



LAKE TRAIL COMMUNITY
EDUCATION SOCIETY

Annual Report

August 2024 to July 2025



Inspiring strong, connected communities.

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LTCES acknowledges that we are on the unceded traditional territories of the Pentlatch, Eiksan, Sahtlout and Sasitla peoples who together make up the K'ómoks First Nation. We are grateful for the opportunity to live and work on this land.

What is a Community School?

A Community School takes one of the largest and most under-utilized public facilities, the public school, and increases the investment by keeping it open evenings, weekends and during the summer for community activities.

Who is LTCES?

Lake Trail Community Education Society (LTCES) is a growing and innovative charitable organization that runs the community school program at Lake Trail Community School.

LTCES works in partnership with the school and community partners to expand the school into a hub of community life. This is especially significant in West Courtenay where there is high community need, yet very little infrastructure for community use.



LTCES Board Members, Past and Present.

Our Purpose

LTCES serves community members of all ages through our After School and Youth, Healthy Communities, and Healthy Foods programs, as well as through our thriving community garden.

We collaborate with educators, youth, community members, facilitators, and partner agencies in planning, implementing, and assessing programs and opportunities. Together, we work towards giving all community members a safe and nurturing space in which to grow community.



Youth Karaoke!

Our Mission

LTCES creates meaningful and purposeful connections through programming and opportunities that support and strengthen our diverse community.

Our Vision

Inspiring strong, connected communities.

Our Values



Community & Collaboration

We seek to serve the needs and hopes of the community by designing programs and creating opportunities through a process of open and thoughtful collaboration.



Inclusion & Belonging

We seek to foster an environment of inclusion and belonging, where all members of our community feel seen, heard, safe, respected and honoured.



Wellness & Growth

We seek to design programs and create opportunities that focus on the wellness and growth of our community and its individual members.



Live Action Role Play during Community Connections Day!

Message From the Executive Director

June marked my sixth work anniversary as Executive Director with LTCES. I feel deeply grateful for this role and for the trust the community places in me to support and help grow our shared vision.

Each year brings its own challenges and milestones, from navigating the impacts of COVID to opening a new school and community garden, and expanding the roles of our staff team. Throughout it all, our programs continue to demonstrate their incredible power to bring people together and foster a sense of belonging.

This past year, from August 2024 to July 2025, LTCES programs truly shone as a platform for connection. Across youth programs, community gatherings, and everyday interactions, we witnessed people of all ages sharing experiences and strengthening bonds that make our community healthy and vibrant.

Highlights include:

- Expanding our Programmer role to 20 hours per week, fostering stronger connections with youth and enhancing the depth and impact of our programs.
- Merging our Healthy Food Coordinator and Garden Coordinator roles into a single position, creating a more integrated approach that brings our food programs and community garden together.
- Watching our drop-in programs continue to grow in numbers and strengthen community connections.

- Introducing a Youth Resource Fair as part of Community Connections Day, giving young people the chance to explore the many programs and supports available to them in our community.
- Welcoming new community members into the community garden and seeing continued strong use of the Free Food Pantry.
- Coming together for a joyful Taylor Swift fundraiser in the fall, where donated tickets created unforgettable moments and brought smiles to so many.

This past year also brought its challenges, including an unexpected loss of grant funding. What followed, however, was nothing short of incredible. The overwhelming support from our community during our emergency fundraiser gave us momentum to move forward. LTCES has emerged stronger, more connected, and more committed!

As you read through this annual report, I hope you feel as proud as I do of what we have built together. Thank you for your support and your belief in this work.

I can't wait to see what we will accomplish in the year ahead.

With deep gratitude,

Anna Rambow
Executive Director

Over the past decade, three main areas of focus have taken shape, guided by community input.

Healthy Communities, After School & Youth, and Garden & Healthy Foods

The following pages highlight how each focus area has enriched our community over the past year.

