

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."

Thanks to ALL of Our Volunteers

On a regular basis, each and every Monday to Friday, approximately 40 individuals give their time to help support all of our family members by volunteering here at Ourplace. Without this ongoing commitment of these selfless people Ourplace would not be able to provide the excellent services in the dining room, nutrition bar, clothing room, hygiene area, computer room and library.

In addition to our daily volunteers, countless people help out with special events, birthdays, delivering sandwiches and supporting the operation of Ourplace. As the volunteer coordinator, my heartfelt and sincere appreciation goes out to all of you who make Ourplace the special giving place that it is. All of you make my job a joy and pleasure. **THANK YOU!!!!!!**
Gail, Volunteer Coordinator

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

On Volunteering:

We are prone to judge success by the index of our salaries or the size of our automobiles, rather than by the quality of our service relationship to humanity.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

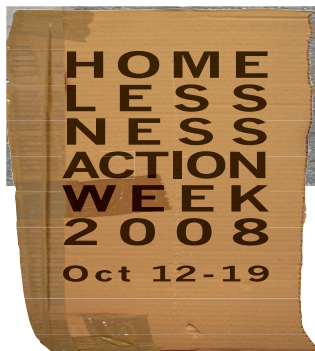
There is no better exercise for your heart, than reaching down and helping to lift someone up.
Bernard Meltzer

Only when we give joyfully, without hesitation or thought of gain, can we truly know what love means.
Leo Buscaglia

A pessimist, they say, sees a glass of water as being half empty; an optimist sees the same glass as half full. But a giving person sees a glass of water and starts looking for someone who might be thirsty.
G. Donald Gale

Our thanks to Stephanie McColl for making "twice the difference"!!

The Dallas Road Beaches Clean Up Day raised over \$700 for Ourplace and left our environment in much better condition than when she started.



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Notice:

Beginning on Oct. 11,
Ourplace will be open on
all statutory holidays.

Donations

As we move into colder and wetter weather we are in need of new or lightly used basic adult clothing (**SOCKS**, underwear, more socks, fleece or heavyweight tops and jeans, socks again, seasonal jackets). We also need toiletries, sleeping bags, blankets and coffee mugs. Our library is in need of good paperback fiction. If anyone is considering a specific donation for the Christmas season please call reception for information: 388-7112 ext. 221 or admin@ourplacesociety.com for any questions regarding 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.

We are always looking for new 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.

Ask Vickie

Why is it important to sign in and out for my volunteer shift?

Answer: Part of the the volunteer coordinator's job is to keep track of volunteer hours for purposes of statistics and thank-yous. Such information is also in the interests of building security.



Next month's question:

What's the big deal about only using your first name when signing in?



I'M SORRY, THIS IS THE LINE FOR PEOPLE WHO VOLUNTEERED TO HELP THEIR COMMUNITY. YOU'RE LOOKING FOR THE ETERNAL DAMNATION DEPARTMENT.

Unconditional love given in a non-conditional way