

# WHAT A YEAR!



Our 40th Anniversary Finale Event December 2023



## OUR Vision

A vibrant, engaged, and inclusive community with quality programs and services that enhance the well-being of families and individuals.



## OUR Mission

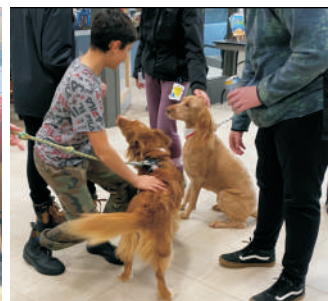
Beaver Valley Outreach is a charitable, community-based organization of staff and volunteers that provides quality programs and services to enhance the social, economic, and environmental well-being of people in our community.



## OUR Values

BVO Strives to:

- be welcoming and accessible
- treat individuals with respect and integrity
- be accountable and transparent to our supporters and those who use our services
- be collaborative, responsive and resourceful in meeting the needs of our community



*Making good things happen in our community since 1983!*

Many families, seniors, and individuals in our community relied on BVO to make their lives better - and we continued to deliver!

## Caring for Our Children

**60** Children from 59 families were cared for at BVO Preschool

**125** Children from 97 families spent quality time together at our EarlyON Child & Family Centre

**50** Children enjoyed after-school activities at Kids Club

**14,970** Breakfasts were served at Beaver Valley Community School. Over 1,070 volunteer hours

**103** Children from 80 families participated in Summer Fun Day Camp

**27** Children from 17 households received Recreational Funding

## Youth Engagement

**75** students participated in Exam De-stress Events; numerous visits to weekly table at GBCS

## Keeping Seniors Safe & Engaged

**306** Sessions of Seniors Centre Without Walls; approx. 75 individuals, seniors, family & caregivers served, with 55 people attending multiple sessions

**5** Live seminars & 27 phone sessions on Seniors' Rights, Finances, Housing & Preventing Abuse of Older Adults

**75** Seniors & households benefited from individual advocacy

## Caring for Those Who Need Us

**36** Average number of households BVO supported per month with food & gift cards

**110** Households supported through our Holiday Hamper program

**585 lbs** Of fresh, local food was donated to BVO's Food Cubby from Thornbury Community Gardens; 24 plots rented; 2 plots allotted to BVO

**48** Boxes of fruits & vegetables for our Good Food Box buying cooperative (many of these subsidized) over 10 months

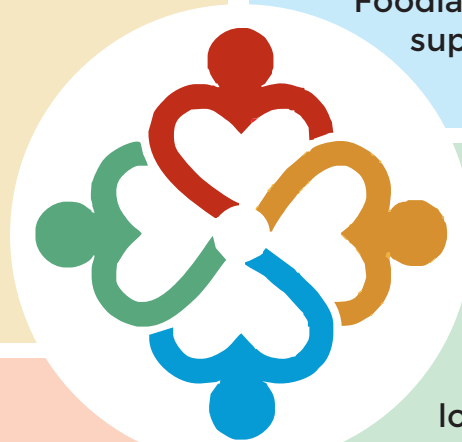
**"Add 40¢ or More"** through our Good Neighbours program with Foodland; enhanced to better support local families

## Caring for Our Environment

**303,180 lbs** of materials and textiles diverted from our local landfill through our Treasure Shop

**163,977 lbs** of used textiles for recycling sent on to Diabetes Canada

**99,000 Beverage Cans + 92,500 Large Bottles** handled, recycled and diverted from our local landfill through our Bottles for BVO Program; \$29,400 generated to support our programs and services







Flag Raising



Found  
Treasures  
Event



TBM Outstanding Community  
Group 2023 Award



Finale Event - Time Capsule



Thornbury Community  
Garden Event



## "It Was a Very Good Year..."

As we look back on our 40th Anniversary year, we are happy that so many of our BVO family joined us for our celebratory events. Whether you are a volunteer, a staff member, a partner, a person who uses our programs and/or services, a donor, or someone who just likes shopping in our Treasure Shop, we are very grateful for your support.

In our annual report, you will find lots of pictures showcasing the various activities that went on during 2023; there was quite a variety, some run by BVO, and some with partners. We thank the many people who were involved in all the planning and running of these events, especially our 40th Anniversary Committee.

Did you know that although BVO began in 1983, it was incorporated on February 29, 1988, and that Norine Baron was one of the original founders? For her work with BVO and other community organizations, Norine was honoured with a 2023 Ontario Senior Achievement Award presented by the Lieutenant Governor.

We recognize and encourage the multiple ways that our amazing staff and volunteers work together to provide our programs and services. As you will also see in this report, BVO continued to have a positive impact in our community and our environment throughout the year, in spite of our celebrations. We could not continue to do this without the ongoing support of our partners and donors who help us keep BVO sustainable and able to provide for many of our community's needs. Our new strategic plan presents us with challenges and opportunities to continue our mission and to build a strong, inclusive community.

Cheers to BVO and the next 40 years of making good things happen in our community!

**Cathy Innes**, Chair,  
BVO Board of Directors

**Carolyn Letourneau**,  
Executive Director





## Thank You Community Partners!

Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club  
Beaver Valley Community School  
Blue Mountains Public Library  
Town of The Blue Mountains  
County of Grey  
Thornbury Foodland



Roadside Enhancement



## In Memory

BVO remembers these very special people who passed away in 2023:



### Marty Lacey

Marty moved to Slabtown in 2000 and was immediately conscripted into our BVO family through founding member Hazel South. Thus began 22 years of continuous service with BVO. Marty served in many capacities. She

was a committed Breakfast Club Volunteer and a presence at any of BVO's fundraiser's, always with a friendly smile at our Silent Auction and Thanksgiving Dinner. She was perhaps best known as a long-time Board Member and our BVO Treasurer, ready to hunt down any errant penny to make the books balance. Last, but not least, Marty will always be remembered for her Wednesday egg salad sandwich-making - on whole wheat bread and without onions.

**Muriel Anderson** - A driver who was genuinely interested in people, Muriel was a great conversationalist and advocate for BVO and the issues it cares about.

**Jim Armstrong** - A volunteer driver and Breakfast Club volunteer before moving to Ecuador, Jim was always ready and eager to promote BVO in the local news.

**Rob Byrne** - Organizer of a summer Ball Hockey Tournament and a Christmas helper, Rob was always an enthusiastic champion of BVO.

**Eileen Gamble** - An important member of our Seniors team and previously an occasional driver, Eileen was the BINGO aficionado for our Seniors Centre Without Walls program. She played regularly and enjoyed being a caller from time to time.

**Jean Gauthier** - A long time Treasure Shop volunteer (women's clothes), Jean was a gentle, agreeable lady, always with a mischievous gleam in her eye.

**Roland Gosselin** - A volunteer at Answers4Seniors and a valuable member of our Seniors team, Roland's inquiry into having a single resource person that a senior could go to for information led to BVO's service to individuals needing help navigating and accessing complicated systems.

