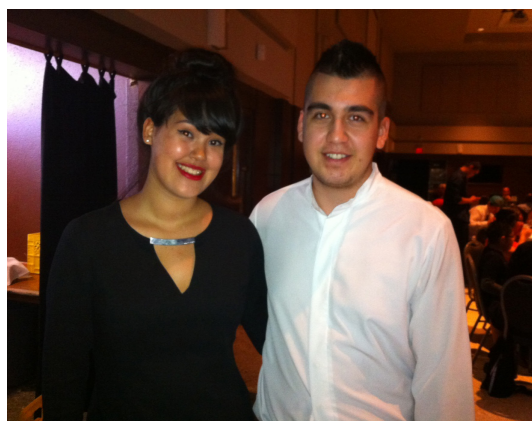


Congratulations Grads of 2015!



Ruby



Destiny, Jordan (Destiny's brother)



Jillian (Brooke's mentor), Brooke



Liz (Dakota's sister), Dakota

This year we have the privilege of celebrating four youth who have worked very hard and conquered many obstacles in order to walk across the stage and receive their graduation diplomas. The House was full at our Inner Hope Grad Party this week with parents, siblings, friends and mentors of each of our graduates. We enjoyed a meal together and acknowledged each one for their incredible accomplishments with small speeches, card writing and tears of pride and joy. It is a true honour for our team to witness and celebrate the strength and character that these young people are developing as they mature into adulthood. We have high hopes for their futures as they continue to discover their purposes in life, and we look forward to continue walking alongside them as they do so! **Congratulations to all our graduates of 2015!**

STAFF TRANSITIONS



Sarah and one of our youth



Steve (Tara's husband) and Tara

Sarah Hartung is returning from her maternity leave on June 29 to fulfill the roles of Volunteer and Community Life Coordinator! **Marco** has been covering her Volunteer Coordinator position this last year and we are thankful that he will be continuing with us in the role of Post-Secondary Coordinator. In the role of Community Life Coordinator, **Sarah** will be overseeing our community events and our community space at The House. We are very thankful for **Tara**, who has been an incredible part of the team for the past six months, allowing **Carla** to reduce her role with Inner Hope to focus on her responsibilities as a foster parent. **Tara's** unique set of skills were a such a gift for us as it was a perfect fit for the needs of the community. We pray for God's hand to guide her and her husband Steve as they welcome their first child in a few weeks! 🏡

SUMMER INTERN



Please welcome **Amanda Seymour**, our summer intern for 2015! Born and raised in Akwesasne, Ontario along the St. Lawrence River, Amanda is currently a second year student at Trinity Western University in Business Administration. She is of Mohawk and Ojibway descent and wishes to one day start her very own non-profit organization. Amanda has jumped into the role of Youth Support Worker helping with summer programming! She will be assisting with weekly events and outings, Sunday afternoons at The House, Reality Church daycamp, and additional projects to support our frontline staff team. Welcome, Amanda!

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inner hope youth ministries' mission and goal is 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

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Hope Through Relationships

Season of Growth

Summer 2015



DAKOTA

Jenny and Carla became connected to Dakota's family through his older siblings when he was only two years old. Ever since Inner Hope launched in 2007, The House has been a gathering space for his family for birthdays and events. Dakota lived at The House for a short time during grade 8 and spent a few months in Boundless where he was mentored by Mark Ang.

A month ago, Dakota joined Mark, Jenny and a few others on a trip to Mexico to participate in Homes of Hope's 25th anniversary weekend building a home for a Mexican family. This spring, he is the first male in his family to graduate from high school and anticipates moving forward in his life. Dakota appreciates Inner Hope's willingness to help youth in East Vancouver.

IMMEDIATE NEED FOR FUNDING & NEW FINANCIAL PARTNERS

Our Annual Report 2015 insert is included inside this issue! Be encouraged as you read about the impact of your generosity!

Inner Hope's programs and services are growing in their impact and lives are being transformed. The articles enclosed in this newsletter provide a glimpse of the depths of relationships being formed and the incredible level of support being provided to our core youth and families. We need your support to help us sustain our growing ministry. Would you consider partnering with us in one of the following ways?

