

Inner Hope

Youth Ministries

November 2007



Our Vision: To build mentoring relationships with East Vancouver youth and equip them to develop into healthy, independent people who are able to contribute positively to society.

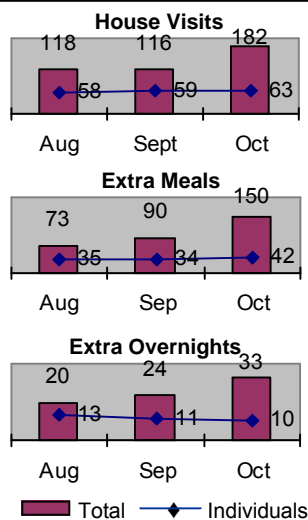
Our Mission: "Provide hope to at-risk youth by living out Christ's love in their everyday lives"

- House – provide a safe, stable, drug and alcohol free home for youth needing housing
- Support – fill in various adult support gaps for community youth
- Teach – equip youth to break the cycles of poverty, addiction, welfare and abuse
- Disciple – introduce youth to a relationship with their Creator and provide ongoing discipleship

Target Group: Teens who choose us; who want to live at "The House"

- Male and female youth between the ages of 16 – 18 when they first move in.
- Youth coming from family environments of addiction, abuse and abandonment, including teen moms and youth dealing with issues of addiction and/or criminal history.

HOUSE STATS



PRAYER CORNER

Thank You

- Min—Regent student who is setting up our accounting for her field practicum
- Donations— money, house items, time, skill

Requests

- Wisdom in raising these kids God has entrusted to us
- Current Residents— Jeanne, Bryan, Mina (needs a job), James (needs money for school)

Dear Friends and Family,

It is hard to believe we have been in our new home for almost four months; four months filled with incredible highs, incredible lows, and many hours of laundry, dishes, and driving, in between. Some days we are thrilled to be living out our dream, and other days we seriously wonder if we've got what it takes to be here. Through it all we remain covered with a sense of something bigger than ourselves, and a calling to just be a consistent light in the midst of many dark storms, as we are reminded daily that only God alone can change lives.

We look forward to this upcoming year, and the youth that God will bring into contact with our lives and our home. Our hearts continue to break for the many children and youth we see every day who are so desperately in need of support, direction, security and hope. In preparing a report for World Vision, we have been completing interviews with a number of our youth and parents. It has been a sober experience listening to some of them unable to articulate a single hope or dream for their life! The hopes and dreams we do hear are mainly centered around finishing school, raising their children (as opposed to foster care), and living drug and alcohol free. We are not content with these survival dreams. We long to see our young people thrive, and live life to its fullest! (John 10:10).

Thank you to all who share our heart and our burdens for these young people. The inner city is a place of uncertainty, and 2008 will be no exception. We are grateful to God for using us in the city, and using you in our lives.

Jenny Shantz & Carla Dickinson

Looking Back....

- Provincial Society approval received Oct 17
- Attended World Vision Canada Training Oct 31/Nov 1

Looking Forward...

- Christmas at The House Friday Dec.21
- World Vision Canada training Part II Jan 29.30



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