

Dear Nitinaht,

Thank you for allowing me to live and work in your community. I have had a wonderful year as Community Service Manager and was glad to have the opportunity to create programs and get to know community members. One of the highlights was getting to know the children in the school and being able to teach in this unique part of the island. Another highlight has been working with the staff at community services -- Grace's peacefulness, Esther's sense of humor, Kelita's energy and competence, and Peggy's commitment to children. I have had the privilege of working closely with Jeneen Hunt, the band manager, who is a consistent and thoughtful leader. A third highlight for me is getting to know the elders and other community members. Wherever I go, my priority is to bring caring, love and joy, and I believe we have done that together.

My long-term wish for the community is that more children return, that the AA group continues to grow, and individuals feel supported as they find help, that more community members seek out the counsellors because they care, and they can sometimes guide us in a way that we can't do for ourselves. I also wish for hope and strength for the women of Ditidaht, as they reach out to find support for each other through the women's group. There are wonderful people in this community who care.

As I finish my temporary position here, I give a heartfelt hope and wish for the best for Ditidaht, the new Chief and Council. As I look over the big picture of Nitinaht, I see departments working together, the store ready to help in community events, the school working with daycare, community service and others. It has been an incredible opportunity to work in a community that is working together. I wish every one of you the best as you move forward. I have nothing but warm feelings towards the community and leadership.

God bless you all, as you are in my "AA prayers"!

With great sincerity,

Sunny