



SAVE THE DATE: RIDE FOR REFUGE 2016

The date for Ride for Refuge 2016 has been set! We're excited to participate again on October 1st and be a part of this great event aimed to support local charities across North America. This is a family-friendly event; riders of all ages are welcome! To make this event a success, we are seeking team captains, riders, walkers and sponsors to come alongside us and raise the necessary funds to keep Inner Hope moving forward. Would you join us and help bring God's transforming love to youth and families in East Vancouver. To participate in this year's ride or sponsor a team or participant, please visit rideforrefuge.org to register and walk/run/ride as a supporter of Inner Hope!

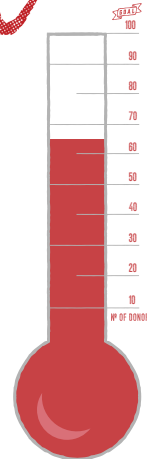
BECOME A FRIEND OF HOPE!



Over the next few months, Inner Hope Youth Ministries will be highlighting our Friends of Hope monthly donor program.

We have a current goal of adding 34 additional monthly supporters to our team, bringing us to a total of 100 "Friends of Hope." With the addition

of a second home in 2014 and the added Post-secondary Program in 2015, Inner Hope's operating budget has risen substantially over the last few years. Monthly donors provide Inner Hope with regular income and increase our financial stability. If you have not yet become a Friend of Hope, would you consider filling out the enclosed reply card and pledging \$10, \$25 or \$50 per month and making a lasting difference in the lives of vulnerable youth and children?



SHARED MANDATE REVIEW

Over the last couple of months, we have begun a discernment process to update Inner Hope's shared mandate. Our shared mandate includes our vision statement, mission statement and guiding values. We want to ensure that our mandate continues to be built on Biblical principles and that it effectively describes the people and services we are called to at this present time. I want to thank those of you who filled out a survey about our mandate and provided thoughtful feedback. Fifty individuals including volunteers, donors, staff, board members, youth and parents completed one of three surveys and twenty individuals participated in one of two consultation groups. We look forward to sharing the result of this process in our fall newsletter.

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Inner Hope Youth Ministries' mission and goal is providing hope and belonging 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



Nineteen-year-old Brooke joined Inner Hope's Boundless mentoring program when she was fifteen. If you met sweet, soft spoken Brooke, you likely wouldn't guess that both of Brooke's parents struggled with addiction in her early years and her mom was in and out of jail. Over the last few years, Brooke says that her mentor Jillian has become like an older sister. Brooke's involvement with both Inner Hope and Reality Church have led to a growing faith in Jesus and huge development in her confidence and life skills. She has also loved spending a week each summer at Camp Qwanoes. This summer Brooke was accepted into their Counselor in Training program and is currently mid-way through the program. We are so proud of Brooke and reminded of the impact committed relationships can have on young lives.

CAMP QWANOES TRAINING!



This spring Jenny had the opportunity once again to lead a Staff Training Workshop for about eighty camp counselors and program staff at Camp Qwanoes. It was a joy for her to be accompanied by Boundless Coordinator Katherine Savage and five of our youth and young adults. With the news that her grandmother had passed away just hours before they took the stage to lead the workshop, she was increasingly aware of the need to build into the next generation. Katherine started off with a short challenge about why camp staff should care about the needs of inner-city campers. Three of our young people followed sharing parts of their life stories and words of wisdom regarding what characterizes a great camp counselor from the perspective of an inner-city camper. We are very thankful for the role camp plays in so many young lives.



VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY LIFE UPDATE



Meet Rebecca, our new **Volunteer & Community Life Coordinator** (covering Sarah Hartung's maternity leave)! Rebecca who comes to us with a background in business and a passion of bringing people together to serve God's

kingdom. She is a dynamic individual who loves the outdoors and has recently launched her very own ethical clothing business!

