

## discipleship ● housing ● support ● life skills









# Charity Status Approved!

We are now a registered charity with Revenue Canada! This means we are able to receipt donors directly. It also Makes us eligible for additional grants and partnerships. All the glory goes to God for this process taking less than 4 months from the time Revenue Canada received our application!

We ask that donors now begin writing cheques directly to <u>Inner Hope</u> <u>Youth Ministries.</u>

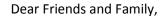


#### **New Staff member!**

We were able to hire our number one volunteer, Andrea Lambert, on a part-time basis October 1. She has graciously agreed to allow us to pay her for 8 hours a week. Having this consistent help will allow us to be more effective and to keep our sanity!

### We're Full!

Currently we have 2 staff, 4 youth and 1 toddler at the house. Praise the Lord that we are full!



The last few months have been a sweet reminder that God is in control, and his timing is perfect. In August, a minivan was donated two days before we needed it to help transport our Mexico Team to the Seattle airport to fly south! Our summer staff and volunteers moved out of the house the end of August just in time for the arrival of not one or two, but FOUR new residents to our home the first two weeks of September. Next we saw Mary, a former resident, leave an abusive relationship and fully return to our lives — a year to the day that she left! As she began rebuilding the pieces of her life, plans quickly fell into place for her to attend a vocational school via a scholarship she won before leaving our house in 2007. Carla had previously committed to Mary that she would do child care for her infant if she got her life back on track and returned school. So suddenly minding a 5-month-old was added to Carla's full time work load for November 1st. Carla has been able to keep this commitment thanks to the long-awaited arrival of a new youth pastor for Beginnings Church. Carla has stayed on for a month to give guidance, and is now moving on to fully focus on Inner Hope. Looking after Mary's baby will provide some funding to help offset the loss of the income she was earning at the church. In yet another perfectly timed situation, a friend was at our home to do work on a video thesis project, and kindly made a promotional video for Inner Hope. The video arrived in the mail two days before Jenny needed it for her workshop at a Housing Conference this past weekend. Also our first Inner Hope brochure, graciously designed by a friend in Oregon, got picked up from the printer the day before the conference started! The conference was a great opportunity for Jenny to share her heart for providing youth housing to other believers interested in making a difference in Vancouver. God has been so good. Over the last couple of months we have come to experience the truth found in Ecclesiastes chapter 3: "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven... A time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance..." Thank you for supporting us as we weep and laugh, mourn and dance with the amazing youth in East Vancouver. We would love for you to come celebrate the milestones and the opportunities ahead of us at our open house on Sunday, November 2nd.

Jenny Shantz & Carla Dickinson



#### Up and coming!

In November, Inner Hope will be sponsoring a youth trip to Mt. Baker to join with other First Nation Christians for a weekend of worship, testimonies and fun in the snow. It has always been encouraging for our youth to meet with Christians from around Canada and the US. Would you please consider sponsoring a youth for this great opportunity? \$100 will ensure that one more youth gets to be a part of this great opportunity!

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