

## Ways to Partner with Us!

February was Friendship Month at Inner Hope, where we highlighted some of our community members and ways we feel loved. If you didn't get a chance to participate, it's not too late! Here are some ways you can be a friend to us:

1 Give this newsletter to a friend, family member, or someone who would be blessed by learning about the ministry of Inner Hope.



2 Become a Friend of Hope, if you aren't already! By joining our monthly donor team, you help provide greater stability, increasing our impact. Our goal is for 30 more Friends of Hope to join us this year - would you come and be a part of that?



3 Increase your monthly giving, if you're already a Friend of Hope. Even just \$5 or \$10 each month can go a long way for us. That's just a few cups of coffee!



### GO PAPERLESS

Help us save on printing costs by receiving our updates electronically! To get our newsletters by email, send us an email at: [office@innerhope.ca](mailto:office@innerhope.ca)

Inner Hope is looking for...

## VOLUNTEERS

- 2 female mentors
- 1 male mentor
- 1-2 cooks

*Could you make a meal twice a month for our Homework Nights? If needed, it can be dropped off in advance and frozen.*



## FURNITURE

- set of coffee tables  
*(black or dark brown)*
- IKEA gift card  
*(will go towards shelving and curtains)*

*get in touch about these opportunities by contacting [volunteer@innerhope.ca](mailto:volunteer@innerhope.ca)*

### JOIN OUR PRAYER TEAM!

At Inner Hope, prayer is a huge part of our community. To receive our monthly prayer letters and to join our prayer team, visit: [www.innerhope.ca/pray](http://www.innerhope.ca/pray)



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## Celebrating 10 Years!



After many years as youth workers in East Vancouver, the tragic death of a 19-year-old who had a special spot in our hearts challenged Carla and me to seek a more effective avenue for reaching out to youth. On July 28th, 2007, Carla and I took a leap of faith and moved into The House on 29th Avenue with four young people. A few short months later, Inner Hope Youth Ministries received society status from the province of B.C. and became an official non-profit. Fast-forward 10 years to the present and we have increased to three houses, a team of 12 staff and contract workers, and numerous formalized programs and partnerships providing support, discipleship, life skills mentoring, and housing for dozens of youth and families. 45 youth, young adults, and children have lived in one of Inner Hope's homes. Hundreds of individuals have been part of the Inner Hope community, experiencing the love of Christ. You helped us get this far. From all of us, thank you.  
-Jenny Shantz, Founder and Executive Director

### Spotlight: Diana

Diana Squires joined the team before Christmas as our new Director of Programs. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in areas such as non-profit leadership, team management, program development, fundraising, Christian ministry, community outreach, and marketing/communications. We challenged her to drop some hints about who she is and what she loves, using only the letters of our name, and here it is!

**I**nspiring Ideas  
**N**ieces & Nephews  
**N**ever giving up on someone  
**E**fficiency  
**R**aising the standard

**H**ilarity  
**O**ffering insight  
**P**eter Pan  
**E**nthusiasm



SAVE THE DATE  
for our

## ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING!

MONDAY, APRIL 24TH | 7-9PM  
REALITY CHURCH  
808 E 19th Avenue

OPEN TO ALL  
hear firsthand stories and testimonies  
from our front-line team!

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 young 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

### INSIDE:

*A Visual History of 10 Years at Inner Hope!*

### FLIP TO THE BACK

*for exciting new ways to partner with us!*



# Inner Hope Celebrates 10 Years!

We're thrilled to be celebrating 10 years of Inner Hope this year! We've seen many people come through our community in the past decade, and we're excited to share some highlights and markers from 2007 till now. Praise God for His faithfulness to us!

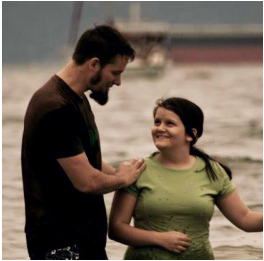
**January:**  
Prior to 2007, Jenny and Carla were already wanting to set up a home. At Missionsfest, Jenny received start-up tips from *Lorrie Wasyliv*, who founded a women's safe house.

**June:**  
Developed our first Board of Directors, with 3 members: *Katherine Adamson*, *Carrie Peters*, and *Janet Anderson*.

Bible studies at The House were a highlight including a teen girls group led by *Janine Kelly (Fleming)* and a young adults group led by *Alison Fraser (Kling)* with *Andrea Lambert (East)* providing childcare.



