

# The Ourplace Volunteer

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## Ask Vickie

Will there be any additional opportunities for volunteers during the holiday season?



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: ????????

## Holiday Events

### 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](mailto:admin@ourplacesociety.com) for any questions regarding donations.

## How to reach your Volunteer Coordinator

[antoINETTE@ourplacesociety.com](mailto: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!

**Friday, November 27, 2009**

**9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**919 Pandora Avenue, Victoria**

# POTLATCH

## EVERYONE

## WELCOME

## 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.

## American Presidents

(on the homeless)

**1780**

"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

**1980**

"You know, if I listened to him (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".

Ronald Reagan

## 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](mailto:volunteer@ourplacesociety.com).



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