Healthy Communities

When people come together, they reduce isolation, nurture belonging, and strengthen the supportive ties that help our community and everyone in it thrive. Strong social connections and the power of community voice are at the heart of well-being.

Over the past year, LTCES saw the incredible power of connection through our Healthy Communities programs! Week after week, participants showed up, sharing enthusiasm, ideas, and feedback, helping shape programs that reflect community needs. Sometimes they shared difficult moments as well, and everyone was welcomed as they came.

Intergenerational connections were especially meaningful this year, inspiring programs and partnerships across ages and experiences. Through shared meals, collaborative projects, and inclusive events, community members connected, created, and supported one another.



Programmer, Meika Johnson, with a special treat for our garden youth!



Vivian Vaillant, former Garden Coordinator, with youth sharing experiences.

Healthy Communities Statistics

12

Programs

110

Volunteers

263

Volunteer Hours

712

Participants

2053

Total Engagements

Healthy Communities Programs

Community Drop-in Nights

LTCES actively works with community partners to offer safe and inclusive programs for all ages. Our weekly Community Drop-in Nights include gym drop-in, board games, and art activities, offered in partnership with City of Courtenay Recreation, the Comox Valley Regional District, and Comox Valley Arts. These evenings are free of charge and draw families and community members from across the Comox Valley.



Community drop-in gym.

Last year, attendance for this program grew by a third, with over 400 additional engagements in the fall and winter alone. There are often 60+ youth in the gym alone, with seven staff and contractors on site to host, manage, and facilitate across the three program areas.

Community Drop-in Nights play a vital role in building intergenerational connections, fostering relationships with caring adults, and providing a safe, welcoming evening space.



Community drop-in art.

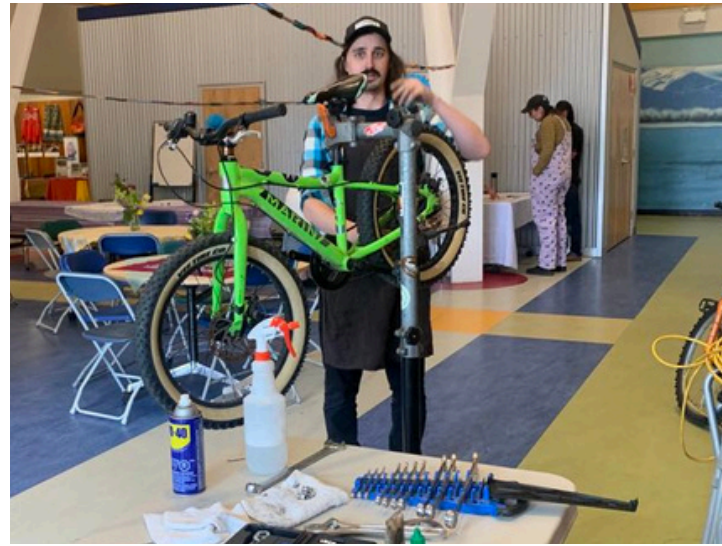
“I loved coming and bringing my international students to drop in nights. And even more, them (LTCES) letting me come and be a presenter for a few of them! My students loved interacting with Canadian peers and seeing new things.”

- Debbie Wright

Repair Café

The Repair Café is a free event where community members come together to connect, share skills, and give new life to household items. Our fall Repair Café was a wonderful success, held in partnership with the Comox Valley Regional District and Comox Strathcona Waste Management.

Over twenty volunteer fixers were on site, equipped with tools and materials to help repair small electronics and appliances, wood projects, bicycles, toys, clothing, and more. The event not only kept items out of the landfill but also fostered learning, collaboration, and community spirit.



Bike repairs at the Repair Cafe!

Earth Day Free Clothing Store

The Earth Day Free Clothing Store at Lake Trail is a vibrant, community-powered celebration of sustainability and creativity!