"What drew me to work at Inner Hope as Volunteer and Community Life Coordinator was the relational aspect of the position. Inner Hope is uniquely positioned to be able to influence a wide range of ages, church denominations, genders, income levels and ethnicities through both the community it serves and the volunteer community. In my personal life the Lord had been growing a passion in me for

serving and growing the church and I felt coming to Inner Hope that he would continue to develop this desire in me. Anyone who has been a part of church or an organization understands that there's a particular messiness involved in bringing different people with different perspectives into a place of unity. I felt that this messiness -- and the beauty in it is something that Inner Hope embodies. Through this role in the next year, I am excited to continue to partner with, learn and grow from both being a part of and developing this community."

Our Summer Intern is Here!



Hannah has joined us this Summer as our Youth Support Worker! Currently a student at Briercree College, she looks forward to a summer of adventures exploring BC.

Since her arrival, Hannah already has her hands full doing a variety of different tasks. Some of these include assisting with camp registration (collecting forms and fees from youth and parents), arranging and giving rides to church, and escorting children to this year's kids daycamp at Reality Church. She has been doing an amazing job so far and we are so blessed to have her join the team this summer!

World Vision Canada's National Programs Department Closes its Doors



Last month Inner Hope received news that World Vision Canada is shutting down its national programs department, effective September 30, 2016. This encompasses all their projects that address child poverty here in Canada. These initiatives include multi-year grant funding to Canadian Christian non-profits, research on Canadian child poverty, learning workshops and courses to increase leadership capacity for non-profits and personalized coaching for partner organizations. All but one staff person will be terminated as of July 22 including Vancouver's Regional Programs Manager. WV's revenue on the national programs team has been decreasing over the past few years and they have decided to focus their resources on vulnerable children in fragile contexts overseas.

This is a huge loss for Inner Hope. In many ways, World Vision Canada has been our parent organization, guiding us from day one. We began our journey with World Vision Canada in the fall of 2007, just ten days after receiving our society status. Over the last nine years, Inner Hope has participated in the following WV national program initiatives: signed two project funding agreements in the launch of our Boundless and Post-secondary programs, accessing coaching from individuals with high level expertise, sent staff and board members to numerous professional development workshops and courses including three leadership team members attending Freeform (an organizational development course) and Inner Hope's Executive Director taking a Masters Certificate in Non-profit leadership through World Vision / Trinity Western University.

We are sad to lose their voice and influence at a national level. Please pray that doors would open for us to replace both their funding and professional development opportunities.

POST-SECONDARY PROGRAM UPDATE



Hope is our new **Post-Secondary Program Coordinator!** She has a dynamic background working for various charity organizations as a Youth Leader, Shelter Worker, and Success Coach. Her heart to help youth and young adults identify and overcome barriers to reach their goals and dreams is evident. We are confident that our young

people will thrive under Hope's leadership!

"I am very excited to join the amazing and loving community of Inner Hope as Post-Secondary Coordinator. I have been so impressed by the community that Inner Hope has created in East Vancouver and I can't wait to wholeheartedly serve alongside the staff,

volunteers, and youth. My heart is to walk alongside people in their journey of life, helping empower youth with skills for education and employment as well as identify their passions and help them live those passions out. I look forward to building relationships and providing a space for them to feel safe and supported in their goals for life."

Hope hit the ground running as our Post-Secondary Coordinator just in time to lead the program through a full evaluation based on World Vision's LEAP model (Learning through Evaluation with Accountability and Planning). This involved interviewing 13 participants, staff and volunteers to collect stories of significant change that occurred in the lives of participants because of the post-secondary program. Hope found this experience helpful in developing relationships with the participants and gaining insights into how the program could be strengthened. Hope is well on her way to developing strong relationships with our young adults and we look forward to more stories of transformation.

SPRING VOLUNTEER TRAINING



Our **annual spring Volunteer Training** event was impactful and well attended. Close to thirty volunteers and staff participated in our May volunteer training workshop! A guest speaker came in to share about discipleship/how to share your faith authentically and we received great feedback from those who attended.

