

# VISION

Gaspé Percé

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Vision is a non-profit organization founded in 2004. It continues to work with and on behalf of the English-speaking community.

The Roadmap for Canada's Linguistic Duality 2013-2018 funding has allowed Vision to represent the interests of the English-speaking community and improve access to health and social services. Our strategic partner is the Gaspé CSSS.

Vision's public and community partners provide support and sustainability for our activities.

### **Vision's Board of Directors**

The board of directors for the 2013-2014 term are;

Gary Briand - President  
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### **Vision's Activities throughout the Summer**

Vision has been active throughout the summer months by working with various festivals around Gaspé, and tending to the new Douglastown community garden.

### **Malbay Festival**

Vision helped with the Malbay Festival's annual seniors' day which took place at the Mountain View Golden Age Club in Barachois on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013. Vision helped to organize the music and the lunch that was served to approximately 40 attendees.

### **Pioneer Days**

Vision was also present at the seniors' day for Pioneer Days which took place at Fort Haldimand Camp on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Vision presented the various projects that involve the seniors of Gaspé and took questions from the audience.



### **Douglastown Irish Week**

Vision was also able to help out at the Douglastown Irish Week Festival with the afternoon tea and animation for seniors which took place on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Douglastown Community Centre.

### **Community Garden in Douglastown**

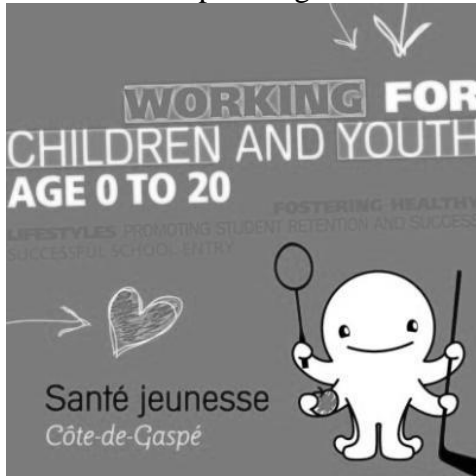
Vision has been able to create a community garden at the Douglastown Community Centre with funding from Santé Jeunesse and from MRC Ville de Gaspé. Vision has just received funding for phase 2 of the project which started on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Dennis Hackett, the coordinator of the community garden has been hard at

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work in tending to the vegetables and herbs that are open to the community for harvesting. The vegetables and herbs will also be used by the Douglastown Community Centre this summer. The garden will be ready for harvest in the upcoming weeks.



### **Frozen Meals**

Frozen Meals is a collaborative project between Vision and CASA that began on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. The project was designed to serve healthy homemade meals to seniors in Gaspé and Barachois. The project started with 11 clients and has grown to 42 clients receiving frozen meals on a bi-weekly basis. Each client is allotted a maximum of 10 meals, and the meals cost 3\$ each. Clients have the choice of having their meals delivered by a community volunteer or can pick up their meals at the Douglastown Community Centre. All meals are cooked in the centre's kitchen, as well as heat sealed and frozen at the centre. For more information on the Frozen Meals project please call the Vision office.

### **Super Nanny Arrives**

Our Super Nanny Arrives project that pairs retired women with parents of a newborn has been successful thus far. Thanks to the CRÉGIM we have received a two month extension on the project and Vision is trying to find the funding to sustain the project. So far the project has helped 13 mothers take a break for a couple of hours each week to relax or spend time with their older children. Anyone interested in the project should call the Vision office for more information; we are always looking for more volunteers!

On May 18th the Super Nanny project, as well as our community, lost a dedicated volunteer; Mrs. Lisette Dion (Lebrun). She was very involved in community life and was a volunteer in the Super Nanny Arrives program since the very beginning of the program. Our sincere condolences go out to her family and friends. She will be dearly missed.

### **Belle-Anse Day Camp**

Vision was pleased to partner with Belle-Anse School, Produire la Santé Ensemble, and the MRC du Rocher Percé for the day camp in Belle-Anse which took place from August 5th to the 9th at the school. The day camp had 17 children and 3 counselors for the week. The camp had a gardening twist to include the ever-growing community garden that Vision helped organize for the school last year. Campers spent their mornings in the garden learning about various plants, tools needed for gardening, and picking plants from the garden.



The Day Centre activities will resume in October at the Barachois Legion.

The Wellness Centre activities will resume in October at York River Seniors Hall.

For any information, please contact the Vision office.

Vision strives to publish and print the newsletter on a quarterly basis but due to staffing issues there may be the occasional delay in receiving the newsletter.

Vision's Next Newsletter will be out this winter!