

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

Thank you for taking the time to read about Saanich Volunteers. I anticipate that the story of Karel and Louise resonated with many of you, as it did for myself and the rest of the Board of Directors. This is just one story of many that highlights the importance of our organization in our aging and increasingly socially isolated population. This is the reason that we are so passionate about continuing the great work of Saanich Volunteer Services Society!

This past fiscal year we have seen over 150 dedicated volunteers provide thousands of hours of volunteer services to our wonderful clients, supporting them in independent living and enhanced quality of life. Our volunteers have provided driving services to ensure appointments are kept, gardening and minor home repairs to keep our client's homes fresh and inviting and of course, the companion visits, support groups and friendships that support the emotional well-being of our clients.

While our services are free to clients and we rely on the services of volunteers, there are costs associated with running Saanich Volunteers and ensuring that volunteers are matched with those who require our help. As many of you know, we run a very efficient organization, supported by many community partners, however we have numerous ongoing costs including volunteer driver gas costs, office costs and the funding of our five amazing part time staff who keep this operation afloat!

We would like to ask you to consider making a tax deductible donation to Saanich Volunteer Services Society that will allow us to continue helping our neighbours, friends and family members and enhancing the services that we can provide to them. 100% of all donations are applied directly to the ongoing operation of Saanich Volunteers.

Thank you,

Nicole Hamilton

President and Volunteer, Saanich Volunteer Services Society