**January:**  
Hired first Boundless Coordinator, *Kyle Belton*.



An informal partnership was developed with **Reality Church**, where many youth had begun attending church. Over the next 3 years, over 10 youth were baptized.



Continued doing life with youth through The House, Boundless and Reality Church.



Expanded our staff team with *Kitty Chan* (Admin, Communications) and *Sarah Hartung* (returning as support staff for The House and volunteers).



**Spring/Summer:**  
Hired our first full-time Director of Programs, *Kiersten Ballard*, and our current Boundless Coordinator, *Katherine Savage*! Another **Mexico** Service Trip.



**April:**  
Launched our **Post-Secondary Program** in partnership with World Vision Canada. *Marco Sotres*, who had joined our team to cover a maternity leave, stayed on as our first Post-Secondary Coordinator.

New staff additions! *Hope Hart*, our Post-Secondary Coordinator; *Andrea Vaag*, respite for The Home; *Melissa Chan*, our Communications and HR Assistant; and *Diana Squires*, our Director of Programs.

Relaunched our Sunday Ministry with **Reality Church**, including a ride-sharing initiative to match people from Reality with Inner Hope families, facilitated by *Sarah Hau*.

## 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017



**January:**  
Community Assessment Report was done to discern needs through interviews and surveys with 40 members of the community.

**July:**  
Carla and Jenny moved into **The House** with 3 young people and 1 child. **19th Avenue Christian Fellowship** provided critical support for the move. Applied for Society Status.

**Summer:**  
Hired our first summer intern, *Ashley Crozier*. Carla led a service trip to **Mexico** in partnership with **New Beginnings Church**. Official charity status received!



**October:**  
B.C. Society Status was approved. Began attending community development training workshops with World Vision Canada's National Programs arm.

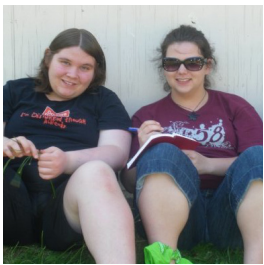
**Fall:**  
Hired first part-time staff member, *Andrea Lambert*, as house support.

**Fall:**  
Signed a partnership agreement with World Vision Canada National Programs. They provided 4 years of funding to launch **Boundless** (a one-on-one life skills mentoring program).

Hired *Sarah Hill (Hartung)* as part-time House Support. She filled numerous support roles on and off over the following 7 years.



**April:**  
The **Boundless** Program officially launched, after a pilot program with 8 youth. By the fall, there were 18 youth involved in Boundless.



**Spring and Fall:**  
Held our first two semi-annual volunteer training events.



**May:**  
Formed our Community Advisory Committee, consisting of youth, young adults, and parents.

**Summer:**  
**Mexico** Service Trip!



**September:**  
Hired our 4th staff member, *Bethany Nickel (Mortelliti)*, as fill-in support.



**May:**  
Big changes to **The House**! Carla moved out, and continued as our Director of Programs. An office space was created downstairs for our growing team, and housing was reduced temporarily to the 4 upstairs bedrooms.



**August/Sept:**  
*Ange Wu* became our Boundless Coordinator, and *Gillian Tiessen* took on a temporary House Parent position, supporting Jenny in The Home.



**August:**  
Received possession of **The Home**, or the second house! **The House** was converted, with offices being moved upstairs and downstairs being turned into a rental unit. *Ben and Deirdre Stevens*, our first House Parents, moved into **The Home** and set it up. *Mark* (past youth) and *Merissa Ang* were respite for the first year.

**Summer:**  
Another service trip to **Mexico**! *Linette Schut*, a long-time volunteer, stepped in as respite for The Home.



**September:**  
*Darrell Bedford* stepped up to coordinate Sunday rides to **Reality Church** and afternoon activities for children involved with Inner Hope.

**Fall:**  
Opened a new housing location, **The Parental Suite**! *Ben and Deirdre* moved out of The Home, and their new basement was converted into The Parental Suite. New House Parents, *Cherise Gudlaugson* and *Josiah Abubakar*, were hired and moved into **The Home**.



### Celebrating 10 amazing years of Inner Hope!

With a growing number of youth and families seeking our support, we count on your continued prayers and financial partnership to sustain our work here in East Vancouver.