

THE OPEN DOOR AND THE UPPER ROOM 919 Pandora Ave., Victoria, B.C. V8V 3P4

# VOLUNTEER'S NEWSLETTER

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#### 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 Shifts at Ourplace - Johnson St.

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

### New!

The Drop-in Centre will be opening on weekends somemtime in September

New volunteers will be needed!

## **Profiles:**

Audrey, ourplace, Pandora - Volunteer



Audrey has been a volunteer at ourplace Pandora Soup Kitchen for about 12 years. She comes faithfully every Friday to make sandwiches and help serve lunch. Audrey feels good about being able to help fill a need.

Normand, ourplace, Johnson St. - Volunteer

Growing up in Ottawa and Hull, Normand moved to Victoria in 1983. Most of his working life has been in landscaping, and working with indigenous peoples in various parts of the world. We at ourplace are fortunate he has chosen to share his journey with us.

#### **Welcome to new volunteers:**

Katy, Liz, Mike, Christiana, Barbara, Beth, Cameron, Collette, Fed, Margaret

### **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.

### **Safety Corner**

To the volunteers who generously assist the staff to clean up the room preparatory to mopping the floor: Even though the job is easier if the floor is clear, please remember that things which belong on the floor stay on the floor. Garbage racks and chair legs must not be put on table tops.

### **Drop-in centre hours:**

Mon to Fri 7 am thru 3:00 pm

How do I volunteer at the Drop-in Centre? Please call 385-2454 and ask for an appointment for volunteering.

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

# **DONATIONS**We need <u>Towels</u>

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

## DON'T MISS the Volunteer Appreciation Event!

Thursday 07 Sept 12:30 - 4pm St Ann's Academy grounds

Lunch served at 1
Ackowledgements and speeches at 2
Bocce ball, croquet, Fun for everyone!

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



#### Volunteers needed at Ourplace - Pandora

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

#### How do I volunteer at Pandora St.?

Please call eitherCheryl or Lindsay at 388-7112 and ask for an appointment for volunteering.

#### Volunteers Workshop on August 18.

On Friday, August 18th the first workshop for volunteers was held at First Metropolitan United Church. There were 2 sessions: presentations by the BC Schizophrenia Society, Victoria Branch and by the Kool-Aid Society of Victoria. Both were highly informative, extremely well presented and well received by the 30 volunteers present - an excellent start for a series of educational workshops for volunteers - watch this newsletter for announcement of up-coming workshops.