

The Provincial Psychosocial Services team of HEMBC is looking to showcase, celebrate and learn from people focused stories of recovery after emergencies. Community recovery initiatives *(small or large),* across British Columbia have worked to strengthen and re-build community ties, resilience, and hope. We believe that these stories highlight compassion, creativity, and meaningful engagement can be shared, appreciated, and help to inspire others.

If there is a recovery story that that highlights an initiative or successful practice that you would like to share on behalf of your community, we would love to hear from you. Selected stories will be shared in a published collection that will be shared with communities and emergency management stakeholders across the province.

In your submission, we please ask that you include the following information:

* A recovery project, process or initiate which was initiated to support the wellbeing of the community and/or staff.
* Why the project or initiative was started.
* How it made a difference to the community, staff and/or, support services.
* A quote which captures the difference that the initiative made.
* An acknowledgement of involved members (name, formal role).
* Photo inclusions are preferred. This may be of the event, those involved, or the initiative itself.
* A contact name so that others may reach out about the initiative. *This is preferred but not essential.*

On the next page, you will find an **example r**ecovery story capturing the above information that may be a useful reference to guide your submission.

Please send your submission to [edu.pps@phsa.ca](mailto:edu.pps@phsa.ca) **before September 30th**. We appreciate all submissions and look forward to hearing about the inspiring work your communities have done.

Sincerely,

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