

Walking up Quadra I rounded the corner on Pandora and my eyes saw it. There was a truck, a large truck and it was coming out of the construction site of Our Place. The excitement grew as I looked past the open wooden panels and stared into the pit. Men: men with tools; men with equipment; other vehicles; all making noise and generating dust. My thoughts went to Don and his architectural team, Al and Dave with their vision, here right in front of me, it's really happening. A warm assurance of trust flowed thru me. I said a small prayer and again felt that wonderful feeling of faith. Turning to continue my walk I counted five bodies on the boulevard, 2 shopping carts and a bicycle. The stark reality of the immediate need returned. Yes, it's coming but yes there is much to do now. Please, renew your commitment to your scheduled shift, bring with you the example of perhaps another way, hope and reassurances.

I encourage all volunteers to attend the scheduled meetings, some with more than one date to be more accommodating. Much is happening, so much is happening. Thank you for your service.

Bob Frank, volunteer co-ordinator

Ps. I love you Miss Rose.

Our E-mail address:
volunteerourplace@shaw.ca



Volunteer Help Line

Volunteers wishing information about any aspect of their work at *ourplace* are encouraged to call **385-2454** or **388-7112**. Either Bob or a volunteer team leader will be happy to call back and help in whatever way possible.

The "parts" of *ourplace*

Ourplace drop in centre - 713 Johnson

- Office
- Coffee Bar
- Outreach workers
- Clothing & toiletries room
- Outreach programme
- Individual assistance:
 - advocacy, referrals, emergency medical aid,
 - transportation to detox, visitations to home,
 - hospital or jail.

Ourplace - 919 Pandora

- Administrative Office
- Soup kitchen 2 meals a day, 6 days a week
- Rooms: 22 short term furnished rooms for men
- Small clothing room & toiletries
- Counselling services

Safety Corner

In the event of NEEDLE STICK INJURY, keep the part as low to the ground as possible to promote bleeding. Immediately report to a staff member. Request the puncture site be swabbed with disinfectant. Proceed to EMERGENCY with another volunteer or staff member as soon as possible. If possible, take the needle with you for lab testing. A filed incident report is required.

"Unconditional love given in a non-judgemental way."

DONATIONS

We need **Towels**.

Our space is limited and we can no longer accept all the donations we used to. (Please, no household items, large or small.)

We Need:

Clothing- seasonal garments, socks, trousers, shirts, under garments, footwear, belts.

Bedding- blankets, sleeping bags, ground mats

Toiletries- feminine hygiene products, razors, toothbrushes, tooth paste, deodorant, brushes & combs

Knapsacks, Backpacks, small tents.

Non-perishable foods: Canned or other dry packaged foods, coffee.

Volunteer Group meetings

Coffee bar team

- Thursday, June 15th, 1pm - Location TBA
- Monday, June 19th, 1pm - Location TBA

Clothing room team

- Time & Location TBA

Custodial Team

- Friday, June 2nd, 3 pm at drop in centre.

Reception Team

- Thursday June 1st, 10am at drop in centre.

Drop-in centre hours:

Mon to Fri 7 am thru 3:00 pm

Profile:

Harry

Ourplace, Johnson St.
Volunteer



"If you see a small, rather feisty lady in the coffee bar usually with gloves on working, at a ferocious pace with an amazing twinkle in her eye and a fast one-liner, you

have just encountered Harry..she has been with us for over a year at the *Ourplace* She is a retired RN who has a real heart to serve and to help provide a safe environment for everybody! Her playful sense of humor is much appreciated. When she is not in the kitchen on Thursdays you are apt to see her up dancing to the choir "tunes". You bring a smile to our faces Harry!"

How do I volunteer?

Please call either 385-2454 or 388-7112 and ask for an appointment for volunteering.

Volunteer Shifts

7am-10am 10am-1pm 1pm-4pm

Volunteers needed at *Ourplace* - Pandora

	Lunch	Dinner
Mon	none	none
Tues	1-2	none
Wed	2	none
Thurs	2-3	none
Fri	3-4	2-3
Sat	2-3	3-4

Goodbye to:

Raymond Andrew Linda

Your work was much appreciated and you will be missed.

Ray was in the clothing room.

Linda and Andrew were in the coffee bar.

Losses to our Family during the past month:

1. Christopher Mox
2. George Thibeault
3. Jim Bullchild

Welcome to new volunteers:

Hayley, Colleen, Austin,
Linda, Pieta, Mellisa, Joan

Ourplace, Johnson St. will be closed Friday, May 26 for a staff retreat and June 15 & 16 for a community service providers retreat.