

CVS POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL

1.7 History of the Community Ventures Society

May 29, 1978

- The Society was incorporated as the *Second Step Society for Physically Handicapped Adults*.
- The first service was a sheltered achievement centre. A thrift store, woodworking shop, and craft program were developed to provide a training setting for vocational skills.

1990

- Our name was changed to *Community Ventures Society*, with changes to our location and in our focus.

Mid 90's

- The organization began expanding to welcome individuals back home to their community from institutions like Woodlands.

1992

- The Respite Program was begun with 10 families supported in family to family respite.

2003

- The Association is 25 years old – a remarkable achievement!

2004

- 76 families are supported in family to family respite
- 40 individuals, with a variety of abilities and disabilities, are supported in community based activities daily.
- There are more service reductions due to reduced budgets.
- Employees take lower wages and benefits in order to maintain job security.
- A new governance model – Community Living BC- is on the horizon.
- “Individualized Funding”, a new philosophy of service delivery is in the offing.
- We prepare for CARF accreditation.