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Stewart, BC - Ts'msyen Territory

STEWART COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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Who We Are

Stewart Community Connections Society (SCCS) is a local working group committed to community development. Since 2012, SCCS has played both leading and supporting roles in a range of community development initiatives, including identifying community needs, advocating for services, sourcing funding, sharing information, and coordinating new and existing programs.



Project Overview

Stewart Community Connections Society and Stewart Food Bank (SFB) collaborated to streamline food distribution in Stewart. By sharing resources, staffing, and administration, and connecting with regional programs, we ensured equitable access to fresh and prepared foods for seniors, low-income families, and students, while funding transportation, staffing, and storage needs.

Key Highlights

We partnered to strengthen food security in Stewart, reducing service overlap and making the most of our resources. By pooling staff, contacts, and funding, we improved program delivery and ensured equitable access to nutritious food for seniors, low-income families, and people with disabilities, building lasting community resilience.



Stories of Impact

The partnership between SCCS and SFB strengthened food security through 2,000+ lbs of produce in food boxes, Farmers Market coupons, and Community Garden vegetables. The Community Meals program offered more fresh options. New shelving and a fridge improved storage and services at the Food Bank, which is supported entirely by donations and volunteers.

Next Steps

With the addition of the shelving and fridge for the Food Bank, fresh produce will continue to be made available, the Meals Program will continue with volunteer deliveries, and we will continue to pursue other funding sources.

Stages of Food Systems Transformation



Seeding

- Create spaces and opportunities for communities to gather
- Build skills, competencies and leadership
- Engage in critical reflection



Germinating

- Strengthen networks and coalition building
- Foster equitable relationships and collaboration
- Create processes for accountability and transparency



Rooting

- Facilitate mutual knowledge and resources sharing
- Stimulate co-creation of knowledge
- Leverage community leaders and assets



Growing

- Engage in transformative collective action projects
- Engage in transdisciplinary action research
- Strengthen social movements

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