

VOLUNTEER EQUIPPING



Volunteers gathered to share a meal and time in community. “To promote community among our volunteer body and equip volunteers to serve in their various capacities, Inner Hope hosts a bi-yearly workshop. This month, we were incredibly excited to have a record 19 volunteers in attendance, perhaps motivated by beginning the workshop with brunch! We were blessed to have two board members present to serve the meal and two youth who were willing to share about the impact of Inner Hope in their lives. Much of the time was abuzz with conversation as volunteers both new and old got to know each other and learn more about Inner Hope through sharing, skits and activities. As we joined hands to conclude our time together in prayer, I was filled with gratitude for the quality of the body of volunteers involved in this ministry. It is such a joy to know that God has brought together so many wonderful hearts and hands to share a burden for youth in this city and discover hope through relationships.”

- Bethany Nickel, Volunteer Coordinator

MT. BAKER SNOW CAMP

“Snow Camp is a weekend gathering hosted by Red Soul

Rising, the youth division of North American Indigenous Ministries at The Firs Chalet on Mt. Baker (Washington, USA). We (Jenny and Carla) have had the privilege of bringing groups of youth and leaders to this event for fourteen years. It is always a powerful encouragement to our First Nations youth and leaders to be part of a gathering in which Jesus is shared and experienced within a First Nations lens. Our youth continued their trend of being leaders throughout the weekend, excelling in activities and times of sharing. As the speaker spoke about fear, our youth shared about overcoming fears such as losing their culture by becoming a Christian. Weekends like this give our youth reassurance that their culture can reflect Jesus, as well giving them opportunities to influence and dialogue with other First Nations youth and leaders from across the province. I feel a deep need to say thank you to those who contributed financially to make this weekend possible for our youth.”

- Carla Dickinson,
Program Director

Top: A Fear Factor Challenge - worms on faces!

Bottom: A lot of Inner Hope love on one couch!



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Mission: Providing hope to at-risk youth through:

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| 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 |

Hope Through Relationships

INNER HOPE
youth ministries

Winter 2012

THE JOY OF GIVING



ZAC

In October, Zac Legg was hired as a one-year intern in the position of Boundless Coordinator. Zac is no stranger to Inner Hope, having worked with us as a summer student in 2010, and volunteering with us in a wide variety of capacities ever since. We are excited and encouraged by Zac's enthusiasm to intern with us and provide Inner Hope with continuity of service while we continue our search for a permanent staff person. His hands-on experience with youth and building volunteer teams, coupled with his heart, administration, technology skills, and fantastic talent for thinking of plan B's make him an awesome fit for the Boundless Coordinator position. We are enjoying having Zac join our team full-time, and trust that the Boundless Life Skills program will reach new levels of success under his leadership.

Featuring interviews from representatives of our various communities inside—volunteers, donors, businesses, churches, and participants—who find joy in giving!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Nov 24 | Volunteer Training |
| Dec 8 | Boundless Hope Workshop: Anger Management & Boundless Christmas Party |
| Dec 22 | House Christmas |
| Dec 28 | Winter Fun Day |

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What happens when a church with a dreadlocked pastor desires to support Inner Hope? A dreadlock cutting fundraiser, of course! Knowing that the lifespan of his dreads was coming to an end, Kris Martens (lead pastor at Reality Church) decided to turn the looming inevitable into a “double win” - a more professional looking pastor for his congregation and extra Christmas money for Inner Hope. Kris auctioned off each dreadlock for \$25, and at Friday night youth group on November 23, youth delighted in snipping them off one by one. Approximately \$1000 was raised for Inner Hope and we are grateful to this pastor and congregation for their willingness and desire to creatively give and serve.



Phillip snips off a dread!

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THE JOY OF GIVING

We'd like to take this opportunity to introduce you to members of our volunteer, donor, business, supporting church and participant communities, all of whom have found joy in giving as they participate in Inner Hope.

We asked what led them to become involved with us and why they continue supporting us. We hope that you are encouraged to hear from these Inner Hope community members and invite you to reflect on your own involvement or potential to give and find hope through relationships.



JANINE

Long-term discipleship volunteer and current House support volunteer

How did you get involved?

In 2003, as a freshman at Trinity Western University, I attended the ministry fair that happens at the beginning of every semester. My dorm-mate, Tressa Gunstone was involved with Youth Extreme (Friday night youth group at a church in inner city Vancouver led by TWU students) from the previous year, and signed me up while I was trolling other booths. Friday night came, and Tressa informed me that I was now a member of Youth Extreme and that we were leaving for Van in 15 minutes. I got ready, jumped in the car, and by the time the night was over, I was hooked.

Why do you choose to support Inner Hope?

As many of you know, Inner Hope is a fulfillment of Jenny and Carla's dream to provide support for youth in Vancouver. I am grateful to be a part of what is happening at "The House"- grateful for the things I have learned about myself and God through the youth I have met and experiences I have had. I have learned flexibility, sacrifice, humility, patience, improvisation and a keen awareness of how God's plans and timing rarely line up with our own. There is rarely a night at "The House" where I am not greeted by a familiar face: sometimes even a youth I haven't seen or heard from since 2004 Youth Group days. The reunions are often bitter-sweet, as youth continue to come and go. However, I've learned that when you stick it out, you'll see them again. Not because you're awesome, but because they see something in you and in "The House" that they so badly crave: Jesus Christ. It has been quite a journey and I look forward to many more years of prayer and involvement as I see lives changed and watch Inner Hope continue to grow.

