



*Walking alongside at-risk youth; empowering them to live healthy lives.*

## UPCOMING

- November 13  
**Boundless Workshop**
- November 16-18  
**Freeform World Vision Partner Training**
- November 19-21  
**Mt. Baker Snow Camp Retreat Weekend**
- December 10  
**Boundless Christmas Party**
- December 18  
**House Christmas**
- February 6, 2011  
**Fundraiser in the Valley**  
An afternoon of stories, updates, and music by Calvin and Heather Dyke. Silent auction and pottery for sale.  
[www.calvindyck.com](http://www.calvindyck.com)

## DONOR OPTIONS

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## BOUNDLESS HOPE LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM

Ten months have passed since the first day I started working at Inner Hope Youth Ministries. When I think back to the early months of 2010, I cannot help but realize how far the Boundless Hope Life Skills Program has come and how much God has blessed us. I began my time at Inner Hope working from an empty bedroom that needed to be turned into an office. After furnishing the office, I began working at developing the Life Skills program. A month later we launched the Pilot Phase, (a one month trial run with 10 youth) which was a success.

At the beginning of our first 6 month session, we did not have the number of youth or mentors that we planned for. In response, we hired one of our youth part-time to help us with recruiting, and the program began to take off. Fast forward to today. We are now into our second 6 month session and are operating at full capacity. I am working out of great office, which was kindly built by George and Bob, two dedicated volunteers. There has been **over 1000 one-on-one mentor hours spent with youth so far**, and **every youth has achieved at least one goal**. But **most importantly, amazing relationships have been built**. We have seen God at work through generous donations, hard-working volunteers, dedicated mentors, committed staff, wonderful youth, and enduring relationships. So much has happened in the past 10 months, and I look forward to all the wonderful things that will happen in the near future.

*Kyle Belton*, Boundless Hope Life Skills Coordinator

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## FRANKIE - AGE 15

Frankie was introduced to Inner Hope by one of our residents. He joined Boundless Hope six months ago and is being mentored by Kyle Belton, our Life Skills Coordinator. Kyle and Frankie have developed a great relationship and talk almost every day. Frankie just completed running his fifth marathon and is in grade 11. He would like to go on to college to study a trade. When Frankie first joined Bound-

less Hope, he made it quite clear that he didn't want to have anything to do with Christianity, but as time went on, he and his friend began questioning Kyle about faith, Christianity, God and other religions. As the summer came to a close, Frankie attended Camp Qwanoes, and decided to become a Christian. He is now regularly attending a church youth group, and is planning on attending the Mt. Baker Snow Camp Weekend and IHYM's Mexico Mission Trip next summer.

**Mission:** Providing hope to at-risk youth through • **Housing** – Providing a safe, stable home, free of drugs, alcohol and abuse • **Support** – Helping youth in practical ways in their everyday lives • **Life skills** – Mentoring youth as they develop the skills needed to build their futures • **Discipleship** – Guiding youth in a relationship with their Creator **Target Group:** Youth ages 13-24 who choose to be part of the Inner Hope community • Youth coming from unstable home environments, which can include young parents and youth dealing with addiction issues or criminal history.

# INNER HOPE

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# NEWSLETTER

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## MT. BAKER GATHERING

Help us send our teens to a First Nations Christian gathering. For 12 years we have been attending **Mt. Baker Snow Camp** hosted by Red Soul Rising (RSR), the youth division of North American Indigenous Ministries (NAIM).

Snow Camp is a unique opportunity for our First Nations youth to connect with other Christian First Nations youth and leaders from British Columbia and Washington, empowering them to embrace their culture and their faith in a fun, encouraging and life changing weekend.

Would you sponsor one of our youth at \$100 in order to keep the weekend affordable at \$50 per participant?

[www.redsoulrising.com](http://www.redsoulrising.com)



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## REACHING YOUTH TOGETHER

As I reflect on the last few months, I am thankful for your part in helping us meet the needs of the youth who end up on our doorstep. The end of August we had a girl move into the home who had been couch surfing for the last 3 years. When asked how she wanted to decorate her room she responded, "I don't know; I've never had my own room." We proceeded to make a trip to Wal-Mart and she became excited when she found a large picture frame with spaces for 14 photos, big enough for pictures of all her immediate family members. She said she would like to hang it over her bed so that each morning she could choose a family member to pray for. **We have so much to learn from these kids.**

As we look ahead into 2011 we are very excited about all that God has in store for Inner Hope! This past summer Doug Peat (Executive Director for Just Works and Director of Equipping and Capacity Building at City Gate Leadership Forum) guided our staff and board through a strategic planning session which resulted in a new 3 year strategic plan. We were able to reflect on the last few years of ministry and set goals for our programs and organization in order to more effectively reach youth and families in East Vancouver. To provide Carla and I (Jenny) with the time necessary for administration, development and supervision of the ministry we will need to hire a house support worker to help care for the home and youth and begin outsourcing our bookwork. We also recognize that for the stability of Inner Hope, we will need to begin a capital campaign in the near future to purchase a home or property on which to build.

**We are very thankful for all that you contribute in order to touch the lives of youth through us.** In order to expand the ministry, we need to increase our monthly donations. Having a strong monthly donor base allows us to budget for our ongoing expenses and plan for special projects like the annual Mt. Baker Christian youth gathering or our missions trip to Mexico next summer. Currently we have 38 individuals and 4 churches who contribute monthly to Inner Hope.

Please keep us in your prayers! Proverbs 16: 3 says, "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." Each day we must rely on God's strength and wisdom to meet the needs and challenges before us. Last week at our first coffee house fundraiser, a mother spoke who has had 3 of her children live in our home over the last ten years. She told of how Carla and I sometimes go out in the middle of the night to pick up a youth who need help getting out of dangerous situations. She said she believes there are young people alive today because we have responded to the needs of youth here in the city. **Your partnership allows us to continue responding to the needs.** Thank you!

*Jenny Shantz, Director of Development and Life Skills*



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