

## Hope Through Relationships.



» **Toni Gladstone** is a living example of the ways in which Inner Hope stands in the gap for vulnerable young people in East Vancouver. Toni was only ten years old when she met Carla Dickinson and over the next six years, their relationship grew. Upon entering grade 11, Toni realized her need for a higher level of support and stability to successfully complete high school. Already having experienced life at The House through meals and occasional sleepovers, she approached Carla about moving in. She hungered for a deeper relationship with God and loved participating in discipleship opportunities including a weekly girls Bible study group (led by volunteer Janine Fleming) and service trips to Mexico. During this time, Inner Hope was launching its Boundless Life Skills program, and Toni was its first participant. She enjoyed the quality one-on-one time of three different consecutive mentors: Sarah Hartung, Emily Shantz and Ashley Crozier.

It was with great excitement that we celebrated Toni's high school graduation and supported her move to Vancouver Island to attend Kaleo, a one-year discipleship and leadership program at Camp Qwanoes. Bethany, a former staff, provided her paper editing services from afar. Following Kaleo, Toni transferred to Briercrest College where she has thrived as a member of the Refined Undignified dance team and a mentor in the high school dorm. It was a great honour last Summer to welcome Toni onto our staff team as a student intern. She has grown into a compassionate young lady who has already made a big impact on the lives of the younger youth in the Inner Hope community. *God is good!*

**TOTAL REACHED IN 2013: 205+  
85 YOUTH, 64 ADULTS, 56 CHILDREN**

\* The majority of our time is spent supporting youth and young adults through The House, Boundless, post secondary and events. However, we also support their families as time allows and welcome them to join us for church and celebration gatherings.

### HOUSING

- \* 8 residents – 6 youth, 2 children
- \* 20 people (6 youth, 8 children, 6 adults) were assisted with securing or moving into housing

### SUPPORT

- \* 1000+ meals provided to guests
- \* 159 overnight stays for guests (32 different people)
- \* 19 birthday parties
- \* 2 baby showers, 2 weddings
- \* 3 holiday meals (Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas)
- \* 9 youth provided a mailing address
- \* Regularly – accompanied to doctor/dentist appointments, meetings with social workers, bus tickets or transportation, emergency food, medication, formula and diapers

### LIFE SKILLS

- \* 25 youth participated in Boundless, 13 FUNshops hosted
- \* 1500+ mentor hours invested in youth
- \* 14 supported with school assignments
- \* 6 completed high school
- \* 9 attended a college/university/post secondary program
- \* 15 assisted with job search
- \* 14 assisted with learning how to drive

### DISCIPLESHIP

- \* 95 people (42 youth, 28 children, 25 adults) attended church
- \* Average of 18 guests at Sunday lunches in fall 2013
- \* 4 youth/young adults were baptized
- \* 8 youth to discipleship retreat weekend (Qwanoes)
- \* 5 youth + 2 young adults to History Maker
- \* 8 youth to summer camp
- \* 1 youth to YWAM

# Organizational Highlights

## STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

- \* Staff: 6
- \* Frontline, screened volunteers: 44
- \* Other volunteers/service group participants: 40

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- \* Two volunteer equipping sessions (April & November)
- \* Masters courses in non-profit leadership
  - \* Community Development - Jenny
  - \* Human Resource Management - Jenny, Sarah (audited)
- \* Rising Above Conference - Jenny, Carla, Sarah, Toni, Kitty, Zac
- \* One-day seminar on managing volunteers - Carla, Sarah, Ange
- \* National Youth Workers Conference - Ange, Gillian
- \* One-day LEAP 4 training (program evaluation) - Carla, Jenny

## PARTNERSHIPS

*Formal*

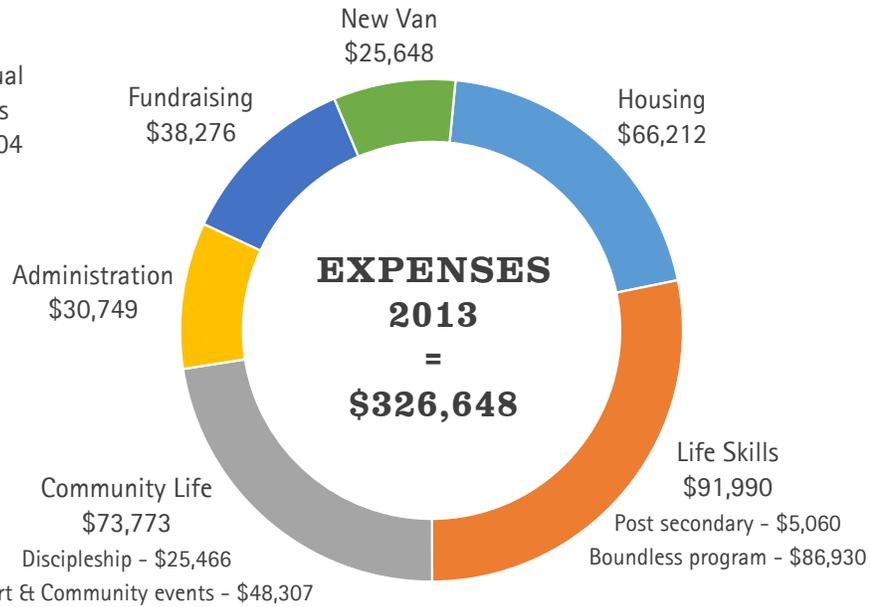
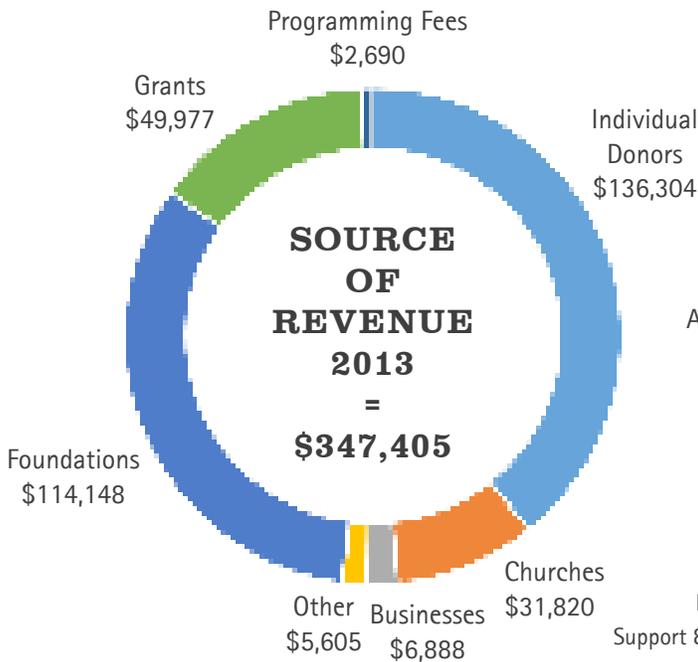
- \* World Vision Canada - 4 year Partners to End Child Poverty license agreement

*Informal*

- \* Reality Church Vancouver
- \* Camp Qwanoes
- \* New Beginnings Baptist Church
- \* 19th Avenue Christian Fellowship
- \* Trinity Western University

## SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- \* Job roles restructured: Sarah now serves as Volunteer Coordinator, Kitty as Administrative Assistant, and Gillian as House Parent
- \* 3 Community Advisory Committee meetings



\* None of this would have been possible without the time, prayer and financial generosity of our many supporters. With thanks to all of you whose partnership enables us to walk alongside youth, and support them as they gain greater stability and follow their dreams.



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