

Inner Hope's Housing Program Expands!

When Carla and Jenny began transitioning out of their role as house parents in 2013-2014, a local foundation offered to purchase a home on Inner Hope's behalf. With rent set at \$1 a year for 10 years, we were able to expand to two sites and open a private home for our housing ministry separate from The House and Inner Hope's community programs. Ben and Deirdre Stevens became our first house parent couple and have now been in the role for 2 years with The Home operating at full capacity (4 residents) for the majority of that time.

We have found that residents need to live in our home for at least a year for the greatest long term impact and are thankful that this is starting to become the norm. For the first time in Inner Hope's history, our house parents are able to focus solely on developing a family style home and give the residents the quality of support and mentoring they require. With a dedicated housing team of two house parents (1 full-time and 1 part-time) and a part-time respite house parent, we have seen an increase in the length of time residents are staying in The Home.

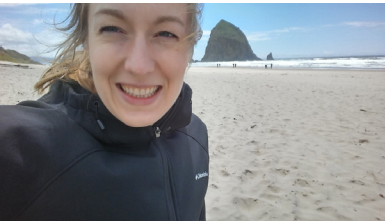
It is with excitement that we share that Ben and Deirdre are expecting their first child in February 2017. Due to this

change in circumstances, Ben and Deirdre plan to leave their role as House Parents on November 1st, 2016. We are thankful that Andrea Vaag, our current respite house parent, will be a stable presence in the resident's lives during this transition, as she has developed great relationships with the residents since filling the role of respite support this summer.

In planning for their transition, Ben and Deirdre approached Inner Hope to ask us if we would support them in opening a parental suite below their new residence. They have a growing heart for a gap in services for young parents. The parental suite will allow Inner Hope to expand our



housing support from 4 beds to 6 and provide a parental/semi-independent living suite for a parent and child, increasing their independence and responsibility, while giving the parent the support to adequately care for their child. Ben and Deirdre believe so strongly in the vision of a parental suite, that they have committed to raise half the operating costs for the first year (of which they have already raised 80%)! Would you consider partnering with us to raise the other half? ●



in program in a local inner city school. Through all these experiences, Andrea has come to realize that she is passionate about providing stability and mentorship in young peoples' day-to-day lives and being a source of support and genuine care. Andrea settled in East Vancouver in June 2015, and has since fallen in love with the vibrant community around her.

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HOPE THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS
FALL 2016 NEWSLETTER



Over the last six years we have been blessed to witness growth and transformation in the life of a very special young lady, Erica Saunders. Erica was invited by a friend to join our Boundless program in the fall of 2010 and since then has become one of Inner Hope's most faithful participants. She took part in a Mexico service trip two years ago, continues to maintain relationships with two past Boundless mentors, faithfully attends Reality Church, and is now actively engaged in our post-secondary program. We are especially proud to have witnessed Erica take on a leadership role this summer as a leader of arts and crafts at Anvil Island camp. This opportunity grew out of her involvement with Youth Unlimited's Creative Life art program. We look forward to continuing to journey alongside Erica as she launches into adulthood.

Staff Update



background in teaching and a passion for supporting people in prayer. Having moved this past summer from Montreal, she also runs her own calligraphy and stationery business.

"While preparing for our move to Vancouver, we were asking, 'What is Jesus doing in this city, and how can we be a part of it?', and coming across Inner Hope felt like an answer to those questions. I'm so thrilled to be a part of the Inner Hope team, and I look forward to corresponding with you and lifting Inner Hope up together in prayer!"

After 3½ years of service, Kitty Chan has transferred out of Inner Hope to a new role with Power to Change. Although we'll miss her dearly, we're thrilled to have Melissa join the team as our Communications and Human Resources Assistant! She has a

Meet Our New Respite House Parent!

This summer, Linette, our past Respite House Parent, finished her Masters in Counseling, and as she pursues her use of this degree, her roommate Andrea has stepped in to join us as her replacement! Having grown up in Abbotsford, Andrea has worked with children and youth from all different walks of life, including running lunch programs for street children in Peru, participating in mentorship programs, and managing a large drop-

Upcoming Ride for Refuge!

We are excited to be participating for the second time in Ride for Refuge on October 1st! Ride for Refuge is an annual family-friendly event that aims to support local charities across North America, giving participants the option to walk 5km or ride anywhere from 10km, 25km, or 50km, all while raising money for a charity. We welcome you to join Inner Hope in this event as we seek riders and walkers to jump on board with us and raise the necessary funds to keep Inner Hope moving forward. If you are not able to physically participate, would you consider sponsoring a participant and helping us reach our goal of raising \$35,000? To register to walk or ride, or sponsor a team/participant, please visit <https://canada.rideforrefuge.org/charity/innerhope>. We are so thankful for your partnership; your participation makes a huge difference to us!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 1	Ride for Refuge
Oct. 2	Sunday Lunch at Reality Church
Oct. 8	Games Night
Oct. 22	Boundless Workshop
Oct. 28	Post-Secondary Social
Nov. 5	Volunteer Training
Nov. 6	Sunday Lunch at Reality Church
Nov. 11-13	Qwanoes Senior High Retreat
Nov. 19	Boundless Workshop
Nov. 26	Post-Secondary Social
Nov. 26	Games Night

Inner Hope Youth Ministries' mission is to walk alongside youth and families in East Vancouver nurturing hope, belonging and transformation through support, discipleship, life skills, and housing.

