

## 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

### New!

The Drop-in Centre is now open on weekends from 7 - 3.

**We need Vounteers.**



## Drop-in centre hours:

Seven days a week 7 am thru 3:00 pm

## How do I volunteer?

Please call 385-2454 and ask for an appointment for volunteering.

## 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

Volunteers are urged to report any/all safety concerns to Bob. This might be a frayed cord, a loose fitting, need for a rubber mat or any situation the appears to pose a threat or danger either to staff in the work area or family anywhere in Our Place. Bob will note your concern and happily entertain any ideas for improvement.

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

## Welcome to new volunteers:

Jen, Sandra, Nancy, Dieter, Alison, Donald, Patrice, Madelaine, Edward, Paultette, Fred, Sid, Michelle, John, Dorothy, Natalie, Rene.

*Congratulations to the volunteers that recently received their food safe diplomas!*

## Ask Vickie

Dear Vickie,



I serve as a coffee bar volunteer at the drop-in...when I go out on the floor to collect cups and clean the tables..I am often confronted with one or two individuals sprawled out across the tables with garbage and things spread every where...I am afraid to pick things up that I see as garbage but may actually be things of value to the person sleeping on the table... do I ignore the table...do I wake them and ask...what if another walks by and takes the item as I often witness...do I tell staff about it?

## DONATIONS

### We need Seasonal Clothing!

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: Towels, 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.

### Volunteers needed at Ourplace - Pandora

	Lunch	Dinner
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 either Cheryl or Lindsay at 388-7112 and ask for an appointment for volunteering.

## Desperately Needed!

Drivers willing to **pick up bread** from local stores and deliver it to the drop-in centre both on weekends and weekdays. Back-up driver volunteers are also needed.

*I do this on Wednesday mornings and it takes me less than an hour. It's an ideal volunteer job for someone who is very busy but still wants to help out. - Bruce*

## Volunteer Committee

Ourplace now has a volunteer committee. The basic function of the group is to oversee the welfare of volunteers regarding training, support, procedures and any other matters pertaining to the volunteer. Representatives are:

**Gail** from ourplace Pandora  
**Robert** from ourplace Johnson

We plan for this group to become a strong voice for the growth of the volunteer team. Satellite teams will spur out from this central group: eg. Newsletter, Appreciation Events etc.