This pop-up event transformed the multi-purpose room into a treasure trove of secondhand clothing and accessories, all free to take home. During the day the Lake Trail students were able access the "store" followed by the wider community.

The event was hosted by LTCES in partnership with Comox Strathcona Waste Management Educators and the Lake Trail leadership program introducing a circular economy of swapping, reusing, and repairing .



Free Clothing Store.

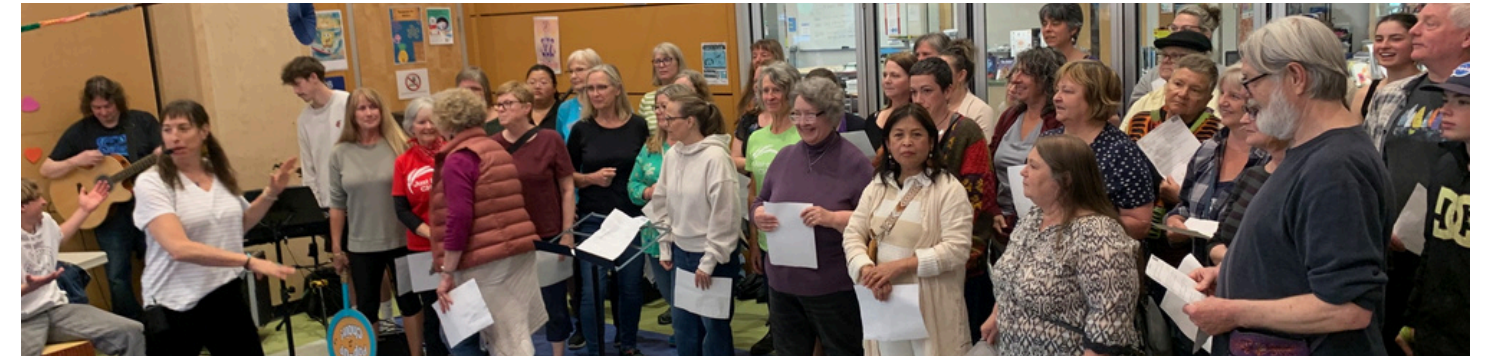
"I love these community days! At the last repair cafe I got three things fixed that otherwise would have ended up in the landfill, met some cool community members, and enjoyed making new connections. It's amazing to have free, low-cost opportunities to learn new things, have fun, and connect with others!"

- Meghan

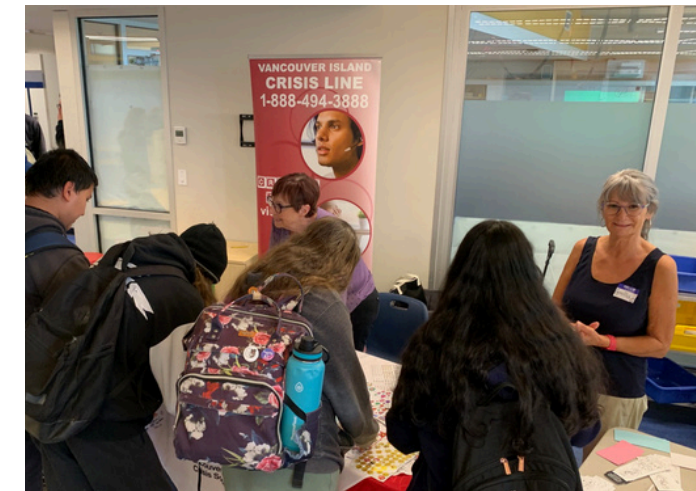
Community Connections Day

LTCES hosted our fourth annual Community Connections Day, bringing together over 20 service providers to offer activities, outreach, and support!

Local organizations joined forces to help families know they are not alone, meet neighbors, and explore the wide range of services available. The day featured workshops, classes, pop-up activities, art activities, open gym, our first annual garden swap, shared meals, and more, with incredible support from groups across the Comox Valley.



Community Connections Day



Vancouver Island Crisis Society at the Youth Resource Fair.

