



ourplace

The alliance of
the Open Door and the Upper Room
919 Pandora Ave., Victoria, B.C. V8V 3P4

Volunteer's Newsletter

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Drop-in centre hours:

Mon to Fri 7 am thru 3:00 pm

Volunteer Shifts

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

What a Party!

Cake, cards, balloons and laughter...what a great combination...this is what "Avodah" the social action group of **Congregation Emanu'el** brought to *ourplace* on Wednesday on July 19th. **On or about the middle of each month** this group will be acknowledging and helping us celebrate any family members birthday whose name was placed on the birthday calendar at the dropin centre. Thank you so much to **Penny and Annetee** for serving the cake and ice-cream.

Safety Corner

Grandmother said that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Keep this in mind whenever you find spills on the floor. They are the responsibility of the finder. Grab a mop or some towels from the "Dirty" bin. Avoid paper towels they spread more than they absorb. It is easier to mop up a spill than it is to pick up the body that falls in it!

How do I volunteer?

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

"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.)

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.

Profiles:

Robert *Ourplace*, Johnson St. - Volunteer

Born in Philippi, West Virginia, Robert became a Canadian in his teens when his parents moved to Medicine Hat. Robert fulfilled his love of flying as a commercial pilot, ending his 35+ year career in Victoria flying with Canadian Regional Airlines. When others are thinking of retirement, Robert was thinking it was "pay-back time" so a ten-year stint took him overseas, flying humanitarian relief flights in Africa. Upon returning to his home in Victoria last October, Robert was looking for a career change - involvement within the community - something fulfilling.

Ourplace fit the bill and welcomed him behind the Coffee Bar to continue his Christian stewardship. When asked about his career change, he enthusiastically replies: „I saved the best for last !!!

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

Volunteer Appreciation Event!

When :

Thursday 07 sept 12:30 noon to 4pm.

Where:

St Ann's Academy grounds

What:

Lunch served at 1:00, Acknowledgements and speeches at 2:00, bocce ball, croquet,

Fun for everyone!

Please RSVP - e-mail: ruth@ruthsimkin.ca or call: 477- 2222

Welcome to new volunteers:

Don, Darren, Irene,
Linda, Normand

Bread Pickup Needed

We need willing and able volunteers to help with the daily bread pick-up. The volunteer must have a vehicle and be physically able to lift large bags of bread. The bread needs to be picked up between 9 & 9:45am from Safeway: Shelbourne at Mackenzie - then delivered to the Johnson St. drop in center.

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