

## PROGRAM UPDATE

### BOUNDLESS

“While I have only been Boundless Coordinator for a few short months, it seems like it has been much longer, as I look back and remember the many activities and events that have happened at Inner Hope.

Since beginning with Inner Hope in October, I have helped host four successful FUNshops, where all the youth who attended participated fully and excitedly. We have welcomed four new youth to the Boundless program, helped several youth get passports and ID, and witnessed another youth gain employment. We are also supporting five youth who are currently on track to graduate from grade 12. These are exciting times!

The greatest encouragement to me has been watching the relationships between youth and their mentors continue to grow and flourish. I have been inspired by our amazing team of dedicated mentors, who wholeheartedly walk alongside youth as they pursue their goals.”

- Zac Legg,  
Boundless Coordinator



SUPPORT

“Stepping back into the Inner Hope community, I’ve quickly relearned the infinite forms that support comes in. We hosted our annual girls Valentine’s Party that 16 youth and volunteers attended. It was a full-on girls night including manicures, pedicures, games, chocolate fondue, candy and a classic chick flick. We discussed what it meant to root our identity in being a daughter of God, and each girl spoke an identity over themselves that reflects how their Heavenly Father sees them, such as being valued, treasured or redeemed. It was truly beautiful.

We raised the roof at The House Games Night in March, hosting 32 people. The number of people that came out from our Reality Church community is a testament to the growing partnership and community we have with them. With the recent birth of her second daughter, we’ve also been providing a lot of extra support for a young mom who is in the house.

Aside from our big events, we continue to provide regular support in terms of school work, rides to appointments, school meeting advocacy, birthday parties, a baby shower and transportation.”

- Sarah Hartung, Program Support  
& Volunteer Coordinator



Girls Valentine’s Night at The House!

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- Housing Support** Providing a safe, stable home, free of drugs, alcohol and abuse
- Life skills** Helping youth in practical ways in their everyday lives
- Discipleship** Mentoring youth as they develop the skills needed to build their futures
- Guiding youth in a relationship with their Creator

## Hope Through Relationships



### Spring 2013

#### SIGNS OF NEW LIFE



LIZ

At age 13, Liz was the first youth to live with Carla and Jenny back when they were her church youth leaders in 2001. They stayed in close contact over the years and Liz participated in a Mexico service trip as well as completing a six-month session in our Boundless Life Skills program. Liz currently has an apartment with BC Housing, but is on the third floor of a building with no elevator. As she entered her 9<sup>th</sup> month of pregnancy with her second child, it became too much to carry a stroller and 1-year-old up two flights of stairs. Liz is currently staying at The House while waiting to be transferred into a more accessible apartment. She is very involved in Reality Church with her children and completing her last high-school course online.

#### HOUSING

The staff and board at Inner Hope are pleased to present our 2012 Annual Report, enclosed inside. Be encouraged as you read!

“The House is FULL! In a two-and-a-half week period from Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> – March 3<sup>rd</sup>, we gained 4 new house residents. We now have 5 girls in The House, including a brand new baby. The home is full of life and energy and we are witnessing daily the transforming work of God in the lives of the girls. Two of the young ladies were baptized in January and one is in her grade 12 year and is excited to be the first in her family to graduate from a mainstream high-school.

Carla and I have enjoyed the daily challenges of being a house-parent: from being a labour coach, to driving instructor, to attending parent teacher meetings. In the last couple months we’ve also hosted two birthday parties and a baby shower for our residents. The girls are a fabulous support to one another, often challenging each other and holding each other accountable to their actions in ways that Carla and I wouldn’t be able to do. It is an honor to journey alongside these girls in this season of their life.”

