



What a Joy to Behold

This fall, Samantha, our Post Secondary Coordinator, helped five of our young people begin their college and university journeys - most as the first in their families.

Moving students into dorm rooms and nervous first day phone calls was the culmination of lots of hardwork and perseverance from them. There have been highs (when applications were sent in or when acceptance letters were received) and lows (when funding applications were denied or another barrier was put in a path) but right now we are celebrating together. It's a joy to behold as they are on the path to a bright future.

Samantha:

"This month was so exciting! It was so awesome to see everyone taking risks to follow their dreams. It's definitely not easy for them. There's hardship. It's a real adjustment but they all want this! They're really empowered! It's been very fun.

It's also exciting for their parents to see there is goodness coming for this generation. It's amazing to get to be a part of these incredible moments but I am very aware that this is through years of work on the part of their entire community."



"On October 1st, I am riding for Inner Hope. Mark who has known me since I was a baby had asked me if I would consider biking 20km to help raise support for this organization. Inner Hope has helped me obtain my drivers license and replace missing ID. Please consider supporting me, as every donation of \$100 or more will be matched up to \$10,000." - Darius (youth in Boundless)



On October 1st, would you consider supporting our youth at rideforrefuge.org/innerhope?

An Inner Hope Summer

THANK YOU!

THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT THIS SUMMER.

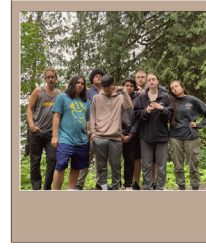
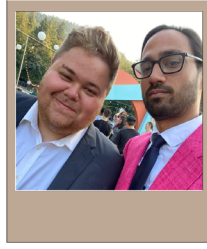
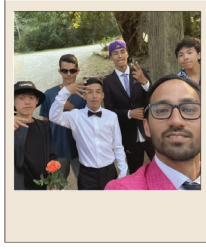
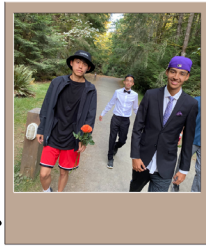
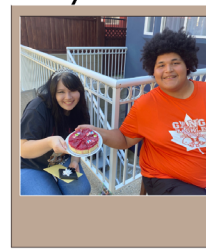
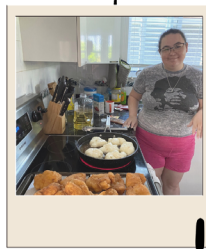
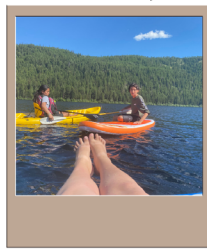
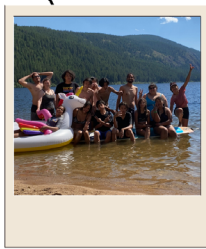
10 youth enjoyed the Boundless Camping Trip at Cronkle Lake with Mark, John and Jenn Johnstone (our cultural mentors), our summer intern and a young adult volunteer from our community.

This June, we received a grant from UGM to help reconnect with our Reality Church friends. This grant will enable us to host a monthly meal together this year.

Two of the young people living at The Home had not celebrated their birthdays in years. They each wanted to celebrate this year and - what do you know? They were born on the same day! This led to a double birthday event to remember!

Day Camps!

Day camps are an amazing way for our community to get connected to a local church. This year 5 children and 1 youth volunteer attended day camps with New Beginnings Baptist and Reality Church.



Boundless Camping Trip

Lunch with Reality Church

DOUBLE BIRTHDAY!

On August 17th, John Johnstone led our community in a blanketing ceremony to honour Jenny Shantz.

Jenny's Blanketing Ceremony

Being blanketed is the highest honour given in Coast Salish communities.

Youth Camp at Camp Qwanoes

Post Secondary Camping Trip

As usual, our youth had a fantastic time at Camp Qwanoes this summer! 9 children and 21 youth attended week long camps and 7 youth completed leadership training and/or served as camp staff.

The Post Secondary Camping Trip, at Cultus Lake, was amazing this year! It was a time of connection and growth for all who attended.

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