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Meet Dorothea Harris Specialty Program Coordinator.

As S.P.C. she is responsible for arts, education, music, cultural programming and anything else that the family may suggest that would be of benefit to them. Her background and training come from living, working and being educated in both the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities. Her first event was to prepare the successful and well attended Aboriginal Celebration at *ourplace*.

She is looking forward to making this an annual event; and also working with other organizations that would like to partner in other programs. Dorothea is currently planning the living nativity and past participants or other interested people are invited to contact her at volunteerourplace@shaw.ca.



Autumn in Victoria

“Unconditional love given in a non-judgemental way.”

Donations:

WE NEED: **yarn; towels; footwear; clothing- seasonal garments, trousers, shirts; under garments & belts;** Bedding-blankets, sleeping bags, ground mats. **Toiletries- toothbrushes,** feminine hygiene products, razors, deodorant, brushes & combs. Knapsacks, backpacks, small tents.

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

We need volunteers!

Who can YOU ask?

1. 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.
2. Workers are needed **every day:**

7am until 3 pm.:

Call: Pandora Street Soup Kitchen:
Brian or Peter at 388-7114 or Johnson St.
Drop-in Centre: Scott at 385-2454.

Ask Vickie



Will I be doing the same volunteer job in the new building?

Dear Gentle Reader,

Volunteers are our most important asset. While *ourplace* will try to accommodate all of our current volunteers in the new building, you may be asked to consider volunteering in a different area. (Maybe I should hang around the computer area in case someone needs my glasses eh?) Of course, you will have the option of refusing if you are not comfortable in that area. *ourplace* will strive to ensure that all volunteers are happy with their positions in the new building.

Next month's question:

When can I get a tour of the new building?

Happy November Birthday!

Linda B, Michael B,
Tsugio K, and Pauline K

Quotable Quotes

A home is not a mere transient shelter: its essence lies in the personalities of the people who live in it.

- Henry Lewis Mencken, 1880 - 1956

This is the true nature of home - it is the place of Peace; the shelter, not only from injury, but from all terror, doubt, and division.

- John Ruskin, 1819 - 1900

We think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked and homeless. The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty. We must start in our own homes to remedy this kind of poverty.

- Mother Teresa, 1910 - 1997

We have weapons of mass destruction we have to address here at home. Poverty is a weapon of mass destruction. Homelessness is a weapon of mass destruction. Unemployment is a weapon of mass destruction.

- Dennis Kucinich.
2008 US Presidential candidate