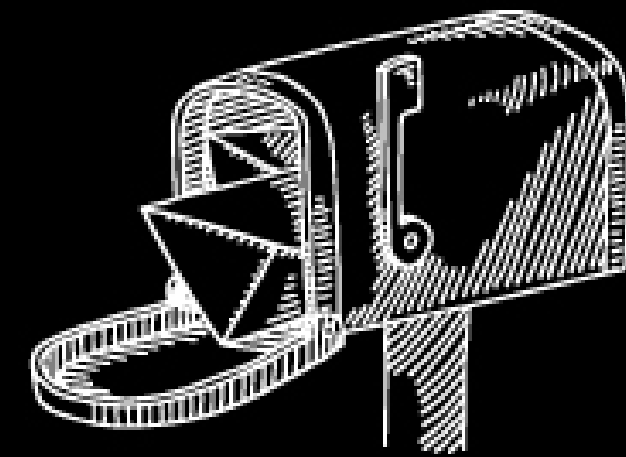


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N E I G H B O U R S



EST. B E I N G 2020

NEIGHBOURLY

A FRASER VALLEY MOVEMENT

BRANDING A MOVEMENT

CONCEPT / LOGO / APPLICATIONS

OBJECTIVE

To create a movement for the Fraser Valley which will engage the local community, create a sense of pride and encourage people to consider the Fraser Valley home.



RESEARCH SUMMARY

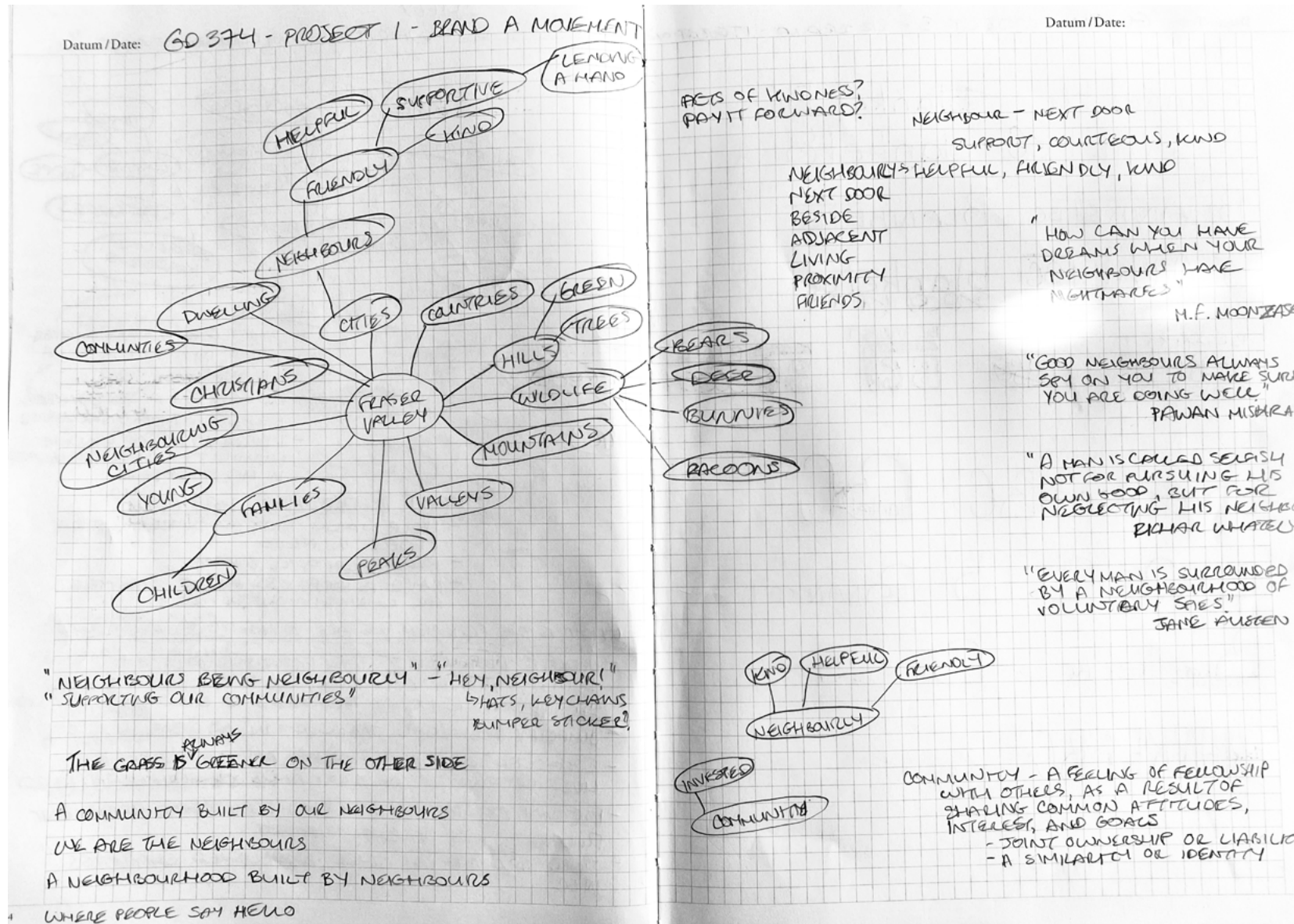
The Fraser Valley is becoming a place where you can live, shop, work and spend your leisure time.

