

**Reasons why Ann Davis Transition Society was nominated for Outstanding Support:**

When COVID was on the horizon and we were not yet in lockdown, at Ann Davis Transition Society their Executive Director had the vision and foresight to prepare ahead of time and was able to successfully pivot our organization to meet needs of both staff and clients. She called together the leadership team including OH&S and directed staff to order PPE (before we knew what PPE really was). She provided military style grocery lists for our 2 safe houses and sent staff out to shop and stock up on provisions to prepare for what was coming. She scouted out technical resources to take our counselling and legal advocacy services online and she was able to keep most of our 60 plus team employed without interruption to service. With her strong leadership and guidance the leadership team drafted policy, kept ahead of the learning curve, attended webinars almost every day from all levels of government to keep us apprised and current of the rapidly evolving situation. Their safe houses in Chilliwack were some of the only houses that were prepared and still housed women and children throughout the pandemic, many did not and most were not prepared.