



Ask Vickie

A holiday gathering is being planned for volunteers on Friday, December 4 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Our Place chapel. This gathering will provide an opportunity for us to gather and celebrate as we head into the holiday season. All current volunteers will be receiving a personal invitation. Please stay tuned!



Next month's question: Will there be any additional opportunities for volunteers during the holiday season?

Holiday Events

Taste of Britain

Saturday, November 7. Victoria Conference Centre.

Family Christmas Party

Monday, December 14. First Metropolitan United Church.

Angel Gifts

Dec. 16, 17 & 18. Our Place Chapel.

Holiday Feast

December 31. Our Place Dining Room.

CBC Dickens Reading

To be determined.

Donations

In this season, we especially need rain gear, coats, jackets and other warm clothing now that we are heading into winter.

We are always in need of new or lightly used basic adult clothing. SOCKS, underwear, more socks, fleece or heavyweight tops and jeans, socks again, seasonal jackets. Musical instruments and **art supplies**, boardgames, alarm clocks, toiletries, sleeping bags, blankets and coffee mugs. Our library is in need of good **paperback fiction**. Please contact reception by phone at (250) 388-7112, extension 221 or by e-mail at admin@ourplacesociety.com for any questions regarding donations.

Homeless People in the U.S.

Total Number :

As many as 3.5 million people experience homelessness in a given year (1% of the entire U.S. population or 10% of its poor), and about 842,000 people on any given day.

Familial composition:

40% are families with children—the fastest growing segment. 41% are single males. 14% are single females. 5% are minors unaccompanied by adults. (From Wikipedia)

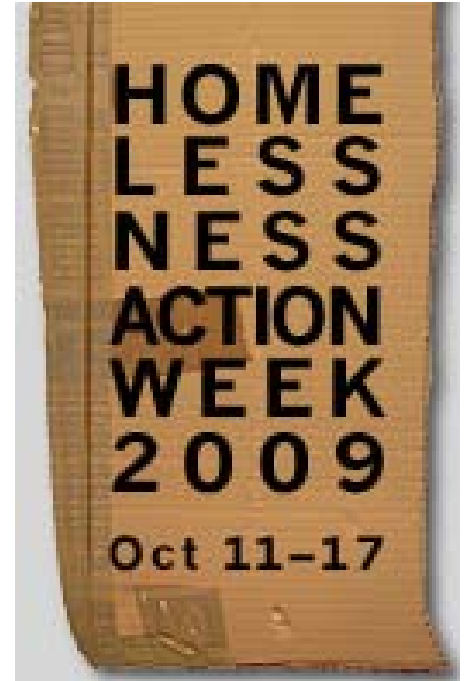
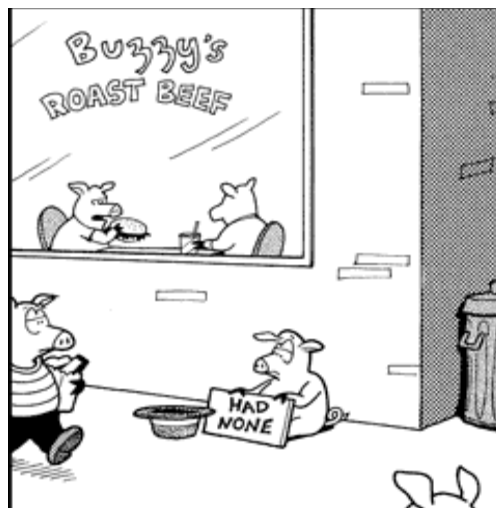
How to reach your Volunteer Coordinator

antoINETTE@ourplacesociety.com
or 250-388-7112 Ext. 243

Volunteer Absences

If you know that you are going to be away in advance (for example, for a vacation), please contact Antoinette directly. If you are providing 24 hours' notice, please contact reception at (250) 388-7112 and ask them to let Antoinette and the manager in your program area know of your absence.

Cold and flu season is almost upon us, and health officials are anticipating an outbreak of a particularly virulent flu this year. So we would respectfully request that volunteers not take heroic measures to come in to volunteer if they are not feeling well. Thank you for your support!



We are always looking for volunteers

We will be looking for additional volunteers in the clothing room to assist us with our higher-than-normal volume of donations.

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

Personal Belongings

Volunteers are reminded (and strongly encouraged) not to bring personal belongings and valuables with them when they come in for their volunteer shifts. Unfortunately, thefts do occur every now and then, and we are unable to guarantee that your personal items and valuables will be safe here. If you do need to safely secure any belongings, please visit the clothing room, where lockers are provided to volunteers.