In parallel, a new Thursday daytime Youth Resource Fair, offered as part of Community Connections Day, provided a low-barrier drop-in where all grade eight and nine students could learn about youth programs in the Comox Valley and connect with service providers. Over 10 agencies participated in this new initiative.

The fair proved especially valuable for youth who could benefit from extra support within the community. A scavenger hunt at the event with fun and tasty prizes was a great bonus!

Priorities from our 2023 to 2026 Strategic Plan for Healthy Communities

Build on current community programs that address community-identified needs.

Support opportunities for meaningful connections.

After School & Youth

A core group of our community consists of 384 grade six to nine students who attend Lake Trail Community School, a middle school with a long legacy in the Comox Valley. Our youth come from three elementary schools in the Comox Valley that support a high percentage of vulnerable families. Many students face challenging socioeconomic circumstances and can feel increasingly isolated after school hours.

At LTCES, we are committed to creating programs that are requested by young people and guided by experienced facilitators and community mentors.

We offer safe and inclusive programs that support the social-emotional health of youth, reduce risky behaviours, and introduce them to caring adults in their community. All of our youth programs are offered free of charge because we believe every young person deserves access to these opportunities.

Increasing our Programmer role from 15 to 20 hours per week this past year was an exciting and meaningful step for LTCES, as it allowed us to build stronger, more consistent relationships with youth. Over the past year, our Programmer formed meaningful bonds with many students. It was heartwarming to see them participating in multiple programs, attending community drop-ins, and bringing friends along.

Expanding the role has also solidified many new partnerships with community organizations, enhancing the supports we can bridge for youth between the school and the broader community. We are committed to nurturing and developing the Programmer role in the years ahead to continue growing these connections and opportunities.



Getting up close with nature in the community garden!

We asked the kids for some feedback on a Tuesday morning. This is what we received. The youth are so great!

Gunnar: "The afterschool programs are not terrible. Good." Then he ran away.

Lily: "Very good, very fun. Very good, very fun, very good, very fun, very good, very fun."

Morgan: "After I go to the programs, the night voices visit me less."

Our Programmer, Meika: "Morgan, I can't say that in the report!"

Faith: "Free sugar! And we get to climb trees and visit the Lorax."

Ashlynn: "Afterschool programs are 1000% very good."

After School & Youth Statistics

25

Programs

15

Volunteers

118

Volunteer Hours

711

Participants

1878

Total Engagements

After School and Youth Programs

Youth Volunteers

LTCES is always excited when youth show an interest in volunteerism and leadership. Youth were invited to join our staff team in supporting the preparation of healthy snacks which were distributed to Lake Trail students, along with the salad bar program. Older youth also supported garden programs and events, and created thank you cards for supporters.

Reading Buddies

Reading Buddies paired younger students who were looking to practice their reading skills with a 'big buddy' teen volunteer. Big Buddies were role models who helped younger children develop a love of reading. Reading Buddies was a collaboration between LTCES and Comox Valley Lifelong Learning Centre.



Youth sharing stories together as reading buddies.

Cooking Club

In Cooking Club, participants learned basic kitchen skills, tried new recipes, and experimented with flavours while developing confidence in the kitchen. Students enjoyed sharing a meal together and often took some home to share with their families.



Mini pizzas at Cooking Club.

Sewing Club

In the after-school sewing program, students dove into the joy of creating their own unique projects. They experimented with fabrics, colours, and designs while learning skills like stitching and pattern-making. Community volunteers shared their expertise, adding a valuable intergenerational element. The program sparks creativity, imagination, and problem-solving!



Sewing Club crafting cozy pajamas to keep warm all winter.

Gender-sexuality alliance (GSA)

LTCES supported the GSA program, with our Programmer serving as a mentor. The GSA Club is a fun and supportive space for LGBTQ+ youth and allies. Youth share experiences, make connections, and celebrate diversity while building supportive friendships.