Communities in the Fraser Valley are thriving because of the people. The people are at the heart of the business as owners and patrons. Because of their drive to succeed they support one another with the same dreams of being successful and having a thriving community.

CONCLUSION

At the core of a healthy and thriving community are the people; family, friends and neighbours. I realized that the good old standard of being a good neighbour has been one of the central factors that has allowed the Fraser Valley to thrive the way it has been.





BRAND REFRESH

LOGO / COLOUR PALETTE / APPLICATIONS



WARMTH
FROM THE
HEART



OBJECTIVE

Demonstrate an understanding of the principles of re-branding through analysis, idea generation and execution of a successful brand identity solution that considers the brand equity of an existing brand and introduces new ideas, elements or variations to re-position the company successfully

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WARMTH FROM THE HEART

GOALS

My goal with the redesign was to modernize the existing branding by harmonizing the logo, slogan and visual messaging. I also aimed to elevate the visual messaging to attract government and corporate funds and support

EVENT IDENTITY AND PROMOTION

CONCEPT / LOGO / COLOUR PALETTE / APPLICATIONS

CARIBBEAN
DAYS FESTIVAL

OBJECTIVE

Create a cohesive identity system for an event of our choice and create marketing materials for a promotional campaign

THE EVENT

Carnival is both a celebration of freedom and independence and a reflection of multiple cultural traditions portrayed through music, dance and elaborate costume.

CONCEPT

"Free your spirit"





MARKETING CAMPAIGN

CONCEPT / PHOTOGRAPHY / GRAPHIC DESIGN

OBJECTIVE

Create a variety of persuasive design and marketing collateral for a selected product, service, cause or event.

GOALS

To raise funds and create awareness about Crohn's and Colitis disease in Canada.

