

Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program



Islands Trust

2017 Nominee Profile

Salt Spring Seniors Services Society

Category: Organization

Project: Providing the Salt Spring Seniors Centre Driving Program

Nominator(s): Edward Gijssen

Description:

The Salt Spring Seniors Services Society operates the Salt Spring Seniors Centre Driving Program that helps get island seniors to medical appointments in Victoria, Sidney, Nanaimo, Duncan, Saanich and on Salt Spring Island.

The program has four desk dispatchers who receive requests from local residents for drives to medical appointments and almost 30 drivers who take the passengers to their appointments, wait for them, and then bring them home. The program coordinated 324 drives in 2015-2016, and 327 drives in 2016-2017.

The Salt Spring Seniors Centre Driving Program is designed to allow people to reach medical care, contributing to the well-being of seniors and the Salt Spring Island community.