Stop Motion Animation

The after-school Stop Motion program is a hands-on, creative opportunity where students explore storytelling through stop-motion animation. Youth brought their ideas to life frame by frame, learning scene design, character movement, and basic editing. It was amazing to see their short films come to life!



Stop motion animations in the works!

Art Exploration

The after-school Art Drop-In, run by our Programmer, is a relaxed space where students can explore painting, drawing, sculpture, and mixed media. The program encourages creativity, self-expression, and imagination, offering a place where kids can just be themselves.

Outdoor Adventure Quest

Students built connections with the natural spaces surrounding the school, and explored their relationship with themselves and the group. Participants learned discernment skills and positive decision making practice through live action role play.

Comic Book Club

The After-School Comic Book Club is a relaxed space where students can explore storytelling through comics. They created characters, built stories, and let their imaginations run wild!



Learning new skills and making amazing, one-of-a-kind creations.



Youth input.



We are lucky to have awesome collage posters created by our Programmer, Meika!

Priorities from our 2023 to 2026 Strategic Plan for After School & Youth

Design and deliver programs for youth that connect them to purpose, place, and people.

Community Garden

As another season wraps up in the Lake Trail Community School Garden, we have been reflecting on a year full of growth, learning, and connection.

The community garden, cared for by our Garden Coordinator, volunteers, and youth, celebrated its fifteenth year in 2025 and its third season in the new garden space. This year also marked the merging of our Food and Garden roles into one, opening exciting opportunities to bring food and garden learning together!

Through our Garden Gnomes program, we grew more than flowers and food. We grew curiosity, friendships, and a sense of shared purpose. Community potlucks brought everyone together to celebrate the season's harvest and each other.

A highlight of the season was our partnership with the Youth Climate Corps, mentoring youth in sustainable agriculture and empowering them to take actions that address the climate crisis. In one sunny corner, five new fruit trees took root, surrounded by native plants that will continue to grow in the years ahead.

Looking to next year, we are excited to offer more workshops and skill-building activities, strengthen community partnerships, revamp our compost stations, and create a vibrant outdoor classroom under the shade sail!

"I'm feeling inspired and deeply grateful for the relationships we've built with both the land and our community during my first growing season at the Lake Trail Community School Garden!"

- Shirley Green, LTCES Food and Garden Coordinator.



Many hands make light work!



"I've seen people from many different walks of life show up to the garden, and while at first they might be a bit nervous, the welcoming and accepting energy that is demonstrated and displayed by everyone there soon makes everyone feel comfortable. It is truly a special place that gives people the space to share what is important to them, or simply have a relaxing social experience."

- Mikasa Quaife, Youth Climate Corps BC Participant.

Youth in the Garden

Classes Using the Garden Space

We are thrilled to see more Lake Trail classes using the Community School Garden as an outdoor learning space! From science experiments to art projects and hands-on ecology lessons, students are discovering the joy of learning through nature. The garden continues to grow as a living classroom.

Summer Squad

With the garden as their home base, Summer Squad was a week-long camp where youth explored community resources and had fun. In its first summer, the Squad visited local organizations such as the Comox Valley Art Gallery and the Vancouver Island Regional Library. New library cards were assigned, and ice cream from Blue Spruce was enjoyed by all!

Lunchtime and After School Programs

Our Garden Club saw youth tending to the garden and discovering the joy of growing food. This ignited a sense of community, as some youth started participating in our evening potlucks.

Hub Program

The Hub (life skills) program has been a major contributor to the garden. Students learned about nature and practiced language development, healthy eating, friendship skills, and hands-on learning alongside educators, educational assistants, and community volunteers. The garden benefited from the dedication of the youth, while providing opportunities for students with different abilities to be meaningfully included in new and exciting ways.



Enjoying the fruits of the garden.



Summer Squad checking out Wall Things Art Mural Festival.