CONCEPT

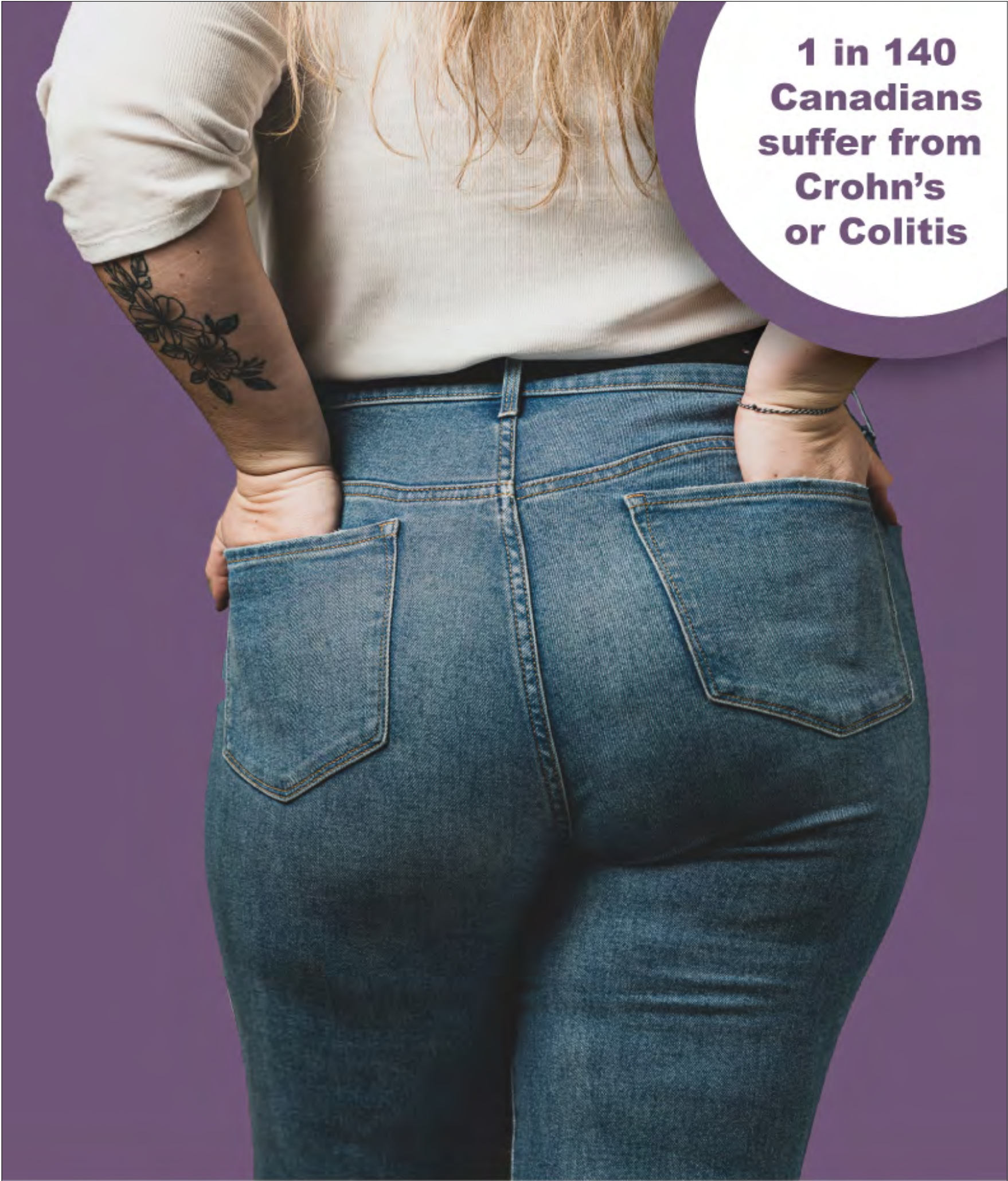
This campaign was created as a joint fundraising effort between Purex Toilet Tissue and Crohn's and Colitis Canada. Proceeds from all sales of Purex Bathroom Tissue during the month of November are donated to Crohn's and Colitis Canada.



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OBJECTIVE

The Mission Community Skills Centre Society required an updated brochure for their existing MYST (Manufacturing Youth Skills Training) program.

They were having a challenge attracting youth to this program and felt an updated brochure geared to their eligible program participants would help generate interest.



SWISS STYLE POSTER SERIES

CONCEPT / LAYOUT / DESIGN

OBJECTIVE

To demonstrate an understanding of the International
Typographic Style I used the grid system and focused on
typographic hierarchy and mindful use of white space.

International Style:

An Exhibition of Pioneer Work

September 2020

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typographic

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ABOUT ME

My personal journey down a creative path began in Grade 7 with an exercise my teacher gave us from the book "Drawing from the Right Side of the Brain". After this eye opening and amazing experience connecting with visual art, I decided to sign up for a Fine Art class in high school. My passion for photography started here. It has been my artistic outlet on and off throughout 20+ years of slogging through 9-5 jobs in non-creative fields.

Prior to starting my Diploma of Graphic and Digital Design at the University of the Fraser Valley in 2018 I was in the very stressful world of finance working for a large national mortgage lender, underwriting mortgage applications day in and day out. It was great experience working for a great company, and I have always excelled in business to business roles for many years, but I knew, for my head, heart and mental health that it wasn't what I was supposed to be doing.

So, with the unwavering support of my fiancé and family I decided to follow my heart, get back to my creative roots and go back to school in my early 40's. It was super scary, but I wouldn't change a moment of it. I met amazing young people full of support and love and discovered how much this was the right move for me.

Now, equipped with formal education in both graphic design and photography along with my extensive professional experience, I am able to continue providing effective business to business solutions for entrepreneurs and organizations through photography, branding and design..

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