

Meet Mike.



Mike McDonald, a friend of Inner Hope, committed to bike climbing 75,000 feet of elevation in 30 days to raise \$20,000 towards Inner Hope's Boundless Mentorship Program. Incredible? We think so too.

IH: How did you get involved with Inner Hope?

Mike: An old roommate suggested I meet Carla and Jenny years before Inner Hope was established. They were just caring for and loving youth at the time. I was excited but we never met until years later. We spoke on the phone and I

pitched in a bit of advice on how to establish IH and ensure that the parents and the youth in East Van were a major part of the overall planning and direction of IH. We met them, my wife became a board member, my nephew volunteers as a mentor, our church supports IH. I'm surrounded by Inner Hope-ites!

IH: What inspired you to initiate this bike climb challenge?

Mike: I became an avid biker a couple years ago and enjoy challenging myself with climbing. I was rattling this idea around for several months and I was also concerned about the financial needs for the Boundless Hope Program. When I realized I could help raise money, raise awareness for IH, bring my cycling buddies into it, and get in good riding shape for the summer, it all came together. Yet, it's become more than all that. I see the time and hardship to climb 75,000 feet as a small in comparison to what these kids endure in their lives. I love the fact that

they learn actual skills we all take for granted, having more resources growing up.

IH: Which is your favorite mountain to climb?

Mike: So far its been Mount Baker. It's like the Swiss Alps up there!

IH: Just by looking at you, no one would guess that ...

Mike: I had a club foot operation when I was 12 and could not run or play sports without severe pain. I also have a slightly curved spine so one foot is longer than the other when I stand. As pale as I am, I am a member of the Peguis First Nation in Manitoba!

IH: Who's your hero/who do you look up to?

Mike: Heros? A ton of them: Nelson Mandela, Bono, Stephen Lewis, and of course, Jesus.

Mike is the husband of Inner Hope board member, Leanne Warawa, and founded McDonald & Duncan LLP, a law firm specializing in Aboriginal law. We are extremely thankful for his heart and partnership to make a difference in the lives youth who walk through the doors of Inner Hope!

Friends of Hope



As Inner Hope continues to grow in its visibility and impact in East Van, we require increased finances to operate with a higher level of service to our community. This past spring we launched the Friends of Hope campaign and set a goal of gathering 50 new monthly donors onto our support team. Having a steady monthly income provides greater stability for Inner Hope and also allows donors to fit their giving into their monthly budget. We have been blessed with 17 new "Friends of Hope" and have extended this initiative through the remainder of 2013 in order to achieve our goal. Our theme verse is John 15:13. "Greater love has no one than this that someone lay down his life for his friends." Would you consider becoming a Friend of Hope?



Hope Through Relationships

Bearing Fruit

June 2013



REBEL & ERICA

Rebel and Erica are two vibrant young ladies in our Boundless Life Skills Program who have met diligently with their mentors and regularly attended our monthly FUNshops. Rebel joined Boundless three years ago in the spring of her grade 9 year. In 2012, she moved into The House to gain more support and stability in order to become the first in her family to graduate from a mainstream high school.

Erica joined Boundless two years ago and has steadily grown in confidence. Struggling with a learning disability, she found school work very challenging. This past year she and her mentor spent many weekly meetings working on homework. One of her proudest accomplishments was receiving a yellow cord at her graduation ceremony for achieving honour roll status in each term of grade 12! It was exciting to celebrate with them and their families as they crossed the stage at their graduation ceremony last week.

Alison Schwab (Richert) was Rebel's Boundless mentor for 2 ½ years until last summer when she moved to Saskatchewan to be near her fiancé. She continued to stay in touch and invited Rebel and Erica to her May wedding in Manitoba with a request that they speak at her reception. When she discovered that the girls' high-school prom was the day before the wedding, she and Steve (her fiancé) sent a donation to help fly the two girls to Winnipeg the morning of the wedding. As Steve said, "It's nice that they want to help us celebrate our day, but they should get to celebrate their accomplishments, too." Jenny and Toni drove across the prairies and picked the girls up from the airport in time for the wedding and all three young ladies spoke at the reception.



