

## City of Parksville Proclamations for March 2010

The City of Parksville is pleased to accept requests from charitable organizations to proclaim "months" or "days" in our municipality. This is an opportunity to bring public awareness and recognition to the organizations that play a critical role in our community. To date, the Mayor of the City of Parksville has proclaimed the following for the month of March 2010.

### Community Social Services Awareness Month

Community-based social services help to improve the quality of life for everyone, while making communities stronger and more stable. Services include child care and infant development programs, employment and housing support for people with developmental disabilities, specialized services for immigrant families and youths at risk, services for First Nations families, support for women dealing with violence, substance abuse and related services and assistance to people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

[www.communitysocialservicesmatter.ca](http://www.communitysocialservicesmatter.ca)

### Easter Seals Month

Easter Seals Month is an initiative of the BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities. Easter Seals Houses provide 35,000 bed nights per year and are a shining light for all the families and children who need a place to stay while receiving medical treatment for illnesses such as cancer, trauma situations or surgery at the hospital. As well, the society sends over 800 children with disabilities to camp each year. All services are provided by funds received from donors. [www.lionsbc.ca](http://www.lionsbc.ca)

### Kidney Health Month

The Kidney Foundation of Canada conducts its annual door-to-door campaign during the month of March. During this time, volunteers canvass the residences to raise much needed funds for patients throughout BC. Over five thousand adults, youth and children in British Columbia live with chronic kidney disease. Almost half rely on dialysis treatments and there are about 300 people facing seven to ten years on the transplant waitlist. In addition, it is estimated that 145,000 people in BC have undiagnosed kidney disease. Most are unaware that they have it because the symptoms are silent and often mistaken for other conditions. [www.kidney.ca](http://www.kidney.ca)

### Lymphedema Awareness Day - March 6

Lymphedema is an incurable condition, caused when the lymphatic system is compromised. Cancer treatment is a frequent cause because surgery removes and radiation destroys the lymph nodes. The mandate of the BC Lymphedema Association is to bring attention to this disease and to promote healthy and hopeful living with lymphedema through education, advocacy and support for all people living with lymphedema, their families and caregivers. [www.bclymph.org](http://www.bclymph.org)

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