

Let's Ride Together on September 29th



Some of our youth at last year's Ride



Some of the 2017 Reality Church team

It's September and we're thrilled to be gearing up to participate in the Ride for Refuge for the fourth year in a row. This year we are blessed to have a donor willing to double any gift of \$75 or more (up to \$10,000)!

We are happy to be riding and walking with family, friends and supporters again. This family-friendly event takes place across Canada. We have teams registered in Vancouver, Langley and Waterloo. We're currently seeking people to sponsor our riders and walkers for the September 29th event.

Our Youth Riders

We love the Ride for many reasons. One of them is the fact that our youth and young adults ride with us every year. The Ride gives them a chance to give back to their community.

Our young people have each created profiles that showcase how Inner Hope has impacted them. It's an honour to see.

If you would like to support the Inner Hope's youth this year see ride.w-ith.us/IH_Youth or ride.w-ith.us/IH_YoungAdults

Support the Ride

Our riders (and walkers) are gearing up to brave the elements.

Inner Hope is seeking to raise \$31,250 towards the cost of our housing, life skills & community life programs.

Sponsor a team or rider at rideforrefuge.org/charity/innerhope

Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you.

Jeremiah 1: 7-8

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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 young 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



The Light Shines Through

As we head into fall, we asked Nate, our Summer Intern, to share his summer thoughts.



Nate with his Boundless Mentee

Each summer, I pick a song that represents the places I've witnessed God working. I feel that Switchfoot's "Where the Light Shines Through" captures the current outworking of God's mission here. The song reminds us that it is often in the hurting places that Christ's love brings healing. *"The wound is where the light shines through; the wound is where the light finds you."* Here is one story from many that shows how the Inner Hope community has participated in healing this summer.

This summer was Zimri's first at camp. He had not wanted to come to camp and was furious at being sent, so refused to take part in any activities. Yet, as the hours of watching began to pile up, I started to hear about the wound leading to this behaviour. Zimri, though young, had been

supporting his depressed friends. Two of these friends had gone missing shortly before camp. Zimri felt responsible, worried, and unable to act. For Zimri, camp became the needed opportunity to be heard rather than to listen, to be hurting rather than help, and to see joy rather than sorrow. God worked through this unconventional camp experience to show Zimri that he is loved and cherished, and to open him to the need for a divine Saviour.

On behalf of Zimri, I would like to thank you. Your support proclaims the love of our God.

- Nate Hartley

Coming this fall...

Sep 27 Ride Kick Off
6:00pm-8:00pm
548 E 29th Ave

Join the BBQ before the big day! Meet the Ride community.

Sep 29 Ride for Refuge
7:30am-12:00pm
5240 Woodward's Rd

Our riders/walkers are gearing up to brave the elements & help Inner Hope raise some funds!

Oct 27 Halloween Party
7:00pm-11:00pm
548 E 29th Ave

The Boundless youth are playing games and planning some good wholesome Halloween fun! Volunteers needed.

WHAT'S INSIDE:

Summer Recap & the Ride for Refuge

SUMMER RECAP



It was our busiest summer yet! Over 50 children, youth and parents attended camp.

Characterized by hospitality: The House and The Home had doors open wide to celebrate the community.

Season of trust: Several friends in our community experienced

crises this summer. We had to trust in our knowledge that God was building something great in the storm.

Summer of hope: Several youth made commitments to Christ or expressed interest in learning about Christ at camp. Because of this, a Youth Alpha was launched in August!

At The Home



A room ready for our new summer resident

The "Shindig Hotenanny Extravaganza" was an awesome success. In July, we were thrilled to have 33 community members show up for a day of games, hot dogs and fun. Everyone loved the time spent together visiting in the sun.

The Home was a welcome haven for both a family that had to relocate rapidly at the end of July and for a new resident who desperately needed a welcome home.

Irene and Nate's compassion and willingness to journey alongside the residents and their families has been a testimony to the radical love of Christ. It's been an honour to witness the joy this has brought the community this season.

Working at camp

One of the things we have the honour of witnessing is some of our young people drawing closer to God through work at camp. This year two of our young adults held staff positions at Camp Qwanoes.

Brooke



This summer, I took a big leap of faith and stepped out of my comfort zone by counselling 6 weeks by myself in a cabin. Sometimes it was hard but I focused on the main goal: loving these kids the way Christ loved us.

Family Camp



June 14-17

Several Inner Hope families had a blast at Camp Qwanoes. Highlights included water sports, stilt-walking and plenty of screams on the Skyscraper.

Reality Day Camp

July 3-6

6 of the children in our community attended Day Camp with Reality Church this year. These kids had a fantastic sun-filled week!



Camp Qwanoes

July 7-13
July 29 - Aug 3

18 youth attended Qwanoes this year and, as usual, had an awesome but challenging time. Qwanoes does a fantastic job of offering plenty of fun while giving youth opportunities to pause and reflect on life. This can be life-changing.

Keats Camp



July 16-23

14 of the Boundless youth attended a week at Keats. This was most of the youth in Boundless. It was awesome that the youth were able to grow together this week!

Boundless Camping

Aug 10-12

25 community members joined the Boundless weekend trip this year - and it was a hit! The trip ended with a visit to Cultus Lake Waterpark - a first for many of the youth.



Richard



This summer I was all over the map at Qwanoes with new opportunities to serve every week. From counseling to hosting club coco, to dishwashing I was working hard for Jesus and doing so to bring kids and youth to know God and his love for them.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS & SUPPORT!