

SANCTUARY YOUTH CENTRE NEWS & STORIES



MARCH 2025

As we progress through this month, we are reminded of God's unwavering faithfulness in every moment. March brings with it fresh opportunities to connect, grow, and serve, and we are excited to see how God will continue to work in the lives of the youth at our Centre. Each drop-in, we are blessed to witness the ways He moves through our activities, conversations, and relationships, and we look forward to what He has in store for us this month. With hearts full of gratitude, we continue to trust that His love will guide and strengthen us as we serve together. This month, we're excited to share the ways in which God is working in our Centre, through new opportunities, fun activities, and continued connections. We pray that God's presence continues to inspire and uplift each youth who walks through our doors.



YOUTH UPDATE

We are pleased to see a steady and consistent increase in the number of youth attending our drop-in sessions, surpassing previous years! In addition, one of our youth has begun working two hours per week at our Centre to earn the 100 hours needed for a school credit. While, another youth is working community service hours by helping out with various tasks around the Centre.

On a different note, as part of our Wellness Wednesday initiative, we continue to take youth out on fun activities. This past month, the group enjoyed another ice-skating outing, and Darin took some youth to the Victoria Royals game against Spokane (see the picture above).

Additionally, we were fortunate to receive a donation of a couch in great condition, which we've placed in our lounging area. The previous couch was moved right in front of the gaming TV station, much to the approval of the youth. Can you tell? (see the picture below).

DONOR APPRECIATION

This month, we would like to express our appreciation to William and Lorraine MacMillan, who generously donated \$6,000 towards new kitchen countertops at our Centre. The new kitchen is scheduled for installation in late April, with Harbour City Kitchens providing the cabinets. Thank you, Bill and Lorraine, for your tremendous generosity!



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Wendy has been volunteering at Sanctuary for 10 months and says she felt called to get involved after hearing about the organization. What Wendy loves most about her experience is the people and the connections she's made with the youth, staff, and other volunteers. Wendy is currently finishing her last semester of Marine Biology at UVic and will be starting a job at Goldstream Provincial Park in May. In her spare time, Wendy enjoys going for a walk, painting, and taking photos. On a quieter day, she enjoys a movie night with her friends or dog. Thank you Wendy for your commitment to serve our youth!



DONATION ITEMS NEEDED

We need the following items: age-appropriate clothing, especially male clothing like jeans, sweat pants, t-shirts and hoodies; underwear for male and female (not used, only new please); travel size deodorant and shampoo, hairbrushes and shaving cream; and age-appropriate bathing suits. Thank you so much for helping to support our youth's basic needs!



HEARTS FOR HOPE: 20 YEARS OF SANCTUARY GALA & FUNDRAISER

We are thrilled to announce our 20th anniversary celebration and fundraising gala, scheduled for Friday, April 11th, at Lambrick Park Church. If you are unable to attend, you can still make a donation online through the donate tab on our website. You can also take part in our online auction which will go live 2 days before the event (see our social media pages for more updates). Your generous contribution will play a vital role in raising essential funds for our drop-in youth program. To book your tickets online, please click on the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/1270811283759?aff=oddtcreator>

