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A big thank you to everyone that supported our Tomato plant s Purdy's Fundraisers!

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What a wonderful welcome Spring is and I hope that everyone is starting to feel a little brighter. It reall has been a tough year for all of us. As you know in March 2020 Clay Tree Society was deemed an "essential service" and apart from the closure over Christmas we have been open all the way through, for in person service. My thanks to the staff could not be great enough, especially the first few months when rules and regulations were changing quickly and we had to adapt sometimes on a daily basis to the changes. With all that in mind I am thrilled to let you know that almost all of the Clay Tree staff have now been vaccinated with the Pfizer vaccine. It certainly was exciting and we can see light at the end of the tunnel now, each day more and more of the participants are letting us know that they too have had the vaccine along with their family members and caregivers, we are not safe until all of us have been vaccinated and then finally (hopefully) we can breathe a collective sigh of relief and start to make small steps towards a more normal life. I would like to wish you a happy and healthy Easter time and a great future ahead for all of us.

At the beginning of March, Clay Tree hosted the first new staff training program that we have has since the beginning of the pandemic. In this group, we have five trainees: Caleb, Jamie, Adina, Angela and Michelle. Currently at Clay Tree, our training program lasts four weeks. Trainees who successfully complete the program are offered casual community support worker positions here at the Society. All of our new recruits have been very enthusiastic about the training and becoming a part of the Clay Tree team. Our new trainees have come to us with prior experience in the field of human services and have excellent qualifications. Topics covered by the training have include a full training on Clay Tree's paperwork, the Eight Domains for Quality of Life and person centred planning to name a few. The trainees have been spending time getting to know the participants and their programs. We are very excited to welcome the trainees to Clay Tree Society, and we hope that they will all enjoy long and rewarding careers with the Society!

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## COVID-19 Vaccine

We are pleased to announce that after much perseverance from our ED, Clay Tree Society were offered the vaccine and staff have been getting vaccinated for the last few weeks!

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Every 5 years our participants are awarded a service pin. Megan has continued to keep the lists organized. Thank you Megan, we appreciate the work you have put into this very worthwhile job. "I am happy and glad that my friends are getting their pins " Megan.

Lacey and Megan take pride in sending cards to our participants. They diligently go through the birthday lists and make sure no one is forgotten. They would be grateful for any unused cards (not Christmas) to be donated, if you are able to donate some cards, please drop them through the mail slot in the middle doors at Clay Tree.

We would like to thank Megan and Lacey for keeping the HOPE council going during this andemic. We are looking forward to the day when all members of the council can meet together again.

Megan & Lacey



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Easter 2021 Closure dates Friday - April 2nd Monday April 5th