

Carols of Hope

Inner Hope's mission is to walk alongside youth and families in East Vancouver nurturing hope, belonging and transformation through: support, discipleship, life skills and housing. Thanks to your support we see this mission played out every day and we wanted to share some of these stories with you this advent season.

On each Sunday of advent, we will be sharing a video featuring a Christmas carol that ties into one of Inner Hope's service areas. A community member will tell how they have been impacted this year through our ministry. We are calling this "Carols of Hope."

The story of Jesus being born into humble circumstances to break the bonds of sin and oppression has a deep connection to the experiences of youth and families in East Vancouver. We trust you will be encouraged as you discover the impact of your support during this advent season. We invite you

to be part of another year with Inner Hope.

We are hoping to raise \$50,000 by year-end to ensure our programs continue to thrive. These programs are vital for our community and we need your help to keep them going.

We invite you to view and share our videos this advent (they will be on our Facebook page and our website) and remember to give at www.innerhope.ca/carols.



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



INNER HOPE
youth ministries

This season's festivities

Dec 1 Boundless Christmas

Dec 8 Christmas decorating at The Home

Dec 9 Inner Hope's Family Christmas Party at The House

Dec 14 Post-Secondary Christmas Party!

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Roman's 15:13

The Miracle Partnership

In early October, one of Inner Hope's volunteers connected us with his friend, Paul Hsu, who is the headmaster of a small, local, private high-school called St. Regis.

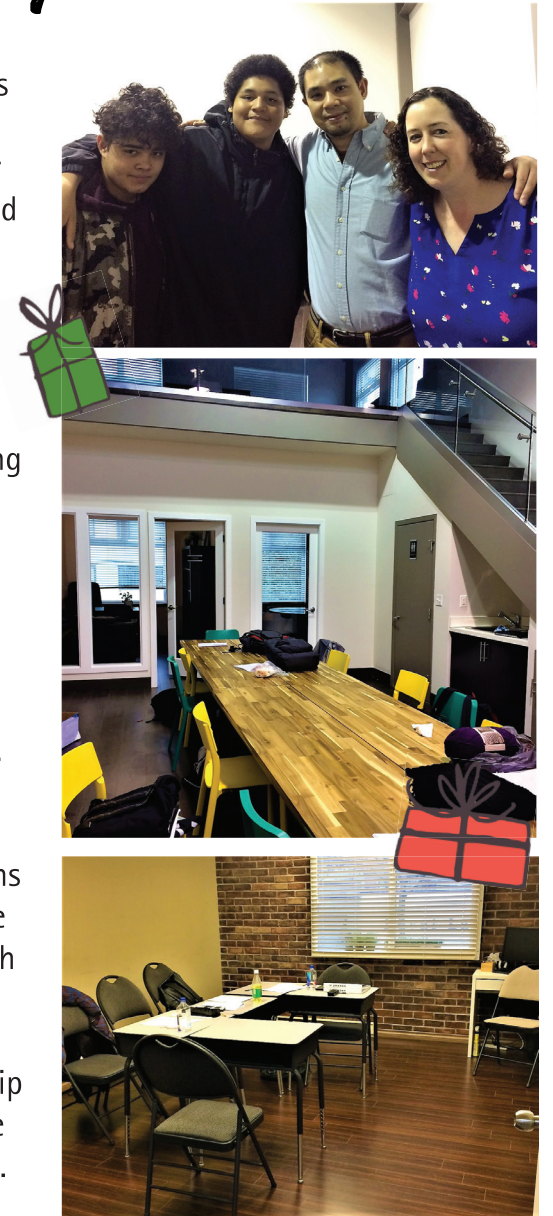
As a young, developing school in Vancouver, St. Regis desires to not only serve students from wealthy families (who pay \$50,000 a year in tuition) but to also provide full scholarships to students who are from lower income families and are falling through the cracks in East side public schools. One of St Regis' greatest strengths is its high quality of education, with 100% of their students going on to college or university.

