

Together



Summer 2015

...MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Giving Hope Today

Salvation Army Emergency Personnel On Scene Quickly in Cache Creek

Responding to the needs of those whose lives have been so devastated by the flash flood on May 25th. Volunteers and staff from around the province were distributing sandwiches and water to residents and Emergency Personnel and hosted a Community BBQ before offering support and encouragement at a Town Hall meeting. The Salvation Army will remain onsite and will continue to assist families long after the mud is cleared away.



We're Here When You Need Us!

Donations of furniture, housewares, and clothing to your local Salvation Army Thrift Store enables us to assist families and individuals in Emergency Situations.

Please shop at or donate to The Salvation Army Thrift Store and help us help others. Great Stuff. Great Deals. 100% Local Impact.

Huge Thanks goes out to Sid and Daphne Johnson and all the fine folks at McDonald's in Abbotsford for sharing McHappy Day with us this year. Thank you to everyone who donated and came out to support this great effort which will provide vital funds to

Ronald McDonald House and The Salvation Army's nutritious school snack and beverage program, Pantry34. And, a BIG shout out goes to our friends at Magnuson Ford and the Clearbrook Kiwanis Club for your assistance with the Ford Drive One 4 UR Community.



YOU CAN CHANGE a Child's Life

Imagine for a moment that you are 10 years old and you've never seen the world outside of your own community. And today you're meeting a host of new friends, you're going on a bus and a ferry ride, to an amazing camp located at beautiful Gibson's BC on the ocean. You'll have lots of great, very nutritious food and enjoy amazing activities like ocean canoeing, archery, a climbing wall, camp fires, sing-alongs, and swimming in the beautiful pool. Our compassionate camp staff will be onsite but we need your help to get the kids here.

Your gift of \$315 will provide this wonderful opportunity for a child in our community who is hoping to attend. Our goal is to send 60 kids!

Please call The Centre of Hope at 604.852.9305 to donate over the phone, or mail in your cheque to: Send a Kid to Camp, The Salvation Army Centre of Hope, 34081 Gladys Ave., Abbotsford V2S 2E8.



Together we are making a difference in our community!



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BPW Woman of the Year Banquet

Thank you to the 'Business Professional Women' of Abbotsford for facilitating their annual Myrtle Evertt Woman of the Year Award and Banquet. This award recognizes and honors successful business or professional women who have made a significant contribution to our city and are role models for those to come. Congratulations to all the nominees, including our own Public Relations Director, Deb Lowell, and to Kelly Chahal, the Woman of the Year.

The Salvation Army wishes to thank the Abbotsford Community Foundation for their recent grant to The Centre of Hope from the Foundation's 'Housing for the Homeless Endowment Fund' in the amount of \$5000 designated to our Supportive Independent Living Suites for men.

The Fight Against Violence Towards Women

On May 29th, The Salvation Army Centre of Hope in Abbotsford hosted the first of three 'Equip' professional development day workshops for service providers who work with women and girls who have, or who are experiencing violence and the risk of homelessness as a result.

Our goal is to:

- Increase participants capacity to identify different types of violence against women and the dynamics associated.
- Increase understanding of how to effectively assess for violence, and increase knowledge of interventions to enhance the safety of women who are homeless as a result of violence.
- Assist service providers to identify a minimum of one policy that can be implemented by their agency to more effectively address the unique needs of women who are made homeless as a result of violence.

Guest Speakers included Asia Czapska, with Justice for Girls and contributor to 'More Than Bricks and Mortar', Dr. Erin Graham PhD, local activist and advocate for women, and Irene Jackson MSW, and Executive Director of Reigning Grace, an advocacy agency assisting women exiting exploitation.



For information on upcoming sessions, please contact Nate McCready, Director at The Centre of Hope at nmccready@sacascade.ca.

Program funding graciously provided by a Civil Forfeiture Grant through the Victim Services and Crime Prevention Office, Ministry of Justice.

We need your financial assistance now more than ever.

It is a very harsh economic season for countless individuals in our community as job loss, layoff's and unemployment have hit families very hard and unexpectedly and caused them to have to seek assistance. As a result, the demand upon our facility and our meal services in particular has skyrocketed in recent months.

Last month we served a total of 11,509 meals; an alarming increase over last year's monthly average of 7,074!

At The Centre of Hope we are doing all we can to find permanent accommodation for those in need of housing, and nourishing those who are experiencing the pains of hunger and poverty. Your gift today will help us provide nutritious meals to men, women and children, and will assist us in ensuring that our facility is functioning at optimal levels to handle the increased demand.

Will you stand with us in these days of urgent need? Your gift will not only be of practical assistance today, but it will offer encouragement and hope for a brighter future.

To donate over the phone, please call The Centre of Hope at 604 852 9305, or mail in your donation with the enclosed insert. *On behalf of those we serve; our heartfelt thanks.*



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