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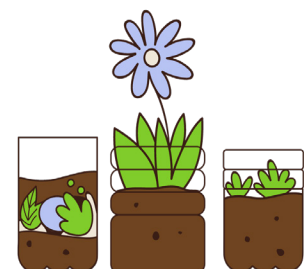
"Inner Hope's discipleship groups helped support and love me during a time where I needed it. This allowed me to come to Christ and faith, to go to Camp Qwanoes and grow in their leadership programs."



"One small act of love from Inner Hope that I've experienced was how they do Christmas presents. It helped support my family. The long term effect is that my family knows that we are loved by many people."



"Inner hope has supported me in so many ways that it's hard to name just one. The act that stuck with me the most is that everyone is so willing to listen when you need an ear, that has helped me get through a lot in my past year."



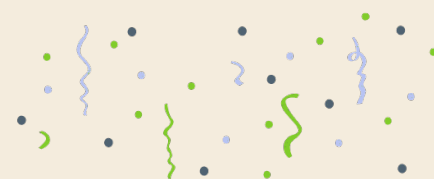
February was Friendship Month – and we definitely felt the love!

We were blown away by the generosity of our supporters who more than doubled our fundraising goal. Thank you for being a part of this amazing act of love!

ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING

APRIL 20 2022
7:00 - 9:00PM
LOCATION: TBA

Please RSVP at innerhope.ca/acm. Hope to see you there!



You are invited to our first in-person community meeting in three years!

Hear stories of impact from our community. Let's celebrate God's faithfulness through these last years!



A New Chapter Begins!



This month we are filled with gratitude as we complete the move into our new home. We cannot stress enough how much we much felt God's steadfast care during this move.

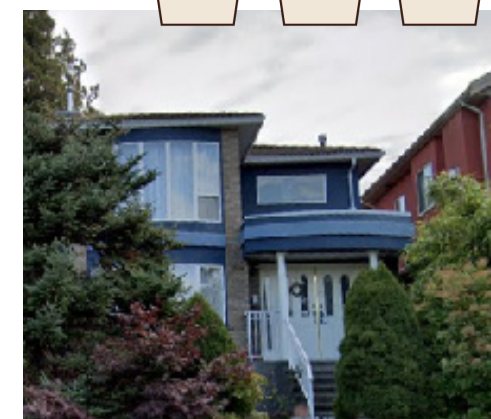
A foundation purchased the home for our use, supporters provided funds for minor renovations and moving costs, trades people have gone above and beyond and volunteers helped with cleaning and moving.

The new Home is breath-taking. It was as though God went ahead of us to create a place to meet our needs for the coming years. There is so much light – a true gift for those struggling with mental health!



For the first time, we have a small yard for the community to enjoy. As well, there are several spaces for community gathering, a division between common rooms and bedrooms, a room for our respite worker, and full bathrooms on every floor.

When you walk into The Home the first sense you get is peace. The beauty overtakes you. This is a grand thing for community. Oftentimes, our youth are coming from backgrounds of trauma and



feel as though they don't deserve nice things. This Home turns that lie on its head. This is a place where youth can feel valued and loved.

We welcome this move, and look forward to seeing where this new chapter takes us. We are excited for the growth and community that will be fostered in this new space

We thank you for journeying with us in this.

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

James 1:17

WHAT'S INSIDE

Honouring our Community through our Vision, Mission and Values

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

- support nurturing community and loving youth, young adults and their families in practical ways
- discipleship providing opportunities for youth, young adults and their families to grow in their relationship with the creator
- life skills journeying alongside youth and young adults while nurturing the development of skills needed to build their futures
- housing offering a safe, stable and supportive home for youth, young adults and their children

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Last summer and fall we began to develop our next 3–5-year strategic plan. Part of that process was to review Inner Hope Youth Ministries' vision, mission and values. Through community advisement, prayer, discernment, and reflection we've come up with the following changes.

VISION

Youth and families living healthy lives and the next generation empowered in a good way

Inner Hope's vision statement remains largely the same. As before, "living healthy lives" refers to emotional, spiritual, mental and physical health. God created all aspects of our being and when one area suffers, it impacts the other aspects of our life and our ability to function well. We have also incorporated a common phrase in the Indigenous community at the end – "in a good way" (often this phrase includes "with a good heart and a good mind"). As many past initiatives imposed on Indigenous people, like residential school and the 60's scoop, have come from flawed motivation and destructive practices, we desire that this generation is empowered "in a good way."

VALUES



FAITH

We value sharing the love of the Father, Son and Spirit and believe in Their transformational power.



COMMITTED RELATIONSHIPS

We value long term relationships with youth, their families and supporters.



LOVING COMMUNITY

We value journeying together as a community of diverse individuals who love and care for one another.



INTEGRITY

We value living with honesty, transparency, reliability and stewardship knowing we are accountable to God, those we serve and those who support us.



RECONCILIATION

We value doing the work to build trust and healing in relationships within families, between non-Indigenous and Indigenous people, and between communities and local churches.

The values of faith, committed relationships and integrity remain the same. In the revision process we have modified one value and added one new one. The last two times that we sought community input regarding Inner Hope's values, the youth and parents most recommended adding love or loving as a value. It is really heartwarming to hear that LOVE/LOVING best describes Inner Hope as this is what God calls us to be! With the goal to not increase beyond 5 values, we added the word loving to community. Like "Committed Relationships", "Loving Community" provides a stronger description of the kind of community people experience. The value we added is "Reconciliation". Donors, staff and community members all recognize that Inner Hope aims to nurture healing between the Indigenous and Christian communities. We recognize that in using the term "reconciliation" we are not going back to previously good relationships, but are working to change the future. 2 Corinthians 5:18 says, "All this is from God who reconciled himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation."

MISSION

Journeying alongside youth and their families in East Vancouver nurturing hope, belonging and growth through:



SUPPORT

Nurturing community and loving youth, young adults and their families in practical ways



DISCIPLESHIP

Providing opportunities for youth, young adults and their families to grow in their relationship with the Creator



LIFE SKILLS

Journeying alongside youth and young adults while cultivating the development of skills needed to build their futures



HOUSING

Offering a safe, stable and supportive home for youth, young adults and their children

The new mission statement has a few changes. We have changed walking alongside to "journeying alongside" as the word journey is more common within our community and implies a longer time of connection. We have changed youth and families to "youth and their families". As a small non-profit that was created to support youth, we don't have the capacity to serve all families interested in support. Our main focus on families is to have an intergenerational approach by serving the families of the youth in our core programs and those who are "alumni" – long term families who once lived in the home or were a key part of our core programs in the past. We have also changed the word transformation to growth. In the past, institutional churches and government have attempted to transform (assimilate) Indigenous people to fit their ideas of an ideal person and become integrated into mainstream society. Our desire is that each young person grow in their God given identity, talents and uniqueness.