

# The Ourplace Volunteer



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



## Volunteers for what?

Our volunteers assist with preparing and serving meals in our dining room; serving coffee and refreshments in our nutrition bar; sorting and distributing donated clothing, toiletries, bedding and other items in our clothing room; providing family members with access to a hot shower in our hygiene area; soliciting and organizing donated books for our lending library; assisting users of our computer lab; and publishing and circulating our volunteer newsletter and the Our Place newsletter.

Volunteers sit on our board and are actively involved in both developing and offering many of our specialty programs (for example, the men's and women's circles and the arts and crafts circle).

Volunteers give generously of their professional expertise in many areas (for example, the vets for pets program, the accountants who prepare tax returns for family members and the nurses and doctors who spend time on site).

## Safety Corner

Summer is here and it is time to wear sandals....but not while working at Ourplace sites. It is recommended that closed toe, sturdy shoes with non-slip soles be worn in all areas.

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## Quotes of the month

"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**

"What difference does it make to the dead, the orphans, and the homeless, whether the mad destruction is wrought under the name of totalitarianism or the holy name of liberty or democracy?"

**Mahatma Gandhi**

"You know, if I listened to him [Democrat Michael Dukakis] long enough, I would be convinced we're in an economic downturn and people are homeless and going without food and medical attention and that we've got to do something about the unemployed."

**Republican comment**

during the 1996 US presidential primaries.

## Bus Passes

We are currently in the process of setting up a bus pass program in consultation with B.C. Transit. Volunteers are welcome to participate in this program. The cost is \$58.04 per month, and you must sign up for a year by providing post-dated cheques for the 1st of every month. Please contact Antoinette at 388-7112, extension 243 or by e-mail at [volunteer@ourplacesociety.com](mailto:volunteer@ourplacesociety.com) if you would like more information.



## Ask Vickie

Can anyone use the computers and take books out?



**Dear Gentle Reader,**

The computers and the library books are intended for the Ourplace family including residents, drop-ins, staff and volunteers. We ask that the books be returned without re-shelving them. We hope to expand the existing fiction library to include non-fiction in the very near future.

**Next month's question:**

What services are offered by the hygiene area?

## Donations

Clean adult clothing (such as socks, hats, coats, sweatshirts and pants) in good repair are needed. In addition, we need towels, toiletries, warm blankets, sleeping bags, softball equipment, coffee mugs, picture frames, alarm clocks, clock radios & cd players. NOTE - new items needed: Art supplies, music equipment, beauty supplies (makeup, lotion, etc.) and more paperback fiction books.

Please contact Reception at 388-7112, extension 255 or by email at [admin@ourplacesociety.com](mailto:admin@ourplacesociety.com) if you have any questions about donations.

If you wish to make a financial donation, please stop by our new building at 919 Pandora Avenue. Our staff will gratefully receive donations, whether by cheque, cash or credit card. For more info on program donations people should call Dorothea, Specialty Program Coordinator 388-7112 ext.242

## Calling all Volunteers

In addition to our ongoing efforts to recruit volunteers for the dining room and the nutrition bar in the drop-in centre, we are also currently looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- \* Bread Pick-up
- \* Hygiene Area
- \* Clothing Room
- \* Reception

If any of these current opportunities is of interest to you, please contact 388-7112, extension 243 or [volunteer@ourplacesociety.com](mailto:volunteer@ourplacesociety.com).

**Unconditional love given in a non-judgemental way**