$1,500.00, which will be donated to Childcare Canada (Surrey, BC)! A cheque presentation will be held at the Semiahmoo House Society's Boardroom, on March 17, 2011 at 10:00am.

Our Society's PD (Personal Development) 'Recycling Group', has recycled hundred of thousands of containers and donated thousands of dollars, to Childcare Canada, over the last several years. Last year, the money was used to assist with the Haitian Earthquake, as well as funds being allocated to Africa and Mexico where it assists in supporting war orphans and children, and families whose countries have been ravaged by war or natural disasters. Joan Baldwin, Society Supporter Worker states "Every year our goal is to raise at least a thousand dollars and over the last couple of years we have happily exceeded that amount with this year being our best year - donating close to \$1,500.00!"

Childcare Canada's mission is to "meet the needs of the poor around the world, with emphasis on children, through a social, medical and spiritual ministry". Their goal is to make a difference in children's lives on a global scale. "We believe that through educating and equipping communities with entrepreneurial principles we can break the cycle of poverty and rebuild the economy of each community

we serve. Our programs feed hungry children and provide each community with a new foundation for a healthy, eco-friendly and sustainable future."

The Recycling Program was an off-shoot from the White Rock Kiwanis Club when a few years ago they came to the Society to find ways to support our participants and those in need. It's been a consistently successful program that has steadily grown over the years, and one which provides our participants with a great sense of pride and accomplishment in their hard work and 'giving back'. Southridge School (Surrey, BC) has been our main sponsor with this program whereby they provide many of the re-cycleable containers, along with The Peninsula Day Care, Coast Capitol Playhouse, Morrison Café, Stackers Diner, SHS staff, community members and the Semiahmoo Bottle Recycling Depot has also been very supportive over the years. More container donors are always welcome and a pick-up can be arranged by contacting Joan Baldwin or Sudhir Wesley at Semiahmoo House Society at 604 536-1242 local 239.

Our Society's mission and goal is to provide our participants with support, programs and tools ,which will allow them to successfully participate in our community, and this program not only supports this, but the opportunity to 'give back' as well.

Semiahmoo House Society Staff: Here to Help You!

Call 604-536-1242

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Acquired Brain Injury: Sylvia Hoeree
Customized Supported Employment: Dana Miller
Personal Development: Liz Deschenes, Yvonne Zachary
Recreation & Leisure: Julie Thiele
Peninsula Child Care Centre: Shannon Jones
Development, Fundraising: Zena Peden
Administration: Jackie Blackmore, Donna Brady



Semiahmoo House Society, a non-profit organization located in Surrey/White Rock, exists to provide quality services and supports to people with disabilities and their families in the community.

The Treehouse, Semiahmoo House Society's newsletter is published twice per year for friends and benefactors of the Society. Our goal for this publication is to inform, educate and entertain its readers.

Please email Zena Peden at z.peden@shsbc.ca or drop off your submissions at the office. If you have a story that you would like to share, but don't know how to write it, please contact us and we can help. Thank you for your support.



A group for families with individuals with developmental disabilities over the age of 15.

Facilitated by
CLBC Surrey/Delta Community Council Members
604-501-8310

An Opportunity for Families to Connect with other Families to Share Information and Resources.

May 11 - Workshop
June 8 - Social Network
September 14 - Workshop
October 12 - Social Network
November 9 - Workshop

Location for Gatherings:
#6 - 13350 77th Ave Surrey

SURVIVING YOUR SURROUNDING'S

Just dream of lost hearing,
when your surrounding's are not sound,
and they try to cut you down,
with mixed emotions all around.
A not stable mixture,
that flows through and is part of your soul..
Controlling a displayed multi level public role;
Always growing from the energy,
with all eyes watching you,
flames copying never the same,
As fire beyond from above our sky,
but an urge, a rush, and stamina
drawing attention from your glow...
and no darkness where you can't hide..
be kind you'll never be alone..



This poem was written by Calvin Cant. His dream is to have his poems published one day. Calvin is a member of our landscaping team.

Semiahmoo House Society Membership Application Form



Semiahmoo House Society, a non-profit organization located in Surrey/White Rock, exists to provide quality services and support to people with disabilities and their families in the community.

By becoming a member, you will receive the following benefits:

- Subscription to the Semiahmoo House Society newsletter
- Invitations to special events and seminars
- Invitation to and voting rights at the Society's Annual General Meeting
- Automatic membership in BC Association for Community Living (BCACL)
- Invitation to the BCACL Annual General Meeting and Conference

Membership is for the Society's fiscal year April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012

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 First Name _____ Last Name _____
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Membership fee: Individual \$15.00 Family \$ 25.00
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