



OUR KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Raised \$1,000,000 to create the Jack Bell Chair in Schizophrenia Research at the University of British Columbia, established in 1994
- BCSS “Emerald Eve” Fundraising Gala. First held in 1988, this popular and successful fundraiser has raised over \$100,000 for the Society
- Developed the *Partnership Education Program* — training families, consumers and mental health professionals to work together on public education — over two hundred presentations a year in BC
- Developed “Kids in Control” program, providing education and support for children ages eight through thirteen whose parents have a mental illness
- Raised over \$80,000 to develop “Reaching Out” Early Intervention video/manual high school curriculum resource, now being used across Canada
- Developed the BCSS Respite Program to provide respite services for caregivers of people with a serious mental illness
- Successfully lobbied police and government to support the use of Taser technology for non-lethal intervention
- Creation of the Dr. Norma Calder Schizophrenia Foundation, grants from which now total \$710,000 — entirely the result of donations from individuals and fundraising efforts by BCSS branches.

SCHIZOPHRENIA IS...

- A medical illness. *PERIOD.*
- Usual age of onset is 16 (or younger) to 25 years.
- A brain disease, the result of physical and biochemical changes in the brain
- Almost always treatable with medication
- More common than you think. It afflicts 1 in 100 people worldwide — that’s 40,000 of your BC neighbours.

SCHIZOPHRENIA IS NOT...

- A split personality
- Caused by childhood trauma, bad parenting, or poverty
- The result of any actions or personal failures of the individual.

Compassion follows understanding. It is therefore incumbent on us to understand the best we can. The burden of disease will then become lighter for all.

- Dr. E. Fuller Torrey

BCSS is a family-based organization. Together with our Branches and our Regional/Program Coordinators, we provide support and education services throughout the province to help family members and their ill relatives cope with schizophrenia and other serious mental illnesses.

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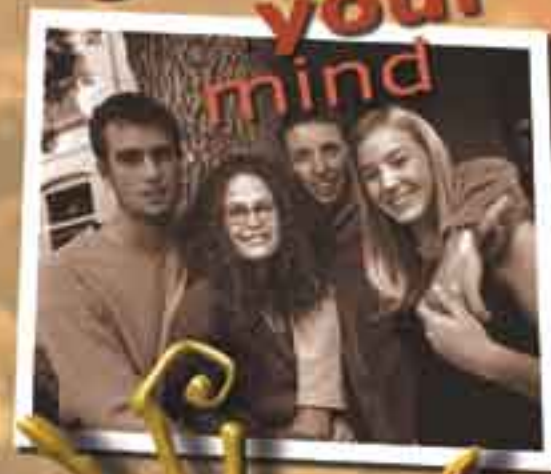
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BCSS Branch Contact Information



This information not to be substituted for the advice of a professional. Always consult a physician regarding individual circumstances.

We'd like to change your mind



To find the BC Schizophrenia Society Branch nearest you, check your local telephone directory, or contact our Provincial Office.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA SCHIZOPHRENIA SOCIETY

The British Columbia Schizophrenia Society (BCSS) is dedicated to providing support and education to families and their ill relatives suffering from schizophrenia and other serious mental illnesses. Founded in 1982, BCSS has grown to become a province wide volunteer based family support organization with over 5,000 members and supporters.

Our mission:

“To alleviate the suffering caused by schizophrenia”

Our mandate:

- Family support and education
- Public education, awareness and understanding
- Advocacy for better services for people with schizophrenia and their families
- Promote research into the treatment and cure of schizophrenia

DR. NORMA CALDER SCHIZOPHRENIA FOUNDATION

The Dr. Norma Calder Schizophrenia Foundation was formed in 1993 to manage and grant funds donated for worthwhile projects in the areas of research, housing and rehabilitation.

Since 1995, the Calder Foundation has been able to fund lead researchers to investigate new ideas. In 2002, they began a matching grant program with the NeuroScience Canada Foundation and the Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR).

BCSS PROGRAMS

BCSS Family Respite Program

- Individual respite services tailored for families of people with severe mental illness. Emphasis is on providing respite care to the ill person in their own home environment whenever possible.

BRIDGES Consumer Education Program

- 14 week program of education and support run by and for people diagnosed with a mental illness. This course is taught by consumers for consumers.

Early Psychosis Program - “Reaching Out”

- Stand-alone resource kit designed to increase awareness among students, teachers, and counsellors. Includes video, teacher’s guide, lesson plans and student materials.

Family Education Program

- Course for family members of people with serious mental illness, focusing on the major psychiatric disorders. Taught by trained family members in a supportive environment.

“Kids in Control” Program

- Provides information, education and support to children eight to thirteen who have a parent with a serious mental illness.

Partnership Education Program

- Program based on a personal story-telling model. Three guest speakers describe their own experience with mental illness.

Partnership Puppet Program

- “Brother Where Are You?” A puppet show for Grade 4/5 students to help give them accurate information and dispel myths about mental illness.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

There are many ways you can help the BC Schizophrenia Society. Whether you make a donation, become a member, participate in an event, or volunteer your time, any contribution is greatly appreciated.

Make a Donation

By making a financial contribution, you can help families affected by mental illness, assist them to better cope with their illness, and give additional hope and support.

Become a Member

Our voice is only as powerful as the number of families and friends dedicated to our cause. Help us continue to speak for families by joining the society today.

Volunteer

Every year people throughout the province volunteer their time, energy and expertise to help BCSS with its mission. Through their efforts, the Society continues to provide support to families, educates communities, raises funds, promotes research, and advocates for improved services for people with serious mental illness. Volunteers have always been — and continue to be — an invaluable part of our organization.

Help us make a difference in the lives of people with serious mental illness and their families. Your donations, membership, participation and volunteer skills help support vital education programs and services.

For more information about making a donation, becoming a member, taking part in an event, or volunteering, please contact us at bcss.prov@telus.net or call 604-270-7841.

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I am pleased to help the BC Schizophrenia Society make a difference in the lives of people with serious mental illness

Mr. Ms. Mrs. Dr.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ PC: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Fax: _____

I would like to volunteer

Donation Gift Amount

\$100 \$75 \$50 Other \$ _____

I would like to become a member

\$20 per person per year (April 1 – March 31)

Payment Cheque enclosed VISA

MasterCard Amex

Card Number: _____ Expiry: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

You may publicize my name as a supporter of BCSS

Yes No

“We do not collect, use or disclose your personal information unless you have provided your consent. Information will be used for the purpose of processing and receiving a donation/membership, distributing a donation/membership, recognizing a contribution, or responding to your request for information.”

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