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HOPE THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS
SUMMER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Brooke



Danielle (Post-Sec Coordinator) and Brooke

Graduating from:
6 month program at Capernwray Bible College, UK
Plans for next year:
To work at Qwanoes this summer and attend a Doula training program in October.

Selena



Christina (Post-Sec Volunteer) and Selena

Graduating from:
Britannia Secondary School
Plans for next year:
To complete a training program to work in construction this summer and continue her education in the fall.

Kesley



Kesley and Jenny (Executive Director)

Graduating from:
Britannia Secondary School
Plans for next year:
To continue his education in the fall.

Marissa



Catherine (Boundless Mentor) and Marissa

Graduating from:
Sir Charles Tupper Secondary
Plans for next year:
To continue her education in the fall.



One of the foundational values of Inner Hope Youth Ministries is committed relationships. We aim to walk alongside our young people for 5 or 10 years and some become a permanent part of the Inner Hope community even after they have children.

When you join our monthly support team and become a "Friend of Hope" you become a vital part of the Inner Hope community and help us walk alongside vulnerable youth and families for the long-term. The commitment of monthly donors grows Inner Hope's financial sustainability, enabling us to continue sharing the transforming love of Christ, breaking cycles and bringing hope.

If you haven't already, would you join our Friends of Hope team today?

"Whoever sows generously, will also reap generously."

2 Corinthians 9:6b

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JOIN OUR PRAYER TEAM!

At Inner Hope, prayer is a huge part of our community. To receive our monthly prayer letters and join our prayer team, 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



Tristan



Tristan, a new resident at The Home.

At The Home
Favourite memory: Family Camp at Qwanoes
Favourite meal: Nate's BBQ ribs
Things you've learned: to do my laundry & cook

"I found out about Inner Hope through my social worker. I met Nate & Irene and I thought they were a lovely couple. I moved in. Irene has a heart of gold - she made a banner that said 'Welcome Tristan.' I've been there two months. [Nate & Irene] are very welcoming, they teach you life skills and stuff, you get all your meals. The dogs are awesome. They always welcome you at the gate when you come in."

The Summer Scoop



- **2** community BBQs
- **2** weekend camping trips
- **5** weeks of summer camp (Qwanoes, Keats & Reality Church)

Inner Hope's summer is packed so we know the Lord is planning great things! We would love your prayers as we gear up for a summer of transformation.

We just had a fantastic weekend at Qwanoes Family Camp with 25 community members! Praise the Lord!



Community members enjoying Qwanoes



Nate & Irene with two residents

+ join us for our BIGGEST fundraising event of the year!



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29

rideforrefuge.com/charity/innerhope

- you can:
- join as a team captain!
 - join as a rider and ride with us!
 - sponsor a team!

WHAT'S INSIDE:

Housing Update, and our GRADS!

ENCLOSED:

Our 2017 Annual Report Summary

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Housing Update

Parental Suite

It is with a heavy heart that I share the news of closing our Parental Suite. In 2016, with Ben and Deirdre Stevens transitioning out of their role as House Parents in preparation for the birth of their child, a partnership was proposed to open a Parental Suite below their new home. There was a recognized void in supportive housing for young parents at risk of losing their children to foster care, and a desire to provide continuity of relationship for a father and son who had been living with Ben and Deirdre in our Home.

With the financial commitments of opening of The Home in 2014 and the launch of Inner Hope's Post-Secondary program in 2015, it was a leap of faith to open the Parental Suite in 2016. The hearts of Ben and Deirdre for this ministry were very evident when they raised half the funds for the first year of operating. As doors opened, Inner Hope's leadership was hopeful that we could grow our financial capacity to sustain this vital ministry. We know that many of you were touched by Ben and Deirdre's vision and gave generously to make the Parental Suite a reality. For this we are extremely grateful. We are also thankful for the ways the parent and child have grown over their year and a half in the Parental Suite. The impact is immeasurable.

In order to responsibly address the \$30,000 deficit in 2017 (noted in the annual report) we have made the difficult decision to end our financial support of the Parental Suite on June 30th, 2018. The parent and child will remain a welcomed part of the Inner Hope community and we will continue to support the father through our Post-Secondary program. We want to acknowledge Ben and Deirdre for their faithfulness. They have had a huge impact on this father and son over the last three years. Their decision to continue to live in community with them at this time is a testament to their commitment to life-changing, long-term relationships. Please pray for Ben, Deirdre and the father and son through this time of transition.

Jenny Shantz (on behalf of the leadership team)



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jer 29:11

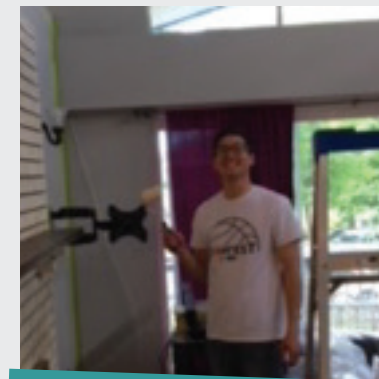


The Home: Paintapalooza!

Our home for youth looks shiny and new, thanks to hard-working House Parents, generous donors, and superstar volunteers!

On June 9th, Christ City Church sent a group of 14 people to do some much-needed painting. Nate and Irene got a staggering 27 gallons of paint donated from Dulux Paints on Main Street. Jenny dropped in with some baking and inspiring words. Our summer intern, Nathaniel, helped Irene with touch-ups a few days later. It was an amazing team effort, and the residents are thrilled!

27 gallons of paint



1 big-hearted church with 14 painters



2 fearless leaders

Home Evaluation

The heart of every Inner Hope program is our love for Christ and desire to do His will. The backbone is planning and evaluation (Proverbs 24:3). To steward our resources well, and ensure that we are doing what we say, our leaders step back each year to evaluate a program: what's working? What isn't? What do other organizations do? What could we change or add?

What is now a "housing program" grew organically out of Jenny and Carla building relationships and opening their home to those in need. After 11 years of Inner Hope growing and changing in many ways, we are giving The Home its first official evaluation - work we've done previously for programs like Boundless and Post-Secondary. We're partway in, and have already heard valuable feedback from past and present residents, our Community Advisory Committee and some of our staff. Please pray with us as we complete this process, that God would direct us and lead The Home to even greater impact.