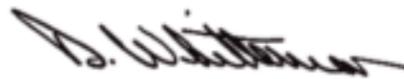


Message from the Board

At Summer Street we are humbled and awed by the tremendous support we receive from our community. We have been touched by the acts of generosity of so many caring individuals. We've been here long enough to see that once begun these relationships continue, and many first time givers often develop a lifelong relationship with Summer Street.

Everyday we work to honour those relationships. We understand that the causes our donors give to say a lot about the world they envision and the community they want to create.

As someone who cares about the work of Summer Street, we invite you to consider the merits of Planned Giving. Planned Giving ensures the relationship you've had with Summer Street continues beyond your life. A gift in your Will is your final act of generosity and of remembrance for the causes you care about.



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Planned Giving – good for you and the charities you support

Planned gifts can take many forms. Summer Street can accept gifts of cash or near cash, such as bonds, mutual funds, GICs, and shares. We can also accept gifts of life insurance or property, either real estate, personal use property, depreciable or listed. There are many ways to arrange these gifts, and there can be tax benefits now or for your estate. Your individual situation should be discussed with a lawyer, accountant, financial planner, or insurance agent.

If you make a gift in your Will, we would love to hear from you.

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Planned Giving

“Summer Street is a happy place – it inspired me to give. I wanted to make sure the happiness and joy I witnessed there continues into the future.”

~ Bill O'Farrell



Bill O'Farrell is at a place in his life where he's started to think about his legacy. He visited Summer Street on a number of occasions and had always admired what was going on there. “This seemed like a good time to get involved in gift planning,” he explains. “I went to see Bob and he took me on a tour. I had no idea how much was really happening behind the scenes there. The way the people were working together, they were all so enthusiastic. There was a great sense

of wellbeing and seemed to be a lot of happiness. I was inspired to give.”

Now retired, Bill spent 55 years in the automobile industry, most of that time as owner of the GM franchise in Pictou County. His generous gift of shares to the Summer Street Foundation realized a significant gain when they were transferred – making an even greater impact than could have been imagined when the gift was made.

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Creating opportunity and a better life for adults with intellectual disability



The story of Summer Street is told in the lives of our clients. We work together with people with intellectual disability to discover opportunities, and with the community to create awareness of the skills, talents and gifts that everyone has to offer.

Our programs provide education, independence, employment and pride of accomplishment for 185 people annually. In 2016, our clients contributed 14,600 volunteer hours in the community and earned \$700,000 through employment (an increase of \$150,000 in the last three years). In an average year over 20,000 people pass through our doors. They buy products, attend functions, donate, volunteer, visit, and share in our success.

With over 5,000 customers, 2,000 donors, 185 current clients and a vast network of friends and business partners, Summer Street is an integral part of the community. Through our programs, social enterprises and numerous annual events, we are opening doors and eliminating barriers for everyone.

The Summer Street Foundation is a registered charity, founded in 1991 to lead fundraising and provide financial support for all of Summer Street's programs, services and enterprises.



"I have learned so many things at Summer Street. I had the opportunity to be involved in the first Summer Street Works program. I learned many different skills for getting a job. Cooking full meals, communicating in sign language, and being able to volunteer at Travelodge Suites are all things I can do because of Summer Street. They taught me about safety and how to be careful. They taught me to respect people. I also have made many friends here. When someone is having a bad day, I like to talk with them to see what's going on. I am a little less shy now. The client council helped me to speak up and to speak for others that can't do it for themselves."

~ Michelle



"I am currently in the job readiness program. The staff here help me feel more confident in myself. I am working on my money skills that will help me get a job on the cart at bingo. I have also gotten my First Aid and WHMIS certificates. Summer Street is helping me to find work in the community that I enjoy, and through the job readiness program I can have a choice of where I want to work."

~ Kyle

By donating you will be directly supporting new and innovative programs that enrich the lives of our clients and strengthen our community.