

Parent Interview with June Rose



Lance and June

Inner Hope’s Community Advisory Committee is a group of youth, young adults, parents and volunteers who meet a few times each year to provide critical input and feedback on program development and implementation.

June Rose was invited to the first meeting by a friend who has had three children live at The House. June has not missed a meeting since and was excited to link us with her son, Lance, who is a current Boundless participant and stayed at The House for a few weeks last winter. Below is a short interview with June.

What motivated you to join Inner Hope’s advisory group?
I like to be in touch with my community and I was searching for places my son could fit into.

What have you enjoyed about being a part of this committee?
I have a say in what happens. I had a say in moving Inner Hope forward. It takes a village to raise a child and I’m part of that village.

From your perspective, what makes Inner Hope different from other organizations working with youth in East Vancouver?
Youth are part of all aspects of the organization. Who picked the name for Inner Hope? A youth. You are more on the front lines. The youth are right there beside you.

What impact has Inner Hope had on your son?
They helped him get back into school. At a certain point youth are more influenced by peers. Inner Hope has become his peer group. A positive peer group.

What is your vision for Inner Hope in the future?
Multiple homes. Expanding to other cities. Getting more people involved (staff, volunteers) to help expand to new sites. ▲

With thanks to all our supporters, for without your financial support we would not be able to walk alongside youth as they develop into responsible adults.

"It takes a village to raise a child and I'm part of that village."



Needs for the New Home



With the addition of a second home, we're in need of a bit of help to get us going!

Please contact office@innerhope.ca if you or anyone you know would like to contribute to any of these needs:

- A volunteer electrician to do some electrical work
- A couple of volunteers to rebuild the back deck stairs
- Donations of furniture for two bedrooms (dresser, nighttable, lamp, bedframes)
- Donation of one living room set
- Donation of a large dinner table with a minimum of 6 chairs
- Kitchen supplies - dishes, pots, etc.
- Groceries to stock The Home (please contact for more information)
- General volunteers to help move

To contribute financially, please visit www.innerhope.ca/get-involved/ways-to-give.

Volunteer opportunities available! Visit www.innerhope.ca/get-involved/volunteer.



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A SECOND HOME FOR INNER HOPE!

This past month, Inner Hope has been blessed with a second house aimed to provide a more private, family style home for youth needing permanent housing! Given the growth of the organization, much of The House is being used as community space, leaving House Parents with less privacy and time to focus on providing a home for youth needing stable housing.

A local foundation saw the evidence of God’s transforming work in the lives of our young people and provided us with the opportunity to pick a home that would suit our needs at minimal rent.



We are excited to announce that we have secured a five bedroom home close to our current location and gain possession on August 18th! God is good. In conjunction with the expansion, we are continuing to provide a home-based environment for community youth, gathering for meals and supporting youth with critical life skills such as homework support and securing employment. We continue to host Sunday Lunches for children, youth and adults, and look forward to utilizing The House for other discipleship and life skills opportunities. In order to be fiscally responsible, we will be renting out the downstairs suite to off set operational costs. As our housing program moves to the new location with the new House Parent couple, Jenny will be moving off site, allowing her to focus on her role as Executive Director.

Last spring, our Community Advisory Committee (youth, parents, volunteers) met to provide input into our search for a home and decided on three priority neighborhoods close to our current location. Our youth preferred the home to be located outside of the Downtown Eastside and other neighbourhoods where there is greater pull into lifestyles of addiction. They also recommended we try to gain access to a home in early-mid August, allowing House Parents time to settle in and begin accepting residents at the beginning of the school year.

This expansion is a leap of faith and we are seeking financial partners with a vision to see young lives transformed. 2 Corinthians 9:8 says, “And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.” Over the years, God has always provided in unexpected ways! Would you consider partnering with us? We are seeking 20 more monthly donors to complete our Friends of Hope campaign as well as \$50,000 in one-time gifts this summer to help us cover our current operating costs.

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

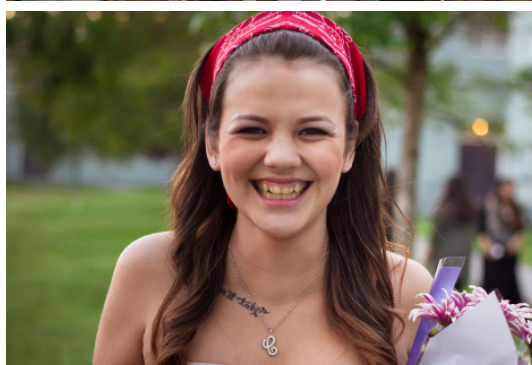
- housing providing a safe, stable home, free of drugs, alcohol and abuse
- support helping youth in practical ways in their everyday lives
- life skills mentoring youth as they develop the skills needed to build their futures
- discipleship guiding youth in a relationship with their Creator

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IT'S GRAD SEASON!

It's that time of the year again! June is always a tremendously special month for Inner Hope as our many of our teens graduate from high school! It is an absolute honour and joy each year to celebrate this huge milestone with them, especially as a community of House Parents, staff, volunteer mentors, and supporters such as yourselves who have so diligently walked alongside them on their journeys. In faith, we wish them well and know that God has incredible plans ahead for each and every one of them!



IMPORTANT: Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation will become effective July 1st. Although charities are largely exempt, we will be increasing our diligence in gaining permission before adding subscribers to our e-mail list.

MEXICO SERVICE TRIP 2014

Mexico departure day is fast approaching!

Team members are busy with excitement and preparations as they pull together final details and fundraisers. A smaller group than initially planned (a dozen total) has key leaders **Marcey Norman** (volunteer) and **Toni Gladstone** (summer student) looking forward to a tighter and deeper experience for everyone involved.

This eleven-day international service trip, in partnership with YWAM, will provide opportunity for our youth to experience and wrestle with life, poverty and faith in a developing country, culminating in building a house for a family in need through **Homes of Hope**. For anyone interested in supporting our youth in experiencing this opportunity, **we are still in need of \$9,000 to meet the total costs of the trip.**



Mexico Service Trip 2011

Meet Marco, our new Volunteer Coordinator!



As Sarah begins her Maternity Leave, Marco Sotres has stepped up to fill her role as Volunteer Coordinator and Program Support!

Marco was born in Port Moody, raised in California, and has returned to Vancouver to finish his education in Political Science and Religious Studies that will lead to the completion of his Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. Marco has been a dynamic member of the Inner Hope community since last year as a volunteer mentor in our Boundless program. Passionate, driven, and eager to learn, Marco is excited to lend his knowledge as well as his passion for community development and for youth at-risk. Outside of the office, Marco can be found biking around the city or sitting at Le Marche St. George sipping on coffee!

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