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### **BC Seniors Advocate kicks off Seniors' Week 2023 at Government House**

VICTORIA - BC Senior Advocate Isobel Mackenzie and Lieutenant Governor Janet Austin launched BC Seniors' Week with a garden party at Government House to honour local senior volunteers.

“Every day, seniors in this province give of their time and immense talents to make our communities better places to live. Whether it is delivering meals, raising money for local projects, lending a listening ear, coaching grandchildren, driving people to medical appointments or flexing their activist muscles, B.C. seniors are there with their wisdom, experience and compassion and we should all be grateful,” stated Mackenzie.

“Please join me this week in celebrating the many contributions seniors make every day in this province. Take some time to connect with your parents, grandparents, older friends and neighbours - you will be glad you did.”

The Seniors Advocate will be visiting a number of communities over the course of seniors' week, celebrating and engaging with older British Columbians and their families.

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The Office of the Seniors Advocate is an independent office of the provincial government with a mandate of monitoring seniors' services and reporting on systemic issues affecting seniors. The office also provides information and referral to seniors and their caregivers by calling toll-free 1 877 952-3181, BC211, via email at [info@seniorsadvocatebc.ca](mailto:info@seniorsadvocatebc.ca), Canada Post and the OSA web site <https://www.seniorsadvocatebc.ca/>.

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