

COMMUNITY UPDATES

SUMMER INTERNS

Every year, Inner Hope applies for a Canadian government grant which allows us to provide two paid summer student internships. This summer, we are pleased to introduce Nadine Schroeder and Mark Ang as our summer interns.

Nadine Schroeder joins us in the position of Community Life Support Worker. In this position, she assists with discipleship, programming, and keeping The House running smoothly. A newcomer to Inner Hope, she has already established familiarity and comfort with the youth within a couple weeks of work. During the school year, Nadine attends Langara College and plans to work in a career that lets her hang out with youth and children.

Mark Ang joins us in the position of Life Skills Support Worker. Mark was born and raised in East Vancouver and accessed support from Jenny and Carla before Inner Hope was formally founded as an organization. Mark recently graduated from Trinity Western University and is currently attending Simon Fraser University to obtain his teaching certification. A long-term Inner Hope participant, Mark is looking forward to focusing on life skills with the youth and being able to relate his life experiences to their own.

Nadine and Mark have started off the summer by cheerfully dubbing themselves 'The Power Team,' and we look forward to seeing them use and extend their talents at Inner Hope in the coming months.



A successful hiking trip up a local mountain, "The Chief."

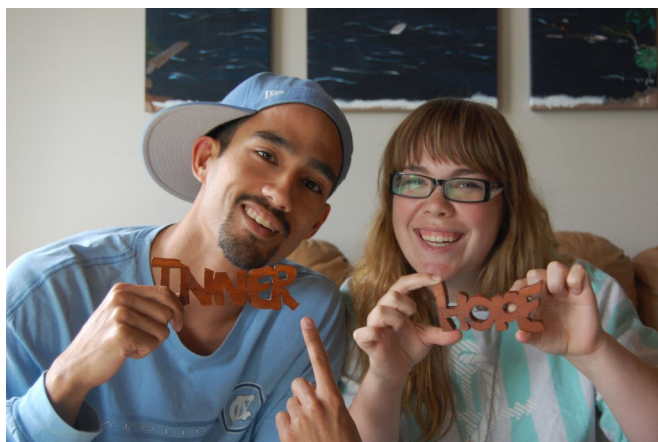
DISCIPLESHIP

Community continues to overflow in our lives on Sundays, as the number of Inner Hope young people attending Reality church steadily increases. Most Sundays now we overflow "our" row (second from the front), but what is even better than seeing our row filled, is seeing our youth leaving our row to sit with new friends from the church. We have been blessed with a few Inner Hope staff and volunteers who faithfully join our crew for lunch at The House each week, spending their afternoons hanging out with up to a dozen youth – playing board games, playing the piano, shooting basketball, doing homework, cooking, talking and listening.

This year's History Maker youth conference in May was a real turning point for building connection between Inner Hope and Reality youth. It has been exciting to see the bonds and friendships that have occurred as a result of the youth spending a weekend together. The weekend highlight was one of our newer Inner Hope girls giving her life to Christ. Last Sunday I had the privilege of sitting in church next to this gal. During closing worship she had tears streaming down her face as she raised her hands and sang with all her heart to Jesus, her new-found Saviour, Redeemer and Lord. Transformation is slow, as not all lifestyle behaviours are readily changed, but I am so humbled by their hearts and their journey.

- Carla Dickinson, Director of Programs

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Mission: Providing hope to at-risk youth through:

Housing

Providing a safe, stable home, free of drugs, alcohol and abuse

Support

Helping youth in practical ways in their everyday lives

Life skills

Mentoring youth as they develop the skills needed to build their futures

Discipleship

Guiding youth in a relationship with their Creator

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A TIME TO CELEBRATE

According to a recent article in the Vancouver Sun, the First Nations high school graduation rate for Vancouver is still only at 32%, compared to 80% for the general school population province-wide. This low success rate is staggering, and we therefore have much reason to celebrate that this June, 5 youth we have supported, through Boundless, Housing, and Discipleship, are graduating from Grade 12.

Even more significantly, five young adults attended college and university this year. Two are graduating in June with a 10-month certificate in Hair Design from a local community college, both of whom were participants in Boundless Hope. One of these graduates also lived at The House with her children for 15 months including all of 2011. Another past resident completed his second year of a recreational leadership diploma, and a current resident graduated from an 8-month leadership Bible school program called Kaleo. Finally, another young adult is halfway through his Professional Teaching Program at Simon Fraser University and will complete his final practicum at an Eastside high school in the fall.

We praise God for his continued faithfulness as we see youth being the first in their families to reach these educational milestones, inspiring many others in their wake.



GRADUATION

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 7** Native Grad
- June 9** Boundless Hope Workshop: Employment
- June 23** Community Advisory Committee Meeting
- June 25** Qwanoes Training Workshop
- July 6** Boundless Hope Workshop: Health (Hiking at Lynn Valley)
- July 27-28** Boundless Hope Workshop: Communication (Overnight Camping Trip at Cultus Lake)

Ever wonder how Inner Hope supports itself financially? Or maybe you've wondered how we maintain such a large base of individual supporters? Find out inside through a financial overview by our Executive Director and an interview with a long-term supporting couple.

With gratitude to all our supporters.
Special thanks to



A proud high school grad with Kyle Belton (Life Skills Coordinator and mentor) and Ryan Price (volunteer).

