



Does Carla still work at New Beginnings?

Yes, 15 hours a week, which currently consists primarily of supervising the summer intern team.

Is Jenny teaching?

Yes, Jenny teaches 2 days a week in Surrey as a Cultural Enhancement teacher, supporting Aboriginal Students.

Is Inner Hope a licensed organization?

Yes, we are a non-profit society (provincial level). We have applied for our Charitable Status with Revenue Canada (federal level).

How many kids are living at the house?

That depends on the day! Currently we have 2 staff, 1 volunteer, and 1 youth at the house. By September we are hoping to be ready to house 5 youth.

Please note that we have secured a Post Office Box for mailings in order to protect residents' privacy

Dear Friends and Family,

May was a great reminder that Carla and I (Jenny) are only a small part of God's work among the youth in East Vancouver. On May 17th four of "our kids," along with Carla and I, attended a wedding for Buki (Daramola) Hough, a former volunteer from Trinity Western University who had poured her life into our youth for about 7 years. A few years ago when one of our girls was tragically killed, Buki took the opportunity to speak at the funeral and challenged the youth in attendance to not let her life be in vain, inviting them to come to a Bible study she was starting the following week in our home. That bible study is still running at The House three years later. A few former volunteers traveled to Vancouver for Buki's wedding. One of the gals was still carrying a couple of the youths' school photos in her wallet from 7 years ago and said to me, "I pray for them every time I see their pictures". I was moved almost to tears watching as another past volunteer spoke words of encouragement to our youth one by one during the reception.

In January, Merissa, a Trinity Western student, moved into our home and commuted 45 minutes each way to her classes in order to live among the youth and spend time mentoring them. This year we have had two Missions teams stay with us for a week to support our ministry. The latest group came in March from the Kaleo Bible school program at Camp Qwanoes. They fundraised prior to coming and bought us a freezer, a barbecue, 2 car seats, a sewing machine and \$200 in gift certificates!! They painted two bathrooms, decorated the play room and spent all their spare time with the youth. There are many more examples of people who have given sacrificially to make an impact on the lives of our youth!!

This year World Vision invited us to attend training with them to develop our foundation as an organization. We completed an assessment of community needs and were reminded that youth in East Vancouver strongly lack the life skills to gain stability in their lives. This summer we are beginning to develop a more formalized life skills program that would allow us to work with 15-20 youth on a regular basis. Please pray that we would have wisdom as we want to encourage transformational change in the lives of the youth, their families and the community. Galatians 6:9 says, "Let us not become weary of doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Jenny Shantz & Carla Dickinson



Join our Prayer Team!

Our Monthly Prayer Team consists of 62 people and growing!

Please send us an email if you'd like to join either the monthly or emergency prayer team and receive updates via email.

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Looking Back....

- Kaleo Missions Team visited *March 21-29*
- Native Grad (Grade 12) *May*
- Jeanne moved out on her own *April 30*

Looking Forward...

- Grade 12 Graduations (Bryan, Mina) *June, July*
- Andrea arrives to work with us for 6 weeks *June 10*
- Ashley arrives to work with us for 6 weeks *July 7*
- YWAM Mexico Mission Adventure *Aug.10-22*