Steve and Allison



Toni, Rebel and Erica entering Alberta.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 5	John Oliver Secondary Graduation Ceremony
June 6	Native Graduation Ceremony
June 11	Britannia Secondary Graduation Ceremony
June 13	Inner Hope Grad Party
June 22	Bike Challenge Finale
June 24	Camp Qwanoes Staff Training Workshop
July 12	Inner Hope Outing to Cultus Lake - Waterslides
July 19	Inner Hope Barbecue at Zac's
July 24-26	Boundless Camping Trip
August 10	Boundless FUNShop event

Many of the Inner Hope youth have graduated from high school this June! See inside for a collage of their grad photos, a brief overview of the school year, and updates on our summer fundraising initiatives!

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inner hope youth ministries' mission and goal is to providing hope and belonging to at-risk youth through ...

- housing
 - support
 - life skills
 - discipleship
- providing a safe, stable home, free of drugs, alcohol and abuse

helping youth in practical ways in their everyday lives

mentoring youth as they develop the skills needed to build their futures

guiding youth in a relationship with their Creator



INNER HOPE GRADS OF 2013



Stephen, Shaniece, Rebel, Sam, Erica, Kaija, Reshea

This June has been an exciting month at Inner Hope, as six of our current participants graduated from high school, and two of our young adults graduated from college! Inner Hope staff attended five separate grad ceremonies, and were able to share in the excitement as we hosted a special Inner Hope celebration for our grads. We had the honour of inviting our grads and their close friends and families over to The House for an amazing time of card signing, potluck, and acknowledging their accomplishments—definitely a highlight! We are blessed to be a part of their lives and are excited to see the next steps that each of them will take. We are certain that there are amazing things awaiting their futures!

- Zac Legg,
Boundless Coordinator



Sarah and Shaniece



Shelby, Carla, Bethany, Sarah, Rebel, Erica, Jenny, Amira, Toni



Carla, Stephen, Jenny



Heidi (Kaija's Grandma), Kaija and Linda



Ryan and Reshea



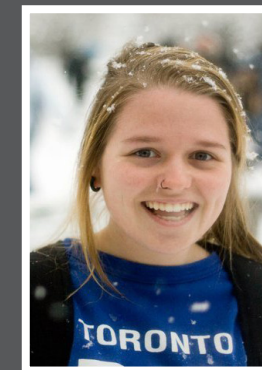
Sam and Carla

The month of May was a huge time of transition at The House.

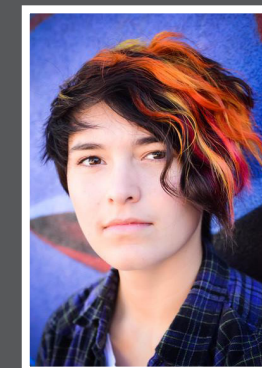
Our two summer students were hired and began their positions, Carla moved into her own place and we reorganized The House to turn the downstairs into an office suite for our growing staff. The one thing that kept us sane was the transition charts that Carla and Sarah created and posted in the hallway downstairs. Over the last couple years, we have grown significantly in the numbers of community youth we serve as well as the level of support provided them. In response, we have temporarily downsized the housing portion to provide added space to house staff and facilitate community programs. The upstairs is now the home portion of The House, including 4 bedrooms for residents, living room, main kitchen and playroom where we also host dozens of community guests. The downstairs office suite includes three offices for our staff as well as a meeting room and kitchen. Carla is continuing in her role of Director of Programs and is now on a much needed 2-week holiday in Australia. Thank you all for your prayers!



Meet Heather and Toni, our Summer Interns!



"Hello friends and supporters of Inner Hope! I'm Heather, the House and Community Support Intern for Summer 2013. What that means is I get to hang out with the youth at The House, make meals, clean up this big and beautiful home, and any other jobs that go along with supporting a home and the community within it. After living and going to school in Ontario for the past year, I was eager to come back to the west coast for at least a couple months! Not only is The House on my favourite coast, but this opportunity is also a position I felt like God had been preparing me for the past two years. I currently study Social Service Work at Seneca College in Ontario. During my last year I interned at Sanctuary Ministries in Toronto focusing on homelessness and street outreach. I am beyond stoked to continue to get to know the Inner Hope community and pursue what God's heart is for me and in my role here."



"Hello, my name is Toni Gladstone. I have been involved with Inner Hope for a number of years as a youth - from coming to The House for weekly bible studies, to attending special events, to living here and calling it "home". I have lived here for a total of four years now. Currently, I am a summer intern as the Life Skills Assistant. My job includes recruiting youth into our Boundless Mentorship Program, helping with our monthly FUNshops, and doing every other odd job (or five). It is very different being on this side of Inner Hope, so that's both challenging and encouraging for me."



Heather, Sarah, and Toni preparing for a Grad Party at The House.