

Volunteer Training

Inner Hope's programs and services are dependent on a team of frontline staff and volunteers who partner together to provide wrap around services to youth and children on a daily basis. Each year we host an annual volunteer training workshop for our team and are very encouraged by the success of this year's event. A record thirty two frontline volunteers and staff were in attendance and enjoyed brunch, a guest speaker, hands on activities and the opportunity to freshen up on Inner Hope's policies.



Ride for Refuge was a Success!

On October 4th forty four individuals partnered with Inner Hope in our Ride for Refuge event either riding or walking to support Inner Hope. Participants included teams from Reality Church and Granville Chapel, board members, Inner Hope youth and other friends of Inner Hope. **Together we raised an astounding \$40,000+ gross providing necessary funds to help sustain our programs and services this fall and winter.** Our youngest rider, 5 year old Charlotte Lingwood, rode in Edmonton. She made it over 5 kilometers in near zero temperatures. We are thankful for all of you who road, walked or sponsored a participant. Next year's ride will be on October 1st, 2016. If you would like to participate in this annual event please save the date.



Illuminate Event



A group of talented artists from Reality Church are hosting an art auction, fondue and live music fundraiser in support of Inner Hope on **Friday, December 4th**. It will be held at Reality Church ("The Chapel" - 808 East 19th Avenue). We would love to see you there!

Check out their Facebook Community Page at facebook.com/IlluminateVancouver2015 for details or picatic.com/IlluminateVan2015 to purchase tickets!

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Inner Hope Youth Ministries' mission and goal is providing hope and belonging to at-risk youth through ...

- housing
 - support
 - life skills
 - discipleship
- providing a safe, stable home, free of drugs, alcohol and abuse
helping youth in practical ways in their everyday lives
mentoring youth as they develop the skills needed to build their futures
guiding youth in a relationship with their Creator



Hope Through Relationships

Serving Together

Winter 2015



GARY & LYNDIA

As friends of one of the Inner Hope founders, Lynda and Gary Stevenson have followed Inner Hope Youth Ministries' development from the start. It wasn't long before they were compelled to partner with Inner Hope through financial giving. Delivering Inner Hope's wraparound services to 150 youth and children annually is only possible because of our financial partners and monthly supporters!

"My husband and I appreciate the opportunity to give to a ministry that we have a heart for, but is not in our circle of influence. We are aware of the needs in inner-city Vancouver as well as the challenges Canada's Indigenous people face and feel we can make a difference through supporting Inner Hope. We have had the added bonus of being able to host a number of the youth and children in our home and have enjoyed our personal interactions with this amazing group of young people."

Making a Difference this Christmas

With Christmas approaching and many seeking to purchase meaningful gifts for family and friends, we have included with this newsletter a gift catalogue highlighting some tangible items that will help Inner Hope continue to serve our young people in the coming year. These gifts are a great way to honour those you love while making a difference in the lives of youth and children in Vancouver's inner city. If you choose to give in honour of a family member or friend, you can share their name and contact information and we will send them a card including a description of the item that their gift has provided.

Each year we rely on the generosity of people like you to maintain Inner Hope's two houses, provide nutritious meals for dozens of young people weekly and offer life changing mentoring and support. If you notice that budget costs for our life skills Boundless and Post-secondary programs are missing, please note that this is due to the generous financial support of **World Vision Canada** and the **Rina M. Bidin Foundation**. Thank you for partnering with us this holiday season and enabling us to continue sharing the transformational love of Christ.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 12th Boundless Christmas workshop and party
- Dec. 13th Sunday lunch Christmas celebration (children & parents)
- Dec. 19th Post-secondary Christmas social
- Dec. 23th Christmas dinner at The Home
- Dec. 24th Christmas morning at The Home
*House parents celebrate Christmas with residents a day early so they can join their families on Christmas day

As we near the end of the year, we want to recognize a few organizations whose collaboration with Inner Hope has both increased the quality of our work and the impact on young lives. These organizations include **Whytecliffe Agile Learning Centre**, **World Vision Canada** and **Camp Qwanoes**.

