

Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program



Islands Trust

2017 Nominee Profile

Mayne Island Assisted Living Society

Category:	Organization
Project:	Community services to enhance islanders' quality of life
Nominator(s):	Mayne Island Lions Club

Description:

Since 2003, the Mayne Island Assisted Living Society (MIALS) has helped Mayne Islanders of all ages to have choices related to their living arrangements and quality of life.

Mayne Island Assisted Living Society, which has one part-time paid co-ordinator, relies on volunteers to provide support to islanders who ask for help. Volunteers drive people to appointments on and off the island and to places such as the grocery store and library. MIALS volunteers also assist those who may be becoming increasingly isolated in their homes by making friendly visits, and helping with small projects in and around the home. The MIALS co-ordinator organizes the island's Meals On Wheels program where volunteers distribute the meals to those in need.

Mayne Island Assisted Living Society helps seniors maintain their lifestyle in their own homes for as long as possible. This service ensures islanders remain in familiar surroundings and within their social network, benefiting the individual, their family, and the community. The current Board of Directors is now actively pursuing a new pilot project in the community to further reduce isolation among our seniors.

Over the years, MIALS has collaborated with businesses and other island societies when organizing the fundraising events that allow MIALS to continue to offer its services for free.