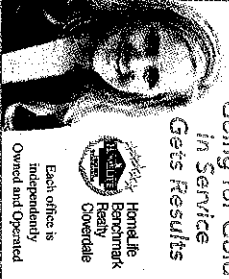


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Sundeep Brar, right, of Cloverdale Hyland House serves up a hot dog to Shawn Friesen at last week's outreach barbecue hosted by Options Community Services at Hawthorne Square. It was one of several events taking place across the city as part of Homelessness in Action Week.

Cloverdale connections

A solution-minded community marks Homeless Week

By Jennifer Lang

To some observers, it might have seemed like an unlikely assembly — some of Cloverdale's leading business people munching hot dogs alongside a wide assortment of people, from students, residents and shop owners to folks from the other side of the tracks.

But that's Cloverdale. Thursday, staff from Cloverdale Hyland House, a local homeless shelter located on Colebrook Road, were serving up a barbecue lunch at Hawthorne Square in the historic town centre.

The outreach barbecue was just one of the events taking place across the city as part of Homelessness in Action week. It was hosted by Options Community Services, which operates Hyland House, a 10-bed facility for homeless people that opened in 2008.

Peter Fedos, program manager of Hyland House, said the commu-

nity of Cloverdale is a supportive one when it comes to dealing with issues of homelessness and those in need.

Part of the explanation may be that Cloverdale's homeless people aren't transplants from somewhere else, he says. They're people with ties here, through family, history or circumstance.

There are fewer visibly homeless people in downtown Cloverdale, but Fedos said an official count hasn't been taken recently so it's difficult to know for sure.

"I think we're meeting the need," he said, adding it's not uncommon for local businesses and residents to call Options asking how they can help — whether it's donating food or clothing.

"Cloverdale's been amazing in terms of acceptance," he said, pointing to Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce executive director Bill Reid and other local business peo-