We grow food and plant flowers to brighten the garden and help pollinators.

Work Parties / Potlucks

Garden Dinner Club has become a highlight for LTCES, bringing together diverse participants who form deep connections through a weekly potluck and garden work party. Each 'Garden Gnome's' unique skills and contributions benefit the garden and the collective learning of the group.

The club runs from the week before spring break until the first week of October. Salad bar leftovers are included in the potlucks until the salad bar ends for the year, which aligns perfectly with the garden's production, allowing us to add fresh, homegrown produce.



Enjoying beautiful blossoms and tending to the spring garden.



Gathering to celebrate a season of growth and connection!

"My kids absolutely love the opportunity to meet new (and familiar) faces and be outside learning about the magic of gardening (as well as drinking delicious lemonade!). We have been able to meet and exchange with so many people with whom we'd otherwise likely not come into contact with. It is a community connector that equalizes one another, brings us together under similar interests, and engenders connection in safe and meaningful ways."

- Anonymous.



Skill Sharing

When volunteers bring their skills to the garden, we are thrilled to provide a living space for learning, where community members share knowledge and learn from one another.

Devon sharing her skills with herbs.



Gaio, inspecting the compost for worm castings and mycelium growth.



Community Garden Statistics

28

Workshops / Events

55

Volunteers

529

Volunteer Hours

56

Workshop Participants

529

Total Engagements

Priorities from our 2023 to 2026 Strategic Plan for Community garden and Food Security and Literacy

Design and develop garden and food-specific programs and connections to support the current and evolving needs of the community within our changing climate.

Healthy Foods

Salad Bar

Salad bar programs go far beyond providing lunch. They nourish bodies, minds, and communities! LTCES continued to provide a fresh and nutritious weekly meal to students at no cost through our salad bar program. Coordinated by LTCES staff and delivered by a dedicated team of volunteers, the salad bar is a weekly highlight for youth.

Each week, the salad bar offered something a little different, but it always included fresh greens, seasonal vegetables, grains, and protein. Whenever possible, ingredients came from our community garden, from potatoes to herbs used in our scratch-made dressings. Students chose what went on their plates, building the foundation for lifelong healthy eating habits.

This program provided a tangible way to educate youth on local food connections, and to celebrate culture through food including a well-received National Indigenous Peoples Day salad bar.

Our salad bar volunteers are mainly retirees, bringing intergenerational relationships directly into the school. Once a month, the Rotary Club of Comox lovingly cooks huge vats of soup to accompany the salad bar.

This program is a team effort, bringing together volunteers, youth, and community partners.

“Apart from the camaraderie with my fellow salad bar volunteers, what really makes the service meaningful is seeing the smiles of the students as they fill their plates with healthy food. I love being around their energy and enthusiasm. An expression of appreciation by one student can make my day!”

- Connie Waterman, Salad Bar Volunteer



A delicious plate of salad.



Valerie brightening the salad with colorful nasturtiums from the garden!



Celebrating our amazing salad bar team at the year-end garden luncheon.

Expansion to Arden Elementary

The 'Feed the Feeder School' initiative showcased the power of intergenerational connections. Volunteers from the Lake Trail salad bar team mentored new family volunteers from Arden Elementary. Together, they served over 400 meals each week.

As Arden transitioned to a full meal program, LTCES's support was no longer needed, but the salad bar played a key role in laying the foundation for this shift.

We are deeply grateful for the energy, time, and dedication of the Arden volunteers who had a vision for their community and brought the Arden salad bar to fruition!



Arden salad bar volunteers.

Salad Bar and Community Meal Statistics

6379

Salad Bar Meals - Lake Trail

4040

Salad Bar Meals - Arden

516

Community Meals

37

Volunteers

1411

Volunteer Hours

Healthy Snacks

At LTCES, we understand that healthy snacks are more than just a treat. They are an essential part of supporting youth as they learn, play, and connect. At our lunchtime, after-school, and evening drop-in programs, we provide fresh vegetables, protein-rich options, and even homemade mini muffins prepared by a LTCES volunteer.

