

WE'RE BETTER TOGETHER

The Robson Valley Support Society was first incorporated in 1980 with just a couple of programs under its contract. Throughout the years, the social care charity transformed from a small, crises-focused center to a bustling agency with over 35 staff, four locations and 22 different programs and services.

In 2018 the organization underwent a complete rebranding, including a new logo, business name and office space, with the aim of better representing the diverse collection of services provided. Robson Valley Community Services (RVCS), as it is now known, is continuing to evolve and expand in unimaginable ways in order to better meet the needs of the community.

In 2023 RVCS expanded its services to include second stage and long-term housing programs in Valemount. The organization also formally merged with the Valemount Children's Activity Society (VCAS) to create a pooling of resources in a beautiful new space for improved childcare services in the region. RVCS recognizes the breadth of over 40 years experience that VCAS brings to the equation, complementing the organizational capacity, and forward thinking leadership.

It is through partnerships and collaborations like these that show the power of working together with a common goal of community in mind. The future looks bright for the Robson Valley!

OUR VISION

Robson Valley Community Services aims to continually adapt and respond to the ever-changing needs of the Robson Valley, from a community social-service perspective.

OUR MISSION

Robson Valley Community Services is a charitable organization dedicated to strengthening individuals, families, and communities by providing programs and services, and developing partnerships within a rural environment.

2022-2023 KEY HIGHLIGHTS

New programs in development

RVCS has secured new contracts, which include:

- **Second Stage Housing**
- **Long Term Housing**
(Both referred to as Ada's Place)
- **Roots of Life Childcare**
- **Family Court Support**
- **Thriving Families**
(Extra-curriculars for youth)

New Building

RVCS has acquired the new building at 1451 5th Avenue, which contains many of our new programs. We also acquired the building across the street, which is anticipated to house remaining programs in 2024.

Food Security Programs

RVCS created numerous food security programs to increase accessibility to low-barrier resources for clients and those in need:

McBride

Free Food Pantry

Valemount

Free Food Farm Stand
Seed Library

RVCS also offers gift cards, when available, for clients to spend at local grocery stores on goods they see fit. Our team believes this to be the most dignified access to food (1 card limit per adult each month)

Shared Management Model

RVCS Management at an organizational level, and the Board of Directors at a governance level, have both elected to adopt a shared management model of responsibility.

RVCS now operates under two Co-Executive Directors, Jana MacMaster and Donalda Beeson, and the Board operates with two Co-Chairs, Sherry Tinsley and Shelly Cousineau.

The organization feels this model mirrors shared responsibility, accountability and full transparency to the community, funders and our employees.

Sexualized assault reporting

RVCS increased training from one to three employees who can now assist victims of sexualized violence to report their assault to RCMP through a third party.

Cultural relevancy and safety training

Staff collaborated with indigenous leaders through the Cedar Blankets program to develop housing policies through our Indigenous Women's Council.

More funding for Supporting Children

Significant increases were negotiated in contract funding to support the Supported Child Development program and current need in community.

Increased Accessibility

Our McBride office was renovated to better accommodate a range of mobility abilities. The new build in Valemount offers comprehensive accessibility features.



Thank you to our clients, stakeholders and the community for the support.