Why do you choose to support us?

I believe in the work Inner Hope is doing and want to do what I can to help them with their continued success. I also feel that a donation to a strong local organization, like Inner Hope, makes more of a positive difference to the people in my community than giving to a large Canada-wide organization. In addition to donating graphic design work, I was also pleased to sponsor the Valentine event, a night of pampering and building friendships and bonds for all the girls who attended.

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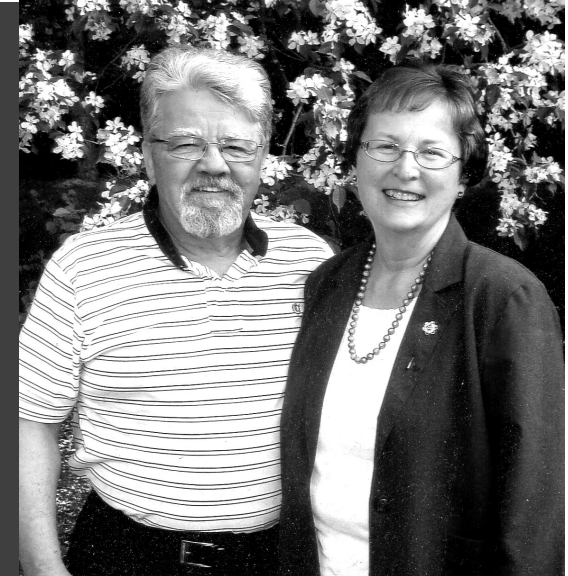
TAMMI at HALLOGRAPHIX
Designer of our current branding materials

How did you get involved?

We first met Jenny when she was living and teaching at a First Nations settlement in northern Alberta. Impressed by her love and concern for the youth of that community, we kept in touch with her after she returned to Vancouver to resume working with Carla and together launch Inner Hope Youth Ministries.

Why do you choose to support Inner Hope?

As the work grew, we felt led to support the ministry in prayer and financially. Then we were blessed to visit "The House" 2 1/2 years ago and saw the work first hand. We met some teens as well as staff, heard some exciting results of the Boundless Hope mentoring program and saw the need for larger and more permanent living quarters and office space. We continue to pray that God will bless and multiply our meager monthly support for His glory.



GERALD & ALICE

Long-term prayer supporters and monthly financial givers from Alberta



MARLENE HENRY

Mother of 3 past residents, faithful Community Advisory Committee Member

How did you get involved?

My first memory of Jenny was when she and a team of people were doing weekly bread delivery to families in need with New Beginnings Church back in 2001. That

brought us so much hope. But it was when Billie Jeanne [my daughter] stayed with Jenny and Carla, that's how we really became friends. Actually, Billie was the "door opener" to my friendship with Carla and Jenny. Liz [my second daughter] kicked it down and Dakota [my son] walked through it too.

Why do you choose to support Inner Hope?

Jenny and Carla were there for me and my family in my early days when I quit drugs, and I believe in giving back. Inner Hope makes a difference in families. There's a difference in my family; we have accountability to each other now. Inner Hope's structure in the home helped my family. I didn't have a direction and Inner Hope helped me find that and a new start; I want to give back to that.

How did you get involved?

19th Avenue Christian Fellowship has a long history of support of Inner Hope. It all started when we met Jenny Shantz at the old Metropolitan Tabernacle building on 11th and Columbia. She became a friend and a member of our church community. Later Carla Dickinson, Jenny's ministry partner, also joined us and became a member as well. Their love for these kids was contagious! So much so, that my wife and I, (Pastor Vic), ended up fostering a sibling group of four girls for almost four years. It was not long before the church community started finding many ways to get involved: whether serving as a Board member, helping secure the home they are now living in, mentoring some of the youth, and helping with clean-up and repairs. We supported one individual as he went off to Bible College and have made our church building available to host monthly life skills workshops and other events. We also decided as a church community to be regular financial supporters of Inner Hope as well as make it a priority to pray for them regularly.

Why do you choose to support Inner Hope?

We supported Inner Hope first and foremost because of our friendship and connection with Jenny and Carla. As members of 19th Ave many of their ministry burdens and successes became ours as well. Later as we got to know some of the youth first hand they became our friends and our children's friends, they became family. The ministry of Inner Hope is also a ministry in the East side of Vancouver where our church community is located. We saw Inner Hope as a good fit for our church community as we sought to be a blessing to those in our neighbourhood. But ultimately, I trust, we supported them because the Lord had placed these leaders and these children upon our hearts.



19TH AVENUE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
Long-time Supporting Church

How did you get involved?

I received a call from a client saying that there was this organization called Inner Hope that needed help in getting a brochure printed and would I mind giving them some technical advice. I met with Jenny, a passionate representative of Inner Hope, and was extremely impressed with her spirit and commitment to the organization. I was equally impressed with how Inner Hope is offering at risk youth, positive experiences, support and a stable foundation to dream of a brighter future. I felt I could do more, and have since worked with the Inner Hope team to create a unique and memorable look for their graphics that showcases who they are and what they do.

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