These snacks help young people stay energized, focused, and nourished during activities, while also showing them that their well-being matters.

The program snacks are coordinated by the LTCES staff with the support of our dedicated volunteers, making each snack a meaningful act of care.



Snack plates ready to go.

Food Pantry

For the second year, LTCES partnered with the Comox Valley Food Bank to stock a Food Pantry stocked weekly with a variety of items. The pantry was made available after school and at community events for Lake Trail students and families.

The food bank also supports many of our food programs through food recovery, and we are so grateful for this fruitful partnership!



Valerie's mini muffins are requested by youth!



The Food Pantry project.



A bowl of fresh strawberries from the community garden.

Studies show that in BC and across Canada, children and youth consume insufficient and unhealthy diets, with low fruit and vegetable consumption. According to a 2016 study, only 10% of all Grade 6-12 students in BC eat the recommended daily servings of fruits and veggies. The 2018 BC Adolescent Health Survey found that "less than 4 in 10 students always ate three meals a day on school days."

In addition, children and families are struggling to access healthy foods. BC's 2022 Food Costing Report indicated that approximately 145,000, or 1 in 6, children in BC lived in a food insecure household in 2021.



The Coalition for Healthy School Food

According to Food Banks Canada Hunger Count 2025, 33% of food bank clients in BC were children, representing nearly 712,000 visits, an increase of nearly 340,000 monthly visits compared to six years ago.



The Coalition for Healthy School Food

Healthy Snacks Statistics

1064

Program Snacks

1230

Drop In Night Snacks

950

Food Pantry Snacks / Meals

3244

Total Snacks Served

Strength in Community: Our Year of Support

Understanding Who we Are

Working in partnership with Lake Trail Community School can make our status a little confusing, but we are indeed a registered charity! As a charity, LTCES depends on grants, fundraising events, and donor support to bring our programs to life.

With the amazing school space as our home, every contribution directly supports our staff, programs, and experiences that strengthen our community, rather than going toward overhead. It just makes sense!

Taylor Swift Fundraiser and Party

In 2024, LTCES hosted a Taylor Swift-themed fundraising event that captured national attention. Led by Vivian Vaillant and supported by Sophia Vaillant, who generously donated Eras Tour tickets, the event included a family-friendly friendship bracelet-making party and a raffle for the concert.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of Sophia and the support of the community, the event raised over \$25,000 to support LTCES programs. Media outlets across Canada celebrated this unique blend of fan culture and philanthropy, highlighting the power of community spirit (and Swiftie spirit!) in the Comox Valley.

“I started middle school as a timid, anxious kid who really struggled in school. I know all my success has come from the support and mentorship that came from the very kind of village LTCES is building at Lake Trail Community School”

- Sophia Vaillant



Beautiful thank-you cards made by our LTCES.



Taylor Swift Raffle and Family Friendly Friendship Bracelet-Making Party.



The lucky winner with Sophia and Vivian Vaillant at The Eras Tour!

Emergency Fundraiser

In 2025, LTCES launched an emergency fundraiser to address an unexpected shortfall and to ensure the continuity of our programs. The need was urgent, and we turned to our community with hope and determination. The Comox Valley Community Foundation responded immediately with an early grant, setting the tone for an incredible outpouring of support from across the community.

Local residents rallied in remarkable ways. A special event at Gladstone Brewing brought people together to celebrate and support LTCES, while creative initiatives like a pie contest and mural painting fundraiser allowed everyone to contribute in meaningful, hands-on ways. A generous donation from the Kapalka Family Foundation provided a powerful boost, both financially and emotionally.

These efforts not only helped meet our fundraising goal but buoyed the spirits of our organization. The support from the Comox Valley reminded us that we can overcome obstacles together!



