

## New Brand, Expanded Location, Same BGC Kamloops



BGC Kamloops saw a lot of change this past year, most notably our amalgamation with BGC Williams Lake Club and the change to our brand. In September, BGC Kamloops amalgamated with BGC Williams Lake Club. We are excited to work with the Club in Williams Lake under the BGC Kamloops name to better serve our communities.

What does this amalgamation mean? It means that Executive Director, Traci Anderson, oversees both locations, making for a stronger, more efficient team. In Kamloops, Kerry Woehle, is the Manager of Program Operations and in Williams Lake, Krista Harvey is the Club Manager.

Any donations made to Williams Lake Club, stay in Williams Lake and donations made to Kamloops Club, stay in Kamloops. The only change with donations is that all charitable tax receipts are issued from Kamloops Club.



## THANK YOU!

The Fifth Annual Brennan's Ugly Sweater Run raised a total of **\$12,000.55** for our Power Start program. Thank you to Payton Comazzetto and her amazing team of volunteers for organizing this event again. And thank you to all the sponsors and to everyone who participated this year. We are grateful for the support!



**BGCK STAFF  
AND PETS AT  
BRENNAN'S  
UGLY SWEATER  
RUN**



# BGCK Youth Programs Year in Review

Speaking of all ages, BGC Kamloops' Youth programs saw record-setting numbers in 2021. Youth services saw a 39.6% increase in new youth attending programs. Youth programs served 338 unique youth last year.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, youth programs saw a dramatic increase in requests for food and personal hygiene products so, in January 2021, our Youth Necessity Nook opened to youth aged 11-24. Youth can access this service, receiving shelf-stable foods and hygiene supplies for free. Youth only have to provide a name and a birthdate to access what they need. This program serves more than 40 youth per month.

In spring 2021, Youth Services expanded to offer Outreach where staff went into the community to meet youth where they were at. Staff brought food, water, and personal hygiene supplies with them so youth could access what they need with the goal of promoting club services. We saw more youth accessing Club services through outreach. We expanded this program in the fall to serve more youth, especially on the South Shore.

In June, we added a drop-in program for youth ages 16-24 when youth staff recognized a need for service for older youth, especially those aging out of care. Youth were happy to have a space for them to come and hang out and be with their peers. This program was so successful, we expanded it in the Fall. You can check out our Youth calendar here: <https://www.bgckamloops.com/youth-programs>

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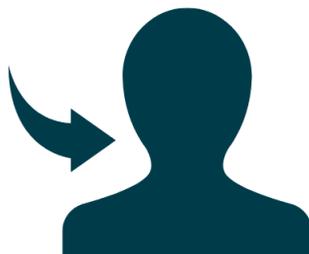
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**We look forward to hearing from you!**

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**BGCK Youth Staff in their Ugly Christmas Sweaters during their Christmas Dinner, December 2021**