- Jenny Shantz,  
Executive Director

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mar 21** Spring Break House Event: Disney movie marathon
- Mar 28** Spring Break Boundless Event: Biking the seawall
- Mar 31** Easter Dinner at the House
- Apr 13** Boundless Hope FUNshop
- Apr 27** Boundless Mentor Equipping

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 Sarah Hartung, Volunteer Coordinator/  
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 Jenny Shantz, Executive Director  
 Kitty Chan, Administrative Assistant  
 Zac Legg, Boundless Coordinator

## TRANSITION: IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR INNER HOPE

The last few months have brought a lot of change within Inner Hope and with it some challenges, fear, and excitement, but most of all a reliance on God to sustain us and direct our steps. The beginning of December 2012, Bethany Nickel resigned from her position as Administrative Assistant, Volunteer Coordinator and House Support. Bethany had been a summer student in 2010 and joined us as our fourth full-time staff person in September 2011. She filled many gaps and took a lot of weight off Carla and Jenny's shoulders. Most significantly, she developed our volunteer department as well as improving our organizational activity through her administrative support role. She has increased the quality of our newsletters, faithfully sent out our monthly prayer letters, kept our website current and provided prompt and meaningfully written thank-you cards to many of you.

Bethany had a lot to juggle in her multiple roles and we decided to break the job into two positions: a 30-hour/week Program Support /Volunteer Coordinator role and a 15-hour/week Administrative Assistant role. As soon as we posted the job opportunity, Sarah Hartung (previously Sarah Hill), a past support staff of ours, applied for

the position. Sarah worked with us part-time in 2009-2010 and was moving back to Vancouver with her husband. Bethany graciously agreed to stay on part-time until April, both to train Sarah and to continue to fill the Administration portion of her role. At the beginning of January, Sarah joined our staff team as Program Support and Volunteer Coordinator. Last week we hired Kitty Chan as our new Administrative Assistant, and are looking forward to the new skills she will bring us when she begins in April.

Near the beginning of February, Carla resigned from her role as House Parent with the understanding that she will stay on staff in the position of Director of Programs. Since the inception of Inner Hope 5 ½ years ago, Carla and Jenny have worked two jobs as both Directors of Inner Hope and House-parents in The House. Carla currently supervises our two programming staff (Zac and Sarah), heads up our Discipleship and housing programs and does the bookkeeping. She believes it is time to step out of the House-parent role and secure her own home. In the next few weeks we will be posting a job for a 1-year House-parent intern commencing June 1st. This job posting can be found on our website. We are looking forward to the addition of a new house-parent with fresh energy and passion to share the love of Jesus with young people who walk through our door.



2 of our young people were baptized in January! We praise God for His faithfulness!

Check us out on Facebook for more photos and updates.

## MEET OUR NEW STAFF

Sarah joined us in January to take on the roles of Volunteer Coordinator and Program Support. She served with us back in 2010, when she helped launch the Boundless Life Skills program. It has been a God-send to have Sarah here to make a seamless transition into the community and fill these important roles with her previous experience, and heart. Already she has brought much new life to Inner Hope as she hosts parties, cooks meals, meets with and screens new volunteers, all with a deep-seated joy. Sarah is grateful to be back in Vancouver with her husband Andrew after spending some time abroad, and we are thrilled to have her back!



**SARAH HARTUNG**



**KITTY CHAN**

Kitty is the newest member of the Inner Hope team, and is thrilled to begin serving as our Administrative Assistant. Kitty comes to us with an education in design and publishing, and has been doing freelance graphic design for the past couple of years. Professional, driven, and detail-oriented, she is excited to lend her technical skills to us, along with her enthusiasm about Inner Hope's mandate, as she feels that God has been shaping in her a deep concern for serving the lost. She and her husband Steve also attend Reality Church. Welcome to the team, Kitty!

Inner Hope provides round-the-clock care for up to 5 house residents 365 days of the year, modeling healthy boundaries and creating a structured environment which allows youth to thrive. We also provide weekly support to dozens of additional youth and children. This year we will be adding a sixth permanent staff person in order to spread the workload and reduce the risk of burnout for our staff team.

In order to sustain our growing operating budget, we are launching the 50 Friends of Hope campaign. We are seeking 50 new monthly financial partners by June 30th: 20 to pledge \$50, 20 to pledge \$100 and 10 to pledge \$200 monthly. This will enable us to continue to serve these young people well and sustain the vision of seeing youth in East Vancouver grow into healthy adults.

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