

Innovative Care and Outstanding Services

Opportunity Through Community & Collaboration



Village

Community Services

Past / Present / Future



1963 Village Community Services begins in east Stanwood as an eight-week experimental program for “handicapped” boys and girls age 15 to 21. Victoria Ranch, as the program was originally named, is the vision of Pacific Denkmann president, John Hauberg Jr., and his wife, Ann Gould Hauberg. The program is operated in collaboration with the Snohomish County Superintendent of Schools.



1967 Victoria Ranch is incorporated as a year-round vocational, rehabilitative and residential program. John Hauberg is a trustee of the non-profit and Bob Nelson is appointed executive director. After 10 months of full time operation, 11 residents leave

Victoria Ranch to jobs in local industry.





1969-1975 Victoria Ranch receives several grants to expand facilities to accommodate 24 residents. A grant from the Seattle Foundation outfits the Ranch's wood and metal shops



and the agency is contracted to build 1,000 pallet boxes for Pacific Grinding Wheel.

The agency's first Mobile Crew is hired to clear brush at Shelter Bay.



1975 The agency earns accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitative Facilities (CARF).

1975 Victoria Ranch becomes Victoria Village. Over the years, Village Community Services undergoes mergers, partnerships, de-mergers and name changes. One constant is the agency's dedication to providing innovative person-centered services for people who have disabilities.

1980-2011 The agency operates several social enterprise businesses that are also vocational training programs. In 1980, the horticulture



business has three greenhouses, a fruit orchard, a 1 1/2 acre garden, and 2 acres of raspberries. Over the next 31 years VCS operates several social enterprises including a silk screening studio, contracts manufacturing shop, the Village Deli, Express Yourself espresso stand, an organic farm, and Freeze Dried Flowers. The agency's Mobile Crew is hired to do recycling, landscaping, clean up and other projects for local businesses and government agencies.



1993 Army Archerd, columnist for Variety magazine, hosts a star-studded charity event at the Beverly Hilton International Ballroom; \$25,850 of funds raised at the event is donated to Victoria Village. Army and his wife Selma are the parents of a Victoria Village resident.

1982 The Employment Support Services Center is created to place Victoria Village residents in jobs with Standwood-Camano area employers.

1994 The Board votes to transition Victoria Village residents to their own homes in the community. The transition occurs over the next four years.



1998 Victoria Village officially becomes Village Community Services and relocates to the Emerald Industrial Complex in Arlington. The new name honors the agency's history and captures its tradition of linking people with community.



By 2000 the Victoria Village property has sold and VCS residents now live throughout north Snohomish County. VCS's job placement, mobile crew, manufacturing, and recycling programs continue. The Board minutes report that participants are flourishing in their new homes and communities.



2003 Jon Dalgarn starts Friday afternoon music and singing events with VCS clients at the Arlington Bookstore. With support from VCS's Board of Directors and several dedicated parent volunteers, Voices of the Village and Village Music & Arts are born.



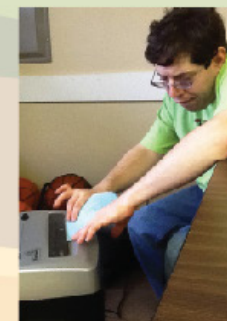
2011 VCS closes the Manufacturing Support Services workshop (formerly known as “Contracts”). Workshop participants pursue employment or inclusive community activities through VCS’s Employment Services division. The workshop closure, plus the closure of the Mobile Work Crew in 2005, completes the agency’s transition to community-based services to comply with Washington State’s Working Age Adult Policy.

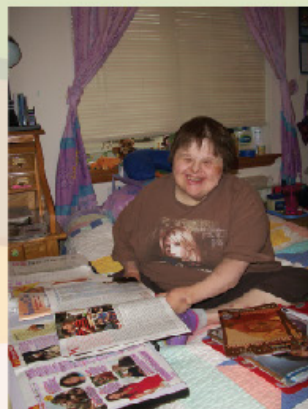
2008 VCS purchases the Royal Pacific building in Smokey Point. The building is re-named in honor of the late Royal Penewell, a local educator and VCS parent, volunteer, and board member.

2009-2015 Village Community Services continues to be a leader in the field focusing on serving both the aging adults in its Residential Supported Living



program and and young people with disabilities who are transitioning from school to work and, ultimately, adult independence.





2016 VCS's Employment and Community Access programs serve 174 people with disabilities in 2015. Twenty-nine participants are supported by VCS's Residential Supported Living program, and 200 people regularly participate in Village Music and Arts. Voices of the Village has 32 members and performs to an annual estimated audience of 4,500.

2014-2016 and Beyond VCS utilizes United Way, Bank of America, Zonta Club of Everett Foundation and other grant funds to develop vocational programs that meet the changing needs of participants and their families. New programs include WorkStrides seminars, Village Training Division, and Inclusive Entrepreneurs.

2016 to 2021

Voices of the Village continues to expand under the leadership of VCS Board Members Vicki Adams, Margaret McClure, and Marylin Baker.



2018 VCS's Community Room is completed as the result of a generous donation from the Employees Community Fund of Boeing Puget Sound. Technology and equipment were funded by the Nysether Family Foundation. The room hosts VCS's staff training, meetings, and the Village Experience Learning Center. It is also available for rental.

2019 VCS opens a new Residential Site in Marysville.



2016-2019 After several years of legislative advocacy, a significant rate increase from the Washington State Legislature is secured. This helps VCS's Residential Supportive Living program achieve financial sustainability and renews Supportive Living's focus on promoting life-long learning while maximizing client health and safety.



2020-2022 A series of outdoor, socially distanced "Music on the Move" concerts are held at supporters' homes and VCS's Royal Pacific Building.



2021 The Village Experience Learning Center re-launches to offer fun learning experiences in collaboration with volunteers and community partners, such as the Stanwood Camano Food Bank.



2021 Vicki Adams, Village Music and Arts Founder and Past Board President, retires from VCS's Board of Directors on December 31, 2021 after 33 years of service.

2023 Village Community Services is awarded the AmeriCorps grant as the lead agency for the "NW VISTAS" program. The program hosts 14 AmeriCorps members stationed at nonprofits in Snohomish, Skagit, and Island Counties.





2023 After three years outdoors during the global Covid 19 pandemic, VCS's Friday Music jam sessions move indoors to the Mirkwood Public House.



2023 and Beyond VCS continues its history of innovative services while maintaining its core Residential Supported Living, Employment Services, and Village Music & Arts programs. New initiatives include the Village Experience Learning Center,



NW VISTAS, and the Village Housing Trust, which was created to steward affordable housing resources for adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.

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