

Together

Making a Difference



Giving
Hope
Today

Spring/Summer 2022

AMAZING HOPE

A message from Major Ruth Gillingham

Crocuses, striking yellow daffodils, trees budding, blue skies, warmer temperatures, birds singing, walkers walking, children playing in the playgrounds. No, I'm not singing the song from the Sound of Music - These are a Few of My Favorite Things (if you're not familiar you can find it on YouTube). For some reason these kinds of things foster hope in my soul. It's amazing what a stunning blue sky can do for my disposition. Spring has a way of sowing seeds of hope into the fabric of our being.

Our community has come through a very difficult season and it's not just COVID. Who could have imagined a flood that would impact not only our community but the whole Province? We have been shaken. Yet through the hardship and suffering we have seen kindness, generosity, and compassion. A season that wreaked havoc also inspired hope as we saw the beauty of people and community coming together to respond to the needs of others.

At The Salvation Army we continue to respond to the ongoing needs of members in our community offering hope through providing the basic necessities of life. We also offer the message of hope through both word and action. We continue to reach out with grace and compassion, giving hope where it is often lost. We could not do this without the generous and gracious support of people like you.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership that enables us to shower hope into the lives of others!



2021 STATS - Centre of Hope

Community members assisted by Outreach team: **2,350**

Emergency food hampers: **487**

People secured housing via Outreach and Shelter teams: **58**

Referrals to detox, recovery, second stage housing, etc. : **86**

Shelter bed nights provided: **10,500**

Nutritious meals served: **99,420**

Pantry 34 nutritious snack program: **2,450 students in 28 schools received healthy snacks**

Visits to the on-site Medical clinic: **1,523**

Residents housed in the Next Steps Program: **28 with 14 completed Pathway to Hope program**

Volunteers: **10,347 hours, \$157,274.40 is the value of the service using \$15.20 per hour, 33 per month + 202 at Christmas**

Kids attended Fun Day in the Park Summer Camp - July & August: **62**

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WILL BLESS MANY
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generously



Pathway of Hope (POH) is a holistic approach designed to support individuals as they take action to meet their aspirations and goals. They will develop a network of support, engage in programs and access community resources.

Each individual will work with a case planner to complete a comprehensive assessment and develop an action plan.

Through active participation and follow up with their plans, participants will gain the most benefit from their involvement in POH. **Rick Cunningham, Program Manager**

Visit www.centreofhope.net to learn more about the POH program.



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CAMP AT HOME DAY CAMP: JULY 11TH TO AUGUST 19TH, 2022 hosted by The Salvation Army in Delair Park



Youth ages 7-12 years will enjoy six weeks of fun as we provide a drop-in afternoon summer camp program for neighborhood children.

We will be offering games, crafts, and a variety of leisure activities to contribute to the wellness of children and families.

This community activity is offered at no cost to remove barriers and to allow all families to have the opportunity to participate.

For more information on Camp at Home Day Camp 2022, please contact Carolyn at Cascade Community Church - 604.309.0660.

CAMP SUNRISE - HOLIDAY CAMP JULY 18TH - 22ND, 2022

We have 55 spots available for youth ages 7 - 12 for a week-long camp experience in beautiful Gibsons, BC on the Sunshine Coast.

Activities could include arts and crafts, a beach walk or more fun and games. At noon, it's back to the dining hall for a tasty lunch, followed by recreation rotations which may include swimming, canoeing, field games and more. A mid-afternoon break for some down time and a trip to the tuck shop for a tasty treat!

Priority will be given to families who may not be able to attend such programs due to financial costs.

For more information on Camp Sunrise - Holiday Camp, please contact Carolyn at Cascade Community Church - 604.309.0660.



VOLUNTEERING IS EMPATHY IN ACTION

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
APRIL 24-30, 2022

VOLUNTEER
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CANADA



The Salvation Army - Centre of Hope volunteers are such an integral part of who we are and what we do day in and day out. They give generously of their time and always go above and beyond. In 2021 they gave over 10,300 hours in a wide variety of ways.

As COVID restrictions slowly begin to lift, we can't wait for the day when we can welcome back more individuals as well as corporate and group volunteer teams to help with projects and meal service.

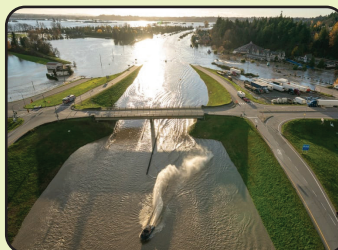
If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, please visit www.centreofhope.net to find out more.



Chris-Sorting / Irma-Thrift Store / Dale-Meal Centre

RECOVERY AFTER THE STORM NOVEMBER 2021

An Atmospheric River - a Community in Crisis



The local Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services team mobilized immediately. Working with Emergency Social Services, and many community partners to provide three meals a day for the evacuees at the Reception Centre at Tradex for 6 weeks.



Fast forward to March 2022. Through the incredible generosity from donors locally, regionally, provincially and nationally, The Salvation Army - Abbotsford/Mission has disbursed \$200,000 in Flood Recovery Grants to assist local families and farmers who did not have insurance to cover the losses sustained during the flood. The assistance will impact 31 adults and 19 children, helping them to recover and start to rebuild.

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