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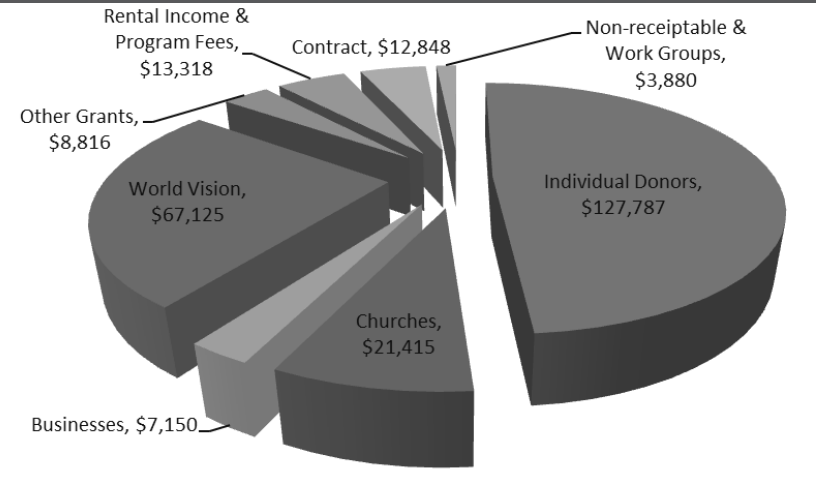
THE INNER WORKINGS OF INNER HOPE

Over the last couple of years we have received a number of questions regarding our finances and operating procedures. A couple of common questions are, “Where does your money come from?” and “Why do you always seem to be facing a shortfall?” We recognize that people want and deserve to know that their donations are being used effectively and being used to have an impact. Luke 14:28-29 says, “But don’t begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building, without first getting estimates and then checking to see if there is enough money to pay the bills? Otherwise you might complete the foundation before running out of funds.”

Inner Hope Youth Ministries has a very diverse support base (for details, see the pie chart). Approximately half our income is from individuals and about half of Inner Hope’s budget is covered through committed support from donors (monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually). The challenge each year is to raise the half of the budget that is not committed: one-time gifts.

Our biggest obstacle is the fact that a high percentage of our income is donated in December. Last year we received about 1/3 of our income in the final month of the year; this is the main reason we often carry a shortfall the majority of the year. One way we are attempting to address this issue is budgeting in a one-month contingency fund each year for the next three years in order to have three months’ worth of income saved to provide a cushion.

Each year Inner Hope’s Board of Directors passes a budget which they believe is achievable, balancing



2011 REVENUE
*Revenue includes \$16,500 in World Vision money that was received in 2010 but designated for 2011.

the need to provide sufficient income to staff, cover the facility cost and ensure that programs are delivered, while spending money efficiently. The majority of expenses include salaries, facility rental, utilities and other necessary items that cannot easily be reduced. Even so, we often find ways to cut costs creatively, as reflected in spending only a small portion of our \$1000 activity budget in 2011. Thanks to donated sports tickets and people providing their cabin or back yard for events we were able to attend Vancouver Giants and Canucks hockey games, spend a few days on the Shuswap and have backyard barbecues at no cost other than fuel.

Please see the box below to learn how to best get involved with meeting our current needs. Thank you all for continuing to enable us to extend the love of Christ to youth at-risk in East Vancouver.

God bless,
Jenny Shantz, Executive Director

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NATHAN & LEILA FREEMAN

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Nathan and Leila are a couple who have faithfully supported Inner Hope since 2001 first as volunteers and now as financial donors. We asked them why they got involved in Inner Hope and why they continue to support us.

Why have you become financial supporters?

Nathan – I have this personal history through volunteering with Youth Extreme that connects me to Inner Hope. Supporting them now that I have the means to do so is in many ways a thank-you. However, on a deeper level, it’s putting my money where my Saviour is.

Leila – I don’t think I could not financially support what Inner Hope does. I wish we could support them more! I’ve seen first hand the changes in the lives of some of the young people in the snapshots we catch of them when we visit “The House.”

What excites you about what Inner Hope is doing?

What excites both of us is seeing concrete changes take place in the lives of young people based on the reality that Jesus is the One True Hope. Inner Hope doesn’t offer another “program”, they offer love and support in real and tangible ways, and ultimately they point to the reality that Jesus is the one who changes people from the inside out.

What would you say to encourage others to support Inner Hope financially?

Nathan – Read the stories of Jesus’ life on earth, and you will always find Him with the broken. My friends at Inner Hope are some of the few courageous enough to walk daily with the same people Jesus would choose to hang out with. We can’t all walk day by day with the young people Inner Hope supports, but we can put our money where our Saviour is.

Leila –This is a real deal ministry. Real people are living out real change and experiencing real hope because of the real work that Carla, Jenny and their team do.

AFTERNOON OF HOPE UPDATE

On May 6th, Inner Hope Youth Ministries held our 2nd event of the year at Trinity Western University. This event specifically targeted Trinity Western alumni and staff of whom many have volunteered personally with youth in Vancouver through a campus volunteer group called Youth Extreme.

To raise the profile of the Afternoon of Hope event and challenge others to get involved, a matching campaign was launched through Facebook for one week leading up to the event. It was humbling to experience the support of 14 young adults in their 20’s and 30’s who together created a \$5,000 matching fund. A number of people responded and by the end of the event we exceeded our \$10,000 goal. Ten percent of the money raised was given to TWU’s Karis Sharon Kaye Memorial Scholarship. The event reunited old Youth Extreme comrades and also drew a crowd of new supporters including a new Inner Hope volunteer who brought along ten friends. Many thanks to all who showed their support!



L: a reunion of Youth Extremers from the early years gathered at Trinity Western on May 6

From left to right: Janine (Kelly) Fleming, Shawnda Johnson, Mark Ang, Richard Tjepkema, Matt Mallette, Jenny Shantz and Carla Dickinson. Missing: Buki (Daramola) Hough

Walking alongside at-risk youth; empowering them to live healthy lives.



L: group picture outside “The House,” June 2012