

# The Ourplace



# Volunteer

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## Quotes of the month

"What difference does it make to the dead, the orphans, and the homeless, whether the mad destruction is wrought under the name of totalitarianism or the holy name of liberty or democracy?"

Mohandas Gandhi

"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

"It is not necessary to advertise food to hungry people, fuel to cold people, or houses to the homeless."

John Kenneth Galbraith

"In today's climate in our country, which is sickened with the pollution of pollution, threatened with the prominence of AIDS, riddled with burgeoning racism, rife with growing huddles of the homeless, we need art and we need art in all forms. We need all methods of art to be present, everywhere present, and all the time present."

Maya Angelou



"It's a good feeling — my New Year's resolutions are all broke, and so am I."

## How to reach your Volunteer Coordinator

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

## Thank you!

I would like to offer the very many individuals, families, school groups, workplaces and organizations who so generously donated their time to assist us in our daily operations and with our special events over the holiday season a heartfelt thank-you. As always, we simply could not serve our inner-city family as we do without your dedication and commitment.

Antoinette

## Donations

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

## 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.

## Ask Vickie



When will the next orientation sessions be held?

The next orientation sessions have been scheduled for each program area, as follows:

Clothing Room	March 24
Dining Room	February 17
Hygiene Area	March 25
Nutrition Bar	February 18

All sessions will be held in the chapel starting at 2 p.m. Current volunteers in each program area will be contacted and provided with further information in the days ahead.

Next month's question: When is National Volunteer Week, and what will be happening during that week?

## A Mighty Big Number

The numbers have been crunched, and the data is now in. The number hours put in by our program volunteers (in the clothing room, hygiene area, dining room and nutrition bar in 2009 was:

24,273.75

Very impressive!

## 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 upon us. 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.

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