

# 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."

## Ourplace welcomes New Volunteer Coordinator Gail Snider



Thank you for welcoming me to Ourplace as your new volunteer coordinator effective June 23, 2008. I moved to Victoria in December 2007, after several years in Ontario as an elementary school Principal and secondary school geography/ physical education teacher. Most recently, I completed a Masters Degree in Leadership and Training from Royal Roads University where I first learned of the wonderful work being done at Ourplace. I am very excited about my role here at Ourplace and hope to continue to learn from all of the folks I meet here. In consultation with the Volunteer Committee and other Ourplace managers, I hope to review current volunteer recruitment practices and opportunities and make sure that volunteers have a positive learning experience here at Ourplace. I am very impressed with the volunteer participation I have observed so far and will work to ensure that your contributions continue to be recognized and celebrated.

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"Ourplace" is the Alliance of  
The Open Door & Upper Room  
919 Pandora Ave, Victoria, BC V8V 3P4

### 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 221 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.

### On homelessness:

You can spend the money on new housing for poor people and the homeless, or you can spend it on a football stadium or a golf course. -- Jello Biafra

"Music is the fourth great material want, first food, then clothes, then shelter, then music." -- Christian Nevell Bovee

"If Americans ever allow banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation and then by deflation, the banks will deprive the people of all property until their children will wake up homeless" -- Thomas Jefferson

"Don't try to drive the homeless into places we find suitable. Help them survive in places they find suitable." -- Daniel Quinn

### In Memoriam: Margaret Fear

We were greatly saddened to hear of the passing of our long-time friend and volunteer. She was a special person who always put her heart, thoughts and love into her work and the people around her. She will be sorely missed!

### Make Twice the Difference!!

Come One Come All to the

### Dallas Road Beaches Clean Up Day

All Proceeds to benefit "Ourplace"  
Saturday, August 23rd.

Clover Point Parking Lot 11am-4pm.

Face Painting, free water and pop, T-shirts, music, tarot readings, fun & more!

For more info. contact: Stephanie McColl at 250 386-2807/[stephmcoll@shaw.ca](mailto:stephmcoll@shaw.ca)

### 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:

- \* 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).

### Ask Vickie

How do I inform ourplace of a forthcoming absence?

**Answer:** You should call Gail at 250-388-7112 or email her at [volunteer@ourplace.com](mailto:volunteer@ourplace.com).



It is very much appreciated when folks let her know when they aren't going to be here so she can try and get someone to fill in. It is also nice to hear from folks and know how they are doing.

**Next month's question:** Why is it important to sign in and out for my volunteer shift?



Unconditional love given in a non-conditional way