



# Volunteer



**Reverend David**  
**Director of Operations**

## 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 heavy-weight tops and jeans, socks again, seasonal jackets. We also need **art Supplies**, boardgames, alarm clocks, 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@ourplace-society.com](mailto:admin@ourplace-society.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](mailto:volunteer@ourplacesociety.com).

## Goodbye with much love and best wishes!

We say farewell to Reverend Dave after a 15-year association with the Upper Room and Ourplace. David would say that his whole life prepared him for his work in the inner city.

Having completed his theological training, David worked in Port Alberni, founding the Alberni Family Life Centre and in Kelowna, where he worked with troubled youth. At U.B.C. he was the Senior Minister with the Presbyterian congregation. Another year was spent consulting with the First Nations community in Lillooet, and he was subsequently recruited to the front lines of the Upper Room in Victoria.

At all levels, David is satisfied with his life's work. Fifteen years ago, the board of the Upper Room dreamed of making a strong and important contribution to the life of the community of Victoria. That dream has certainly been realized, in large part due to David's efforts. In his retirement, David will be able to turn his attentions to his own new home and his family – his wife, his three daughters, his adopted son, his foster son of 15 years, and his seven wonderful grandchildren. David views his retirement as a leap of faith, just like every other aspect of his life's work. We wish him well in that leap!



**Jackie**  
**Assistant Director of Operations**

After 11 years of service to the Upper Room and Our Place, Jackie has left us. Jackie started at the Upper Room in a job-sharing Administrative Assistant position with another woman, so that both could be available for their school-aged children. Over the years Jackie taught herself computer skills and more specifically the accounting program. Eventually, Jackie became the Administrator at the Upper Room, proving to be an invaluable asset to Manager Reverend David.

When the decision was made to join with the Open Door to form Our Place Society, Jackie administered the whole building budget and was instrumental in many aspects of developing policy and procedures for the new Society. Jackie will be taking some time off before she decides where God is calling her next. We wish her all the best!

## A Family Birthday Party



**A big thank you to Penny Tennenhouse and her group for their contributions**

## Ask Vickie

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



**Answer:**

Although we are fairly successful at being a big happy family, sometimes hard feelings can emerge over any number of issues. It is important that all volunteers have anonymity outside Ourplace.

**Next month's question:**

Why is it important for Volunteers to wear their nametags?