The 'Together on Tap' fundraising event at Gladstone Brewing.



Board members hard at work.



Larry Ayre donating his musical talents.



The Lifelong Learning Centre sharing activities at the fundraiser.

Board Members

Lesia Wick, **Chair**

Nancy Gothard, **Secretary**

Linda Maccoomb, **Treasurer**

Amber Finneron

Jo-Anne Kingstone

Reaghan Nolan

Susan Shantz

William Bakker, **Teacher (Ex-Officio / Non-Voting)**

Alissa Pratt, **Vice Principal (Ex-Officio / Non-Voting)**

“The Lake Trail Community School Society is a unique and valuable partnership to our entire school population. Their after-school and in-school programs help build the sense of belonging we try to provide each child. We aren’t a true community school without the LTCES”.

- Kyle Timms, Principal

Anna Rambow, **Executive Director**

Anna (she/her) is an award winning community engagement professional specializing in the relationship between not for profit organizations and community stakeholders. She is an enthusiastic champion of building inclusive spaces of belonging and support and believes that all people benefit from strong connections. Anna is excited about the possibilities of the community school model in West Courtenay as more community members become involved. Together, we are building something special!

Meika Johnson, **Programmer**

Meika (they/them) is an Indigiqueer educator and youth worker who has been running community programs for over a decade. They are dedicated to strengthening community ties, fostering a culture of vulnerability and growth, being silly, and destroying fascism. By connecting through art and nature Meika believes we can tap into our personal strengths, uplift each other, and create a reality that accepts people for who they are, without judgment or fear.

Vivian Vaillant, **Outgoing Garden Coordinator - Fall 2024**

Vivian (she/her) is a dedicated community builder with a specific interest in creating youth opportunities for leadership. Vivian believes that gardens can cultivate confidence, community, and mindfulness for anyone lucky enough to have access. We were lucky to have Vivian on our team, working with our community to grow amazing connections in the garden.

Jaclyn Kirby, **Outgoing Healthy Foods Coordinator - Winter 2025**

When LTCES needed a temporary Food Coordinator, Jaclyn Kirby stepped in with her experience in education, school gardens, community volunteering, and farming. Her passion for teaching kids where food comes from was a perfect fit. Jaclyn has moved on to serve as the Food Coordinator at Lake Trail Community School, and we’re grateful to continue partnering with her in this new role.

Shirley Green, **Food and Garden Coordinator (New combined role!)**

Shirley (she/her) is a passionate advocate for regenerative design, community care, and the wisdom of nature. With a background in Sociology, Environmental Studies, and Economics, she bridges connections between garden, people, and economy. Born and raised in Costa Rica, Shirley believes ecology teaches unconditional love, and she is dedicated to fostering communities for a future rooted in care, purpose and belonging.

Community Partnerships

We can begin by doing small things at the local level, like planting community gardens or looking out for our neighbors. That is how change takes place in living systems, not from above but from within, from many local actions occurring simultaneously.

Grace Lee Boggs



Supporter and Partnership Statistics

226

Volunteers Across All Programs (with crossover)

3399

Volunteer Hours

50+

Funders and Sponsors.
Many choose to remain anonymous.

We engaged in

30+

partnerships and organizational connections, improving our collective capacity to support youth and the community.

Donors & Sponsors

We thank the individual donors, foundations, businesses, and institutions that supported LTCES's work from August 2024 to July 2025.

Comox Valley Schools, Lake Trail Community School, the Kapalka Family Foundation, Comox Valley Community Foundation, Feeding Futures, Province of British Columbia, Youth Climate Corp BC, and Adopt-a-School Vancouver Sun Foundation.



Kapalka Family Foundation



Comox Valley Arts, Wachiay Friendship Centre, Rotary Club of Comox Soup Days, Comox Valley Food Bank, Elarton Point Strategies, Courtenay Recreation, the Comox Valley Regional District, and Gladstone Brewing Co..

