

Hope for the next generation.....

As we journey through life, the concept of legacy becomes increasingly significant. Your legacy is the mark you leave on the world, the enduring values you pass down, and the impact you create for future generations.

This Christmas season, Inner Hope is taking a step back to look at legacy and reflecting on our role in the story of East Vancouver. The optimal goal as a community agency is to support the community in pursuing its dreams and growing together through a strength-based approach

(building on the assets in the community) that raises leaders from within.

Recently, I have been meeting with some of our community members and asking them what their hopes and dreams are for their community, their children, and grandchildren. They were reflective of their own life experiences and also cautiously hopeful for the next generation.

Thank you for journeying with us for over 15 years; we could not have made it this far without your



constant prayers and unwavering support. The youth and families have experienced overwhelming challenges, and yet still cling to hope for a brighter future. This is the profound hope you have helped bring to life today.

- Jenny Shantz, *Executive Director*

A Grandmother's Dream

👩👧 My hope for my grandchildren is that they would be proud of who they are. I hope that they won't be judged by their skin colour like I was. All people are created equal.

I was on welfare my whole life and my mother was on income assistance. My desire is that my grandchildren will not have to struggle - especially financially.

Inner Hope is family to me.

You helped me when I really needed it. You took in my kids and my friend's kids when we were struggling. You have been there for the families that have been most broken. You got to know us and you don't judge. 🧡

A Mother's Dream

👩👧 My hope for my child is that they don't lose their culture and that they would have self-dignity.

My mom grew up in three residential schools and ran away from the last school with two of her younger siblings when she was 14. As a teenager she was living on her own and fending for herself.

My childhood was hard too. My mom's trauma was passed down to us. I wish I understood more about residential schools when my mom was still alive. She sometimes tried to tell me about what she went through, but I was young at the time and didn't understand.

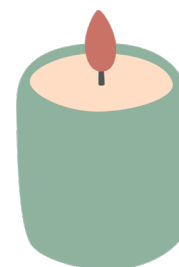
I was in the foster care system as a teenager and living on my own by age 16.

I think a lot of us parents try to compensate for what we went through by trying to give our children things we didn't have.

I don't want my child to experience what my mom and I experienced. I also want my child to learn to give back to the community and help the people struggling on the street. 🧡

🧡 I have heard the groans of the poor. Now I will rise up to rescue them, as they have longed for me to do. 🧡

Psalm 12:5b



A Time of Celebration

Here are some remarkable accomplishments from the past few months.

In The Boundless Youth Program, we've conducted three life skills workshops on budgeting, conflict management, and harvesting (where youth were able to make carrot soup from carrots they had sown in the spring). These workshops are vital because their impact goes beyond immediate benefits; they are instrumental in developing skills that will shape a positive trajectory for our youth. In answer to our prayers, we've been blessed with the addition of five new mentors, whose presence and care will be invaluable as they journey with, and learn from, the youth in our community.

The young adults in our Post-Secondary Program continue to grow, with half of them now employed and many others making significant strides toward greater stability and building bright futures.

Our housing program has been at full capacity the last six months with five youth in residence and many more guests. In October, our House Parents hosted family and friends for a Thanksgiving feast and spent time sharing expressions of thankfulness among the different cultures around the table. Additionally, two of the young men living at The Home have

achieved the remarkable milestone of securing employment in roles that serve their community, one working with children and the other as an outreach worker in the Downtown Eastside.

These accomplishments are made possible because of the hard work of the youth themselves alongside the unwavering faith, dedication, and the combined efforts of our dedicated staff, passionate volunteers, and supporters like you. Your support is a beacon of hope that guides us forward.

As we eagerly embrace the next six months, we are filled with anticipation, ready to extend unconditional love through the ups and downs ahead. On this heart wrenching journey of joy and pain, suffering and celebration, we are so grateful for your partnership.

Thank you for making all of this possible!



The Post-Secondary Christmas party last December

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- Dec 3** Community Christmas Drop Offs
- Dec 5** Inner Hope Staff Christmas
- Dec 9** Boundless Youth Christmas Party
- Dec 15** Young Adult Christmas Party
- Dec 17** Christmas Dinner at The Home



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