

## ***Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program***



# **Islands Trust**

## **2017 Recipient Profile**

### **Hornby and Denman Community Health Care Society**

<b>Category:</b>	Organization
<b>Project:</b>	38 years of providing health care services
<b>Nominator(s):</b>	Pat Young and Cedar Wallace

#### **Description:**

The Hornby and Denman Community Health Care Society (HDCHCS) provides a range of health care and social services to children, youth, families and seniors on Hornby and Denman Islands, and in the Comox Valley. Beginning as a group of dedicated and concerned volunteers, HDCHCS has been registered as a charity and non-profit society since 1979. With 50 staff, it is now one of the key employers on the islands.

The HDCHCS's vision is "Healthy Islanders". The organization contributes to the health, social and economic well-being of Denman and Hornby islanders through a range of locally-based support and health services and through collaboration with local and provincial groups.

Some of the Society's services and programs include: home support; home assist; child, youth and family counselling and support programs; youth outreach; free equipment loans; a hamper program on Hornby, and community education. Other recent projects include 'Making Connections' to help improve social connections for island seniors; an Age-Friendly survey and report, 'Minding the Gulf', to communicate information about mental health and substance use concerns; and parent support groups including shared meals and child care. In 2013, the Society was selected to be the lead agency in the Comox Valley for the provincial Better at Home program, providing services to assist seniors. In addition, the HDCHCS owns and cares for the community built Hornby Clinic.