

Celebration of Achievements – July 2009

For many years, Revelstoke's social sector has worked hard with many community partners to maintain and expand services for all ages. Quality service and support enables citizens to participate more fully as members of our active and vibrant community.



Recently, the Revelstoke Child Care Society celebrated "20 Years of Quality Child Care Choices". On June 17th, over a 100 children, parents and child care providers enjoyed the family activities, BBQ, child care provider appreciation and the interactive story "The Wide Mouth Frog" by Tracy Spanner, Family Literacy Coordinator.

Photo (left to right): Revelstoke Child Care Society's Chairperson, Carolyn Duncan joins Jenny Dierick, Manager of Care for Stepping Stones Child Care Centers, Linda Chell Child Care Resource and Referral Coordinator and Executive Director and Linda Richardson, a 20-year employee of the Child Care Society, cut the cake.

Elizabeth (Betty) Switzer was awarded the BC Council of Families "Distinguished Service Award for an individual". Betty retired this spring after 32 years of working tirelessly for children and families in the community as an early childhood educator. It was her vision and drive that helped Revelstoke to establish the province's first Strong Start Centre. Betty had a vision of a centre that would be welcoming to all families and worked tirelessly to achieve this vision.

(Photo: BC Council for Families President Barbara Graham (left) presents Betty Switzer with her award)



As well, Early Childhood Educator Rosetta Bernava was awarded one of twelve "2009 Child Care Awards of Excellence" for her work at Community Connections' Jumping Jacks Preschool. Each year, the Ministry of Children and Family Development recognizes the valuable contribution early childhood educators and individuals who operate licensed family child care facilities make in support of early learning and child care in British Columbia. Congratulations Rosetta!