













#### HONORING THE SAS CHAIRS



Michaela Robinson Danielle Burns

Thank you for running meetings, setting goals, attending events and your tireless efforts in advocating for your community. Your leadership is deeply appreciated.





ELK LODGE
HAWAIIAN NIGHT
CRESCENT BEACH
WHEELCHAIR
PROMOTIONS
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#### DANCING ON THE PIER

Self Advocates took over the dance floor to learn some moves and get involved in the UNITI hosted fun!

SUMMER CONCERT AND SEND OFF Self Advocates promoted SAS, volunteered and enjoyed the We Belong Surrey Barbeque and Concert

























#### ALL CANDIDATES MIXER

Akshay, Krista, Jeevan and Alexa spoke about their experiences in the community in relation to the municipal election.

ADVO CON 2022 Michaela, Stacey and Danielle presented virtually at Advocon

SFU CLASS VISITS VOTING Jeevan visited a class at SFU Surrey to educate on the importance of voting in the election

SFU EDUCATION
PROGRAM VIDEOS
Jeevan and Akshay created videos
for the SFU education program,
educating future teachers on
inclusion and accessibility

















SELF ADVOCATE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Self Advocates Krista, Jeevan and Danielle all took part in the 22nd Annual Self Advocate Leadership Institute at Camp Luther Retreat Center. They attended multiple amazing workshops hosted by Arlene Schouten, Gregg Schiller, Dorothy Hyslop, Bryce Schaufelberger, The Mission Center for Indigenous People, James White, Barb Goode, and The Mission Self Advocacy Group. Thank you to everyone who made this weekend happen and the opportunity to learn and grow together!









TREAT ACCESSIBLY OCTOBER 23 2022 Self Advocates canvassed neighborhoods and volunteered to make Halloween accessible for all children.

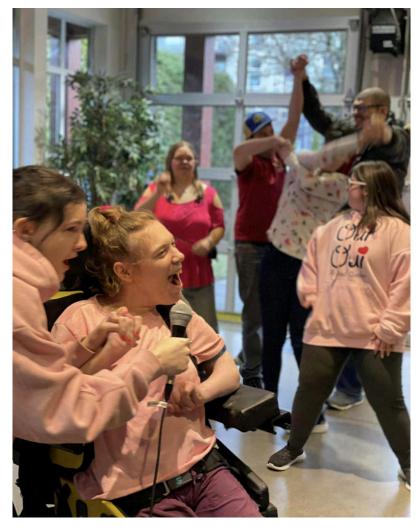
KARAOKE NIGHT
We sang our hearts out. Enough said!



























SAS & ONENESS GOGOS CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Self Advocates and GOGOs partnered to host this years craft fair, raising funds for grandmothers in Africa.

HARMONY
HEARING
Pictured are just a few
of the many self
advocates who went to
Surrey City Hall to
speak, vote and stand
in support of Harmony,
which was approved!
Lauren Simpson was the
hero of the hearing,
speaking well past
midnight in support of
Harmony.

SURREY POVERTY
REDUCTION WORKSHOP

"I really enjoyed the
Kwantlen First Nation
territorial welcome, I
appreciate the
opportunity to learn
more about the plans
about reducing poverty
in Surrey." Akshay
Sachdeva at the Surrey
Poverty Reduction
Coalition (SPRC)
Making a Difference:
Taking Action on
Poverty in Surrey.

THRIVE 2.0 CONSULTATION SEU 2022

Krista Milne joined Indigenous, government, and community leaders to reflect on the recommendations of the THRIVE report and explore what it will take for Surrey to address its challenges and opportunities over the next 20 years.











SURREY BOARD OF TRADE CHRISTMAS PARTY



"What a terrific Night!" - Alex Mason. Seasonal Sizzle Business Reception! Chocolate fountains, Cotton Candy and loads of Christmas cheer for us!



STOCKINGS FOR SENIORS



Michaela & Danielle dropped of 27 comfy socks filled with treats & soaps for the residents of Arbourside Court. Danielle "It's important to give back to those who wouldn't normally get gifts at Christmas, Seniors are often forgotten." SAS used money raised from the clothing sale to purchase present, and put the gifts together as a team.



SAS CHRISTMAS PARTY



We celebrated, played some games and had some well deserved fun.



















COMMUNITY ART WORKSHOPS







Thank you to everyone who walked at Coldest Night of The Year with us and generously donated to the SAS & UNTI Team! SAS raised 7, 975\$ to go towards helping vulnerable people within our community. We can't wait to come back next year!



TRANSIT IS FOR EVERYONE

The Self Advocates new video
'Transit is for Everyone' was
featured in the Peace Arch News,
and Self Advocates partnered with
Transit to host Workshops that
support accessible transit locally.





#### SURREY EAGLES NIGHT WITH SSWR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE









LAUREN'S STORY: COMMUNITY CHAMPION

Lauren Simpson completed the 10th Cohort of The Envision Financial Community Leaders Igniting Change (CLIC) and the 2023 CLIC Storyteller Series, Self-Advocates Jeevan Basra and Krista Milne interviewed the people originally responsible for bringing this program to life. Lauren also won the YWCA Women of Distinction Award for Community Champion, demonstrating the vital and widespread impact of her housing advocacy.











#### ENDS COMMITTEE

The ENDS Committee reviewed feedback from the surveys, provided recommendations and presented results to the Board of Directors and CEO of UNITI

#### GETTING OUR VOICES HEARD CONFERENCE

Had a great time at the hosted by BC People First & Self Advocate Leadership Network. We learned, we laughed, we connected! Thank you for the wonderful opportunity to be apart of this event.













#### SOUTH KOREA TOUR AND PRESENTATION

Alexa, Danielle, Michaela and Krista hosted a presentation and tour of UNITI and Chorus to demonstrate community leadership and the role of Self Advocates in making UNITI an innovative leader.

### SURREY LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP

"Thank you for the new experience." – Self Advocate Akshay Sachdeva on the Surrey Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) forum to discuss ongoing experiences for newcomers in Canada and the impact in Surrey.



## BUSINESS TOWNHALL SOUTH SURREY WHITE ROCK (SSWR) CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Self Advocate Danielle Burns enjoyed the opportunity to ask questions and to hear from MLA Trevor Halford, MLA Elenore Sturko and many small business owners in our community.



"Thank you Stephanie for your hard work and the insight you gave us today!" - SAS Co-Chair Michaela Robinson.Self Advocate of Semiahmoo Co-Chairs Michaela and Danielle met with Canada's Chief Accessibility Officer Stephanie Cadieux today to talk about airline accessibility in Canada.

#### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Alexa and Krista celebrated International Women's Day at an event hosted by KPU, esswrchamber Elenore Sturko and MLA Trevor Halford. We got to hear from amazing women in our community who spoke about empowerment, leadership and mentorship.



















SURREY ACCESSABILITY WALK AND ROLL 2023

Surrey Access Walk 2023 drew a crowd of hundreds to crescent beach for an amazing day to celebrate national accessibility week!



See you next year!

2022

2023



Thank You SAS!

# SELF ADVOCATES