

# Youth Good Neighbours Award 2022

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Shandler



Connell Shandler started volunteering at Kits House in April 2022 and has fully engaged as a volunteer across a wide variety of programs and initiatives. He has already collected over 50 volunteer hours during the six months he has been a KNH volunteer. Connell has lived in the neighbourhood his whole life, is a Grade 11 at Kitsilano Secondary, loves photography and art, and hopes to study Business and Psychology at UBC in the future.

Connell is a motivated young man committed to giving back to his community in various ways. He prides himself to be a Kits House volunteer, extending his Good Neighbour values of kindness, connection and care well beyond the walls of Kits House and into the wider community. He sets an example for other youth.

## Westside Community Market

Every week throughout the summer Connell has volunteered his time at the West Side Community Market. Connell assisted with various tasks at the community market that included set-up and take-down, photography, and he took on an informal volunteer leadership role in providing volunteer support to Kits House staff and market vendors. Outgoing and friendly, he always makes everyone feel welcome and was always ready to lend a helping hand, whatever the task may be.

## Youth Community Cleanup

Connell is a champion of the environment! He actively participates in and supports the monthly youth-led Kits House Youth Community Cleanup program. This group of dedicated youth have adopted Connaught Park and the surrounding streets and alleys to pick up litter to keep the neighbourhood clean and safe.

## Community Potluck Host

Connell is part of the Core Volunteer Host team supporting the monthly volunteer led potlucks. He plays a leadership role in the hosting of the Community Potlucks.

## Neighbourhood Small Grants Review Committee:

Connell most recently has joined the review committee representing youth and supporting adjudication of all the community grants funding streams by attending weekly meetings and is part of the event planning team.

**Congratulations to Connell on being the recipient of the 2022 Youth Kits House Good Neighbours Award!**