

Humber Valley Day Care Centre Inc.
Annual Report

Humber Valley Day Care Centre Inc. (HVDC) was established by the congregation of Humber Valley United Church as a separate non-profit entity and Incorporated Ministry to establish a much needed day care centre in the town of Pasadena. After renovating our church hall and kitchen, HVDC proudly welcomed children in the fall of 2015. The centre is a fully licensed facility with 26 spaces for children from 18 months to school age. We provide families with child care from the Deer Lake, Pasadena and Corner Brook areas while employing 7 Early Childhood Educators and 1 part-time cook.

We operate the daycare facility with assistance from the Government under the Provincial Operating Grant program that allows us to provide childcare to families at a rate of \$10/child/day. While our grant payments have increased in the past couple of years, so have our expenses with the cost of food, supplies and wages climbing. We continue to have a lengthy waitlist for families seeking childcare at our centre with inquiries coming in daily from parents seeking childcare.

Shortly after opening the day care centre, the Board embarked on another project – adult living cottages. With the assistance of Government programs, HVDC built 10 housing units for adults (rent controlled, 50+ residents) on existing church property. We welcomed our first residents in late spring of 2018 and currently have a substantial waitlist for the cottages as well. We like to think that we have created a small community with HVDC ventures. The children from the daycare pay visits to the seniors' cottages for special events like Trick-or-Treating or Christmas caroling and the seniors look forward to these events with special treats for the children.

HVDC was established to assist our congregation with meeting the financial obligations of the church and we are proud to say that we have been able to pay the church a monthly rent for the hall space as well as cover some of the expenses of the church like snow clearing, church cleaning and minor maintenance. We are happy to be able to help out our own church family financially, while also providing some much needed services within our community in the form of child care and seniors housing.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Wright

Vice-Chair
HVDC, Board of Directors