

BOUNDLESS UPDATE



Our Boundless Coordinator, Katherine, has made an incredible impact in her three years here at Inner Hope, including re-evaluating and revamping our program, putting a greater emphasis on goal setting, and teaching our youth to appreciate the outdoors. We're proud (and sad!) to announce that she'll be moving on to work for the Ministry of Children and Family Development, bringing her passion and talents for the good of the city. While she will be dearly missed, we are thankful for her season here at Inner Hope and how she championed our young people. We wish her all the best in her next adventure! We're thankful that Mark Ang has accepted the role of Boundless Coordinator. His experience as a past participant and staff member over the past decade, plus extensive relationships in the community, will be an incredible asset.



"The Boundless program has helped me to organize all that I do: all commitments, all plans, and how to be a better leader."

Richard has been in Boundless for the past three years and graduated from high school this past June. He has developed a close relationship with his mentor, John Wong, that has expanded into a friendship between their two families. At Inner Hope's grad party, Richard brought most of us to tears as he described how proud his dad is of his accomplishments and his desire to see his son go further in life than he did. Over the years, Richard has grown in life skills, but also in his faith journey and leadership skills. This summer he completed the Counselor In Training program at Camp Qwanoes and was featured in UGM's summer camp newsletter! We are excited to see where God leads Richard in the coming years.

PARENTAL SUITE UPDATE

In just 10 months, the Parental Suite has had tremendous impact. Both residents (father and child) have attained greater stability, and the father has grown in stable employment, money and household management skills, and healthy parenting routines.



Parental Suite for a new family in need of mentorship.

This change point is a fitting time to acknowledge the extraordinary gift Ben and Deirdre are to our ministry. They have given over three years to this community: two years in The Home and the past year in The Parental Suite. Their marriage, anchored by their faith in Christ, sets an inspiring example for all of us as we seek to build committed relationships and live healthy lives. Please pray for them, and the family they support, in this new chapter.

Recently, the family initiated a change in their living situation. With increased independence, their needs have evolved. Inner Hope will no longer be subsidizing their rent, but Ben and Deirdre, our Mentor Couple, will continue to walk alongside this family in a mentoring role providing practical support and life skills mentorship. We pray that over the coming year, the family will achieve full independence and that God will provide the finances needed to re-open the

WAYS TO PARTNER

We're currently in need of:

- 2-3 mentors
- 1 social coordinator
- 2 Sunday drivers
- 1-2 cooks

Could you make a meal once or twice a month for our Homework Nights?

Become a Friend of Hope! By joining our monthly donor team, you help provide greater stability, increasing our impact.



innerhope.ca/friendsofhope

On September 30th, we're thrilled to be participating in the Ride for Refuge for the third year in a row! This family-friendly event supports local charities all across Canada, and participants can walk or ride for a charity of their choice. We have teams registered for the Vancouver and Langley events and would welcome participants in other parts of the country as well. We're currently seeking riders, walkers, and sponsors to jump on board with us

COME RIDE WITH US!



and raise the necessary funds to keep Inner Hope moving forward. Our goal this year is to raise \$27,000 towards the cost of our housing, life skills, and community-building programs and services for 2017-2018. Would you join us and help bring God's transforming love to youth and families in East Vancouver?

WHY RIDE?

By riding, walking, or supporting a team, you are being a champion for our youth and families, who may not have stable housing, graduate from high school, and be equipped to raise the next generation without your support.

I RIDE BECAUSE...

"...all youths deserve to have the love and support they need to be resilient" -K.K.

"...I've lived near the Downtown Eastside for 11 years, and supporting Inner Hope gives me the chance to make a difference." - D.S.

Find out more about why we ride: facebook.com/innerhope

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30



Join a team and ride with us, or sponsor a participant: ride.w-ith.us/innerhope

Guess What?
All donations \$50 or more up to \$10,000 will be matched!

GO PAPERLESS

Help us save on printing costs and be good stewards by receiving our updates electronically! To get our newsletters by email, send us a note at: office@innerhope.ca

JOIN OUR PRAYER TEAM!

Partner with us in prayer, one of the most pivotal and foundational ways you can support us. To receive our monthly prayer letters, visit: www.innerhope.ca/pray

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

WHAT'S INSIDE: SUMMER RECAP

Our Intern's Reflections & A Trip to Rwanda

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SUMMER RECAP

Summer is a great opportunity to invest in our young people and sow seeds of faith. It's been a full summer here, with participants of all ages attending camps and all kinds of outdoor activities.



Another Ebenezer: Reflections from our Summer Student

In my experience, it's always easiest to recognize the Lord's provision in retrospect. The privilege of reflection has allowed me to see, with extraordinary clarity, the Lord's faithfulness in my life. A most defining moment for me as a young girl was offering my broken heart, with no context or understanding of the sorrow I was experiencing, to Jesus and

asking Him to simply show me who He is and who I am. Many years later, this continues to be my prayer and as I walk in obedience, the Lord is faithful. He calls me by name, invites me to see others through His eyes and shows me His heart for the marginalized.

This summer at Inner Hope has been an Ebenezer in the story Jesus is writing in my life. Just as Samuel placed a stone to remember the Lord's goodness in helping the Israelites overcome the Philistines, these 10 weeks are a mark of the Lord's continued faithfulness to me. I will remember the mentorship, the encouragement, the empowerment, the inspiration, a welcoming community of unparalleled belonging, and a hearty



Some of our team honouring Kayla's last day (L-R: Mark, Katherine, Kayla, Melissa, Cherise, Diana).

obedience to God's call of loving your neighbour as yourself. What an honour it has been to benefit from Inner Hope's years of tireless commitment to nurturing hope through relationships. This is just the beginning!

Kayla Meeking, our summer intern, returns to Langara in the fall. We're so thankful for her and her servant heart!



Kayla and some of the girls on their way to Qwanoes Camp!



...plus daycamp, Keats Camp, beach days, drive-ins, and other adventures!

Erica & Leslie in Rwanda!

It's not every day our young adults get the opportunity to travel internationally, but this summer, Erica and Leslie went on a service trip to Rwanda with Youth Unlimited! Experiences like this are only possible with a community of support. Our mentor couple Ben and Deirdre, along with a team of volunteers, hosted a BBQ fundraiser for them that raised \$1,000 towards their trip and many of you also gave. Read these excerpts from their blog posts while they were in Rwanda:



"Working with these children has honestly been life-changing. They are so sweet and amazing, and they bring so much joy to our lives. It's going to be very hard to say goodbye to them. Working with a big group of people you don't know is hard; working with a group of people from a different country is terrifying; but you know what? We have all accepted one another and we all are connected like a family."



"I've been to a whole different area in the world and that is a big step. It's a big step to leave your home for two weeks. To leave your family. To impact your faith by coming to a different country and meeting new people. To grow in our faith with our Rwandan friends. Everyone is growing together in their own unique experiences and ways..."

Read more at elevationproject.tumblr.com

Hear from Our Youth!

The end of summer marks a new season for our youth as they return to school, and also a new goal setting session with Boundless. We asked some of our youth about the impact Boundless makes on their life:

"The Boundless program has helped me grow in life." - Blaine

"My mentor sacrifices so much and it's the little things like meeting randomly out of the blue." - Richard

"My mentor has made my life a lot better, with her support and a lot more. She has helped me through some rough times. I'm very blessed to have her come into my life." - T.E.

You too can be a part of mentoring! We're currently in need of 2-3 mentors to walk with our youth and make a difference in their lives. Contact volunteer@innerhope.ca for more!