1. **Join our monthly support team and become a Friend of Hope**, a great avenue to help Inner Hope increase financial stability.
2. **Make a financial donation** to help us meet our expenses this summer by supporting The Home, Boundless, Post-secondary or our Community Life / Discipleship programs or towards our general fund to meet the most urgent needs.
3. **Become a team captain or rider for our upcoming Ride for Refuge fundraiser** (Oct. 3). Contact Jenny at jenny@innerhope.ca or contact (604)767-1357 to participate. Check our website for updates at www.innerhope.ca.
4. **Champion Inner Hope** among family and friends by sharing our newsletter and inviting others to join our support team.
5. **Invite our Executive Director, Jenny Shantz, to share with your church or group of friends** (contact information above).

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housing

LIFE TOGETHER



"In early June, Deirdre and I (Ben) had the amazing opportunity to head to Camp Qwanoes for their annual family retreat with the youth at The Home! Two of the girls have spent significant time at Qwanoes in recent years, but have now outgrown the camper age. It was a wonderful chance for them to reconnect with staff at the camp with whom they have close friendships with. The younger two girls had never been to Qwanoes and both have had limited opportunities to attend summer camp in general. They enjoyed themselves immensely, taking part in a number of the high profile challenge course and water front activities together. Especially encouraging was one of the girls' interest in the speaker for the weekend, Barton Priebe, who spoke on the meaning of genuine Christianity. She even insisted on getting a copy of his book on the last day, and was two chapters in before we left camp! Our newest resident brought along his 18 month old son, his pride and joy. It was so touching to see him being such a caring and loving father in a safe and fun environment. Family camp was the first family trip for The Home and an amazing opportunity for residents to experience the love, care and belonging that we can offer."

- Ben, House Parent



boundless [life skills]

MENTORSHIP



"Blaine Kakakaway is fifteen and has been in the Boundless Mentorship Program for six months. Blaine has had to overcome a lot in his life and we have loved getting to know him since he joined the Inner Hope community. We recently asked for his feedback on Boundless to gain some insight into his experience in the program. His response paints a great picture of what youth experience while in Boundless: 'When I go to Inner Hope or the Boundless Program I feel safe and I feel like I can do anything I want or just be myself. My mentor helps me out with that. I can open up when I want or when I'm feeling down ... they actually help you and will set up goals for what you want to do.'"

- Katherine, Boundless Coordinator

SOME OF OUR BOUNDLESS PAIRS:



discipleship & community

SUNDAY MINISTRY

"Monthly Games Nights at The House have been an amazing opportunity for me to personally connect with Inner Hope youth/young adults and build relationships through having ridiculous fun together. Last month had a great turn-out and it was a particularly special night; one of our youth who had not been regularly attending events came to The House and ended up having such a great time that she asked if we could drive her to church the next day! My husband and I went to pick her up the following morning along with her young niece. We brought them to church and they ended up coming to the House after for Sunday Lunch. What a cool experience to connect with youth in a social setting and then see it develop into church involvement and greater relationships with family members!"

- Tara, Community Life Coordinator



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post-secondary [life skills]

LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

"Many of the youth in our community are the first in their families to attend any type of Post-Secondary education.

Often, there is a sharp decrease in wrap-around care for vulnerable youth once they leave the structure and care that high school provides. This leaves many in danger of not transitioning into further training or employment, and being at risk of sliding into harmful lifestyles. To step into this gap, Inner Hope launched a Post-Secondary program in partnership with World Vision Canada in early 2015. This program addresses the urgent need among our young adults for continued assistance in developing life skills, accessing further education, and gaining stable employment while fostering independence. Despite its infancy, the Post-Secondary program already has eleven participants and is constantly receiving referrals from others in the Inner Hope community. Through providing help with college enrollment, accessing funding, support with assignments and assistance gaining stable employment, we are seeing cycles being broken."

- Marco, Post-Secondary Coordinator



Walking alongside at-risk youth; empowering them to live healthy lives.