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VOLUNTEER'S NEWSLETTER

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"ourplace Society works in compassionate Christian love with those who are homeless and others in need to enrich and improve the lives of all."

Two Aboriginal Celebrations:

On Nov.30 about 75 Ahousaht Band members came to ourplace via boat and truck with enough food for three hundred as well as 150 bags of clothing/blankets and soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc. They also brought their elders, drummers, and children to share food, hugs, and community pride. At Our Place it was a privilege to participate in such an outpouring of goodwill.



The aboriginal Celebration of Oct.25.

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!

Especially during the holiday period.

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.:

Contact: Antoinette at 388-0343 (December) & at 388-7112 (January) or by e-mail at volunteer@ourplacesociety.com

Meet Antoinette Warren

Volunteer Coordinator

Antoinette joined *ourplace* in early December. She is returning to her roots in the not-for-profit sector after almost ten years spent working at the Legislative Assembly of BC.

Antoinette will be working in the days and months ahead to design and develop a volunteer program that will meet the need for volunteers in each of the program areas. She is also committed to ensuring that every volunteer will enjoy a positive and rewarding experience while volunteering with Our Place. Volunteers are an essential part of Our Place, and we could not begin to do what we do without your energy, enthusiasm and commitment. Thank you!

Antoinette is looking forward to meeting and chatting with all of you. She would also love to hear from you. You can reach her by phone at 388-0343 (during December) and at 388-7112 (starting in January) or by e-mail at volunteer@ourplacesociety.com

Happy December Birthday!

Fred L, Joan W, Carol B, Berta B, Bruce M.

Ask Vickie

When can I get a tour of the new building?

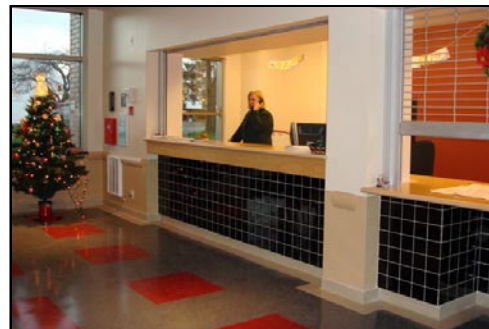


Dear Gentle Reader,

The very good news is that as of this newsletter, the building is open. Residents move in between Dec. 8 and 10. On Dec. 12 the Kitchen opens (although the drop-in centre will not open until the new year.) Any volunteer wishing a tour should come to the reception desk (door off Pandora), identify yourself as a volunteer and ask permission to look around the new building.

Next month's question:

What can I expect from the new Volunteer Coordinator?



Welcome to ourplace!

December Events:

Dec. 20 - A dramatic reading of Dicken's "A Christmas Carol" (see poster below).

Dec. 31 - End of Year Feast. A free festive meal will be served to all who come to our new building on Monday, December 31 starting at 11 a.m. Volunteers are needed on December 26, 27, 28 and 29 to help prepare. We still have a few openings to volunteer on the 31st. Please contact Antoinette at 388-0343 (during December) and at 388-7112 (starting in January) or by e-mail at volunteer@ourplacesociety.com

A dramatic reading of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol



December 20

7:00 PM

Doors open at 6:30

919

Pandora
Street

Tickets

\$15 at the door

Also available at

**A CBC Fundraiser for 'Our Place'
With Louise Rose and the
OPEN DOOR CHOIR**

Tickets - Suggested Donation: \$15 Adults
- available at 1500 Quadra, suite 3 & at the door.
For further information, contact Dorothea at 388-0343 or dorothea@ourplacesociety.com

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