- support
- discipleship
- life skills
- housing

promoting positive community engagement and loving youth, young adults and families in practical ways
guiding children, youth and youth adults in a relationship with their Creator
mentoring youth and young adults to develop the skills needed to build their futures
offering safe, stable and supportive homes for youth, young adults and their children

Renewing Our Shared Mandate

An organization's shared mandate is crucial because it provides the foundation in which to operate. Inner Hope's shared mandate includes a [vision](#) statement articulating what we strive to achieve, a [mission](#) statement guiding the focus of our activities and programs and a set of core [values](#) that define our culture and beliefs. This past summer, Inner Hope went through a process to renew our vision, mission, and values. We are very thankful for Gary Klassen, past World Vision Canada regional manager and community development expert, for guiding our team through a review process. Over the course of three months we sought insight from donors, volunteers, youth, parents, church partners, staff, and board members. Information was gleaned through 50 survey responses and three group consultations.

The updated shared mandate will guide Inner Hope through the coming years and steer the development of a new 3-year operational plan in the coming months. Below is a copy of our revised statements with accompanying descriptions highlighting the most significant changes made. We are thrilled to share these revisions with you, and look forward to seeing God at work in this!

UPDATED VALUES

- Faith**
We value sharing the love of Jesus and believing in His transformational power
- Committed Relationships**
We value long term relationships with youth, families and supporters
- Community**
We value journeying together as a community of diverse individuals who love and care for one another
- Integrity**
We value honesty, transparency, reliability and stewardship knowing we are accountable to God, those we serve and those who support us

- Inner Hope's list of values was shortened from 6 to 4.
- We kept the values of *faith*, *relationships*, and *integrity*, as these are values that all stakeholders agreed are critical to the ministry of Inner Hope.
- We combined a few of the values. *Commitment* and *relationships* have been combined, as it is through commitment that relationships are strengthened. We also combined *integrity* and *stewardship*, understanding that for a non-profit to be integral, we must steward our resources.
- We established *community* as a new value, recognizing that, over the years, Inner Hope has become a community of belonging for young people, staff, volunteers, and supporters.

UPDATED MISSION

Walking alongside youth and families in East Vancouver nurturing hope, belonging, and transformation through support, discipleship, life skills, and housing

- The statement "walking alongside" was moved from our vision statement to our mission statement as it reflects what we do as opposed to our future vision.
- While youth remains a focus, we added "families" to our mission to reflect the broadening of ages served as we continue to journey with participants who have grown out of the youth age and now have children.
- We changed "providing" to "nurturing", recognizing that we can't provide hope (Jesus is our hope), but we can nurture it.
- "Transformation" was added to the list of attributes we nurture, in order to capture the deeper impact we seek. The significance of transformation is articulated in Romans 12:2 "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind".
- We reordered our four service areas to reflect a funnel (from support, a service that reaches 250+ individuals annually, to housing, a service we provide for 6-10 individuals annually).

UPDATED VISION

Youth and families equipped to live healthy lives and to empower the next generation

- The vision has expanded to include families in our vision statement, for the same reasons as in the mission statement.
- We've added the verb "equipped", as we desire to see youth and families equipped for healthy living, seeing barriers broken down, and young people gaining the vision, skills and support network needed to thrive. Hebrews 13:21 says, "Now, may the God of peace...equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight".
- We've kept the phrase "healthy lives", and have defined it by seven dimensions: social, emotional, spiritual, environmental, occupational/financial, intellectual, and physical. 3 John 1:2 states John's vision for his friend Gaius: "Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you".
- The addition of the phrase "the next generation" reflects our young people's desire that their children have a better life and don't have to go through the difficulties they endured. As our youth and young adults grow into greater health, they will "empower the next generation" and open up a new world for their children.

Summer Recap at Inner Hope!

SUNDAY LUNCHES



Summer is such a great opportunity to build relationships and to spend quality time together, and that's exactly what happened! It was a fun-filled and packed summer at Inner Hope, from Sunday lunches and daycamp, to camping trips galore. Boundless went camping at Conkle Lake, and our Post-Secondary group went to Manning Park. We also had a summer intern, Hannah, join us for this season, and we loved having her help us out and love our community well.

DAYCAMP & CAMP LUTHER



BOUNDLESS CAMPING TRIP



POST-SECONDARY CAMPING TRIP

