

#### >>> SNDMOW NEWSLETTER <<<

# THE BRIGHT SIDE



#### TOP NEWS OF THE MONTH

## JANUARY 1ST: NEW YEARS DAY

#### >>> HAPPY NEW YEAR

The New Year has sprung! We hope you all enjoyed the holiday season and were able to join in on some festivities with family, friends, and/or neighbours. We are looking forward to a new year with new challenges, opportunities and achievements! We wish you all a happy and healthy new year with an abundance of love, peace, and joy!

### THANKS TO YOU <<<

With 2023 behind us and a new year ahead, we wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of our clients, volunteers and donors for supporting us and our mission. We will continue to serve our clients to the best of our ability this year but that cannot be done without our amazing team of volunteers and generous donors in our communities.

2023: GIVING THANKS

# **GIVING THANKS CONTINUED...**

HOLIDAY SEASON SUPPORT FOR OUR CLIENTS

#### >>> HOLIDAY GOODIES AND TREATS

On the last week before Christmas our little elves (Volunteers) delivered goodies and treats to our clients everyday! With help from the community, we were able to spread holiday cheer to our clients. We started the week with holiday treats from us, something that our organization does every year as many of our clients are isolated and have very little to no family. Some funds were raised for this purpose from our Holiday Gifts of Comfort fundraiser. Midweek we delivered holiday goodies donated by Chartwell Imperial Place, who donates goodies for our clients every month. We finished the week off with holiday gifts generously donated by Real Estate Agent Monica Donetti-Ross and her team. This is her 8th year donating Christmas gifts for our clients!

We hope all of our clients enjoyed their treats, goodies and gifts this holiday season. Thank you to everyone who made this possible. We look forward to working together next holiday season!

#### >>> RECENT DONATIONS

As 2023 came to a close, we were delighted by the support of our community. In November, we were invited to attend a meeting of the BC Government Retired Employees Association (BCGREA) and make a presentation about our organization. We shared the challenges our community is facing with this group and they were more than happy to raise some funds, \$200, to donate to our

SUPPORT FROM OUR COMMUNITY Sponsor a Senior fund. Chartwell Imperial Place Resident's Council also made a year end donation of \$300 to our Sponsor a Senior fund. The Delta Fire Fighters Charitable Society generously donated \$5,000 to help us cover the increase in meal costs. Thank you all for supporting our important community service!









### >>> CONNECT WITH US

We invite you, as well as your family and friends, to join us on social media, if you are able. You can find us on Facebook, Twitter and Linked In @sndmow or on Instagram @sndmow2021. We also would love to hear your feedback on Google.. Leave us a review on our business page: Surrey-North Delta Meals on Wheels!



# THE SCOOP AT SNDMOW

SHARING ALL THE LATEST NEWS WITH YOU

#### >>> ANNOUNCEMENTS

As shared in previous newsletters, we are planning our first annual fundraiser and we need help from our community to pull it off! Amy, our Grant and Marketing Manager, will be hosting the first meeting of the Fundraising Committee on January 24, 2024 at 12pm via Zoom. A invite will be sent out by email and anyone interested in helping is welcome to attend. Share your talents with us and help us raise the funds we desperately need to remain operational in the community.

With winter weather in the forecast, we want to remind our

clients and their families that we are unable to deliver meals during bad weather. If it is icy or snowy, it is too dangerous for our volunteers to deliver meals. Please make sure you have some food on hand in case we are unable to get our meals to you.

# >>> VOLUNTEER ANNIVERSARIES

On January 9th, Gail Kyle is celebrating her 4th year as a volunteer driver for SNDMOW. On January 17th, Tom Orr will be celebrating his 1 year anniversary volunteering for our organization. Karen & Shawn **Ewing** are celebrating 2nd as their vear volunteers on January 18th. Barbara Gregg is also celebrating

### **DECEMBER STATS:**

Meals Delivered:

1,543

Lunches Delivered:

**356** 

Clients Served:

105

Volunteers Delivering:

143

Kilometers Driven:

3,201.6

her 2nd year as a volunteer for us on January 26th. On January 30th, Pat Smith will be celebrating her 4th year as a volunteer driver for SNDMOW. We are so grateful to have all of you on our team of volunteer drivers. We admire your willingness to serve your community in this capacity and our clients are so thankful for your service. We look forward to continuing our work together for a better and healthier community!