INTERVIEW WITH DJ VILLACRUSIS
PROGRAM COORDINATOR AT WHYTECLIFFE AGILE LEARNING CENTRE

Whytecliffe Program Coordinator DJ Villacrusis shares a few highlights of his school's relationship with Inner Hope. *"Collaborating with community agencies like Inner Hope builds more bridges and resources for youth. As we all continue to work together a larger community of support is established and we are better able to assist youth and families at a greater capacity. Inner Hope has collaborated with Whytecliffe Learning Center through providing extra support the students may need, from one-to-one mentorship, transportation, post-secondary transitioning, employment support and extracurricular activities."*



Whytecliffe Agile Learning Centre (a program of Focus Foundation) is a private school in Burnaby providing education for some of Vancouver's most vulnerable teenagers. Over the last few years a number of youth in Inner Hope's programs have become students at Whytecliffe. There is regular communication between staff at Whytecliffe and Inner Hope and staff from both agencies have attended each other's events. World Vision Canada has journeyed with Inner Hope since our inception as an organization and Camp Qwanoes was a key player in the launching of Inner Hope.

Interview with Clayton Rowe
DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL PROGRAMS AT WORLD VISION CANADA



Why is World Vision committed to partnering with Canadian Christian non-profits such as Inner Hope?

It gets back to the idea that World Vision is committed to the well-being of all children, and that includes those in our backyard. For the last ten years we believe that we could do that most effectively by partnering with local organizations who know their own communities.

How do you see World Vision's partnership with Inner Hope helping to further Inner Hope's mission?

We talk about 3 key ideas: to invest, to equip, and to partner.

Invest: We have invested financially into interventions that help youth (Boundless & Post-Secondary). With these funds, we have given Inner Hope the ability to launch these programs and experiment. We have also invested in organizational leadership development through scholarships and providing Freeform (a course on organizational development).

Equip: A number of (Inner Hope) staff have been to workshops and received professional training.

Partner: We have been able to be a sounding board and coach for senior leaders.

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What impact do you see World Vision's partnership with Inner Hope having in young lives?

We do the partnership and equipping to have an impact in young lives. The impact we have seen is that Inner Hope has moved from instability to increased financial sustainability and developed a structure for continuing ministry into the future.



From left to right: Clayton Rowe (National Director, World Vision Canada), Jenny Shantz (Executive Director, Inner Hope), Barbara Schmidt (Board Member, Inner Hope), and Marshall Castenada (Regional Program Manager, World Vision Canada)

INTERVIEW WITH SCOTT BAYLEY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CAMP QWANOES



Why is Camp Qwanoes committed to hosting inner-city campers from East Vancouver?

We are committed because we have seen time and time again the positive impact God can have on someone's life in just one week or a weekend at camp. Camp provides a safe place that is so different from their everyday lives. Youth step out of the city and are immersed in the beauty of God's beautiful creation and surrounded by people who accept them for who they are. Through fun and adventures and hearing God's truth at camp, youth not only hear about God's love but see it in action all around them and experience it firsthand. Camp is a special place where the truths they have heard over the year(s) can be made real – and personal.

The consistent stories we hear coming from Inner Hope is testimony to the life change that can take route at camp and then carried into the future. Not only are the youth's lives changed, the positive impact can be felt for generations into the future once God gets a hold of a young person's life.



Inner Hope youth with Boundless mentors Breanne Landry and John Wong, Boundless Coordinator Katherine Savage and Qwanoes staff Russ Smith (Music Director), Steve Geiger (Event Coordinator) and Jay Kennedy (Assistant Director).

How does Qwanoes partner with Inner Hope to ensure a successful week for these campers?

We love our long term partnership with Inner Hope in reaching kids in East Vancouver and supporting the discipleship of their youth. One way we ensure success is to welcome Inner Hope representatives onto our staff team to do ministry together. This allows youth from Inner Hope to come with someone familiar who knows their stories. As they return home, leaders and youth gain a shared out-of-the-city experience that contributes to the building of their relationships.

Something very special happens when you step away from the everyday of East Vancouver and into the world of Qwanoes.

Another way we ensure success is to invite Jenny (Inner Hope's Executive Director) to Qwanoes during the week of staff training. Jenny helps our Head Counsellor team and many others on the team understand the uniqueness of inner-city youth, and how to best welcome these kids into camp. Her insight, experience and training has been a key piece to our success with inner-city campers.



Scott Bayley (Executive Director, Camp Qwanoes)

Over the years many of our staff have sought to maintain relationships that have formed with Inner Hope campers through encouragement and follow up. It has also been hugely encouraging to have young campers from Inner Hope return to Qwanoes to be trained to serve on our staff team.

How has this partnership had a positive impact on Camp Qwanoes?

Our partnership with Inner Hope allows us to join together to reach inner-city youth in a way that would simply not be possible on our own. The training and insight from Jenny and others from Inner Hope has allowed our staff to be much more effective in ministering to inner-city youth. It is a huge encouragement to know that Inner Hope youth have leaders who follow-up and build on the life change that happened during their camp experiences.

