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Bright Things Going On at The Haven

Gabriola Island, British Columbia – How many Havenites does it take to change a light bulb? Quite a few if you are changing over 940 of them. The Haven on Gabriola Island recently changed their existing 60W and 100W incandescent light bulbs to new, high efficiency LED bulbs. *“After a recent energy audit, this was an area that we knew had the great potential to save energy and money.”* Said Haven Executive Director Rachel Davey. The Haven could save up to \$11,000 per year in energy costs with the new bulbs in place.

The new lights are ENERGY STAR® qualified, dimmable and contain no mercury. This makes them a much more environmentally friendly choice *“The new bulbs can also last up to 50,000 hours, or nearly 20 years so in addition to energy savings, we’re going to reduce the amount of waste we produce with replacement bulbs.”* Davey added. The bulbs also qualify for rebates from BC Hydro making the switch even more painless.

This is an integral part of The Haven’s core belief, that as an organization they should be responsible for their environment. And on an island like Gabriola, it’s more than a vision, it’s a necessity. *“Many people believe that because it’s BC, we’re all living in the land of plenty, but on the island, water and power are precious, if not scarce, so initiatives like the new light bulbs are essential to life on the island.”* Davey said.

It took staff only 6 days to install the new bulbs throughout the guest rooms, offices and common areas. *“This is just a part of a larger project that will see some really significant changes in our energy and water use.”* Said Davey. More projects at The Haven will see more reductions in energy use, and water consumption, but for now, Havenites can use the warm glow of the new LED bulbs to count the savings.

Since 1983, The Haven has offered experiential programs for personal and professional growth and development, emphasizing self-responsibility, effective communication, healthy relationships, creative expression and integration of body-mind-spirit. Haven programs help people live their lives more fully and with deeper awareness of themselves and others. A not for profit charitable organization, The Haven is located on Gabriola Island, BC, Canada.

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