When Mark, Inner Hope's Boundless Coordinator, shared the opportunity with some of our youth and parents, they jumped at the opportunity. By the end of October, six Boundless participants had started attending the school.

With a population of around 30 students and 7 teachers, St. Regis is uniquely positioned to take an individualized approach, help our youth get caught up in school and prepare them for post-secondary education.

When interviewed about our newfound partnership, Paul said, "Inner Hope is capable of directing the right students to us. In the past, some of the scholarship students who were referred to us dropped out after a few weeks. Inner Hope is close to the youth and the parents. If issues come up, we know we can ask for help. We form a solid triangle: school, family and social support (Inner Hope). Out of all the organizations we have worked with, Inner Hope has the strongest connection with the families."

We recognize that this partnership is unique and look forward to the impact it will have in young lives.



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HOPE THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS
WINTER 2018

WHAT'S INSIDE:
Miracles of 2018

Housing

The miracle of House Parents

Last year, when we received the news that our House Parents were expecting a child, we worried about the future of "The Home," our residence for youth in East Vancouver. We started advertising the open position in October of 2017 and were still searching as we brought in the new year.

Irene and Nate's response to God's call at Inner Hope was our first miracle of 2018.

Irene and Nate exemplify God's vision for "The Home." Their welcoming presence has quickly become a staple at Inner Hope and their knowledge and experience when it comes to supporting youth in our community is the most incredible gift. In the words of Tristan, our resident, "They're awesome!"

We know that you covered us in prayer as we began this year in our search. We thank you for it and praise God for his response!



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Miracles of 2018

Support

The miracle of a lawyer who cared

In August, an 8-year-old, who has been a part of the Inner Hope community for most of their life, was put into the custody of an unrelated adult who lived in Eastern Canada. The child and their relatives were given four days' notice before the child was to be moved across the country.

A panicked aunt reached out to Inner Hope's staff for support. Whenever possible, we strive to help keep families together. Therefore, the team assembled to advocate for the 8-year old to remain in Vancouver with relatives and continue to be part of the Inner Hope and Reality communities.

One of our staff went down to

the courthouse with the aunt the day before the move, but no lawyers were available. A friend of Inner Hope came to the rescue and recommended a lawyer. The staff called his number and thankfully, this caring man answered his phone – even though he was at the airport waiting to board a plane.

With his support and direction an affidavit was filed and a judge temporarily stalled the move –providing the time needed to create a viable plan for the child to remain in Vancouver. Through God's miraculous intervention this 8-year old was able to stay.

Thank you for walking with us in 2018. The results have been far-reaching.

Life Skills

The miracle of renewal

This year was one of miraculous growth for the Boundless Life Skills Program. At the beginning of 2018, there were 10 youth and 5 mentors in Boundless. But God had some extraordinary plans.

Since January, there have been 13 new mentors matched with our youth and we are expecting to be at full capacity of 20 youth by the end of November! Even more significant, most pairs are meeting regularly and attending life skill workshops together. This is life-changing for our youth.

Watching Boundless thrive this year has been a pleasure. The number of volunteers who have arrived with a passion to

demonstrate sacrificial love and see our youth grow in life has been amazing.

Equally exciting are the relationships that Mark, our Boundless Coordinator, has been able to cultivate with parents of the youth from Boundless. The trust built through this has led to some extraordinary effects. For example, the miracle of St. Regis would not have been possible without this.

Thank you for all your care and prayers for Boundless this year – it's helped change lives.

Discipleship

The miracle of hearts turned to God

As you could tell from our last newsletter, this summer was awesome!

First of all, God's provision of our summer student Nate Hartley was a God-send. Nate had been working with many of our youth for several years through New Beginnings Church, so he was able to bring relationships with our youth and families to new depths.

Because of this, and Nate's diligence, we had record numbers of youth and families attend summer camp this year.

This meant record numbers of hearts were nudged in a desire to know Christ better. Due to this desire, we were able to launch a Youth Alpha Bible Study at "The Home" this fall.

Our youth are drawing closer to God and we praise Him for it.



Youth and families equipped to live healthy lives and to empower the next generation