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How Will You Help?



Our Mission
"To be a bridge between those that have, and those that have not"



If you guessed the sandwich, you're right. Our programs have been providing the basics to needy people since 1988. As many as 200 people will line up for a sandwich, soup, clothes or someone to talk to.

As the number of "recently homeless" individuals living in poor conditions in communities continues to grow, we are there to help. There exists a critical need for outreach programs and services offering a beacon of hope and care to those individuals who are drowning in depression, despair and poverty. Through our preventative programs we hope to help eradicate homelessness. Lifeline's Urban Outreach Department specifically focuses on serving the needs of these people who are down on the streets with the Blue Bus and individual living programs. If you are aware of an unmet need for the homeless, please contact us.

Due to the mobile and street-based nature of Lifeline's Urban programs, staff and volunteers interact directly with the disadvantaged in their own environment. This provides a level of familiarity, comfort and credibility with those being served and often leads to relationships based upon trust. This is a key factor in addressing the complex issues behind poverty, homelessness, unemployment, and substance abuse. These relationships that are built open doors for people in need to enter one of our prevention programs to help them take the final steps to changing their lives. As a reputable and benevolent organization, Lifeline Outreach Society is able to offer individuals hope, despite current circumstances; a hope that is desperately needed in our community.

Purposes of the Society

- to witness and share hope, faith, love, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- to operate our programs with good ethics and professionalism, always glorifying God.
- to train and equip men and women to be disciples of Jesus Christ in caring for those who need our help.
- to help the disadvantaged in a tangible way meeting their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.
- to maintain and uphold biblical principles, our goals, our mission, and our Statement of Faith.

Ways you can help

- We need someone with the time to help do food pick-ups.
- Send in a donation, checks payable to "Lifeline Outreach Society"
- Volunteer your time, we need:
Carpenters, Electricians, Cooks, plumbers, Computer people, Marketers
Counsellors, Landscapers, Auto mechanics, Social workers, and more...

Please call Dave Poulette if you want to help or need more info.
604-728-7551

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"And if you give yourself to the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then your light will rise in darkness, your darkness will become like midday"

Isaiah 58:10

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Lifeline Expands to the Valley

As the Olympic 2010 draws nearer, the city of Vancouver is fervently cleaning up the streets of our fair metropolis. New sky train trams, roads being developed and repaired, parks and buildings being constructed and beautified. All this is wonderful to look at and enjoy and by all intents and purposes is greatly needed... but one major aspect of the clean up includes and greatly effects what is precious to God's heart, "the homeless". I must admit that in general, our street friends do not have the best disciplines in hygiene, organizational skills or tidiness and where they abide can become quite the eye sore. However,

in this thrust to usher in the hundreds of thousands of people in 2010, we find that the destitute are being forced out of their "domain" with no place to go, thus scrambling for even the smallest of space to exist. Having no peace or stability (fragile as it is) they have sought new horizons . . . the "Fraser Valley".

help them. So for the last two months

Like it or not the homeless are coming into our Valley

Lifeline's second emergency response vehicle has come

into action to benefit the Abbotsford community and has already provided over 220 hot meals and grocery packages. Having the new Lifeline bus in service we and other churches can utilize this convenient mode of serving the down and out in their targeted areas. Like it or not the homeless are coming into our valley, let's join together in one purpose to help the ones who are hurting and get ourselves ready for the harvest of God.

Janice Poulette



If you drive along in parts of Langley and Abbotsford, you will notice that there has been a gradual but significant change in the landscape. Out here the homeless have sought refuge and in some ways have found the residents friendlier and empathetic but at a loss of how they can

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2007 SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Lifeline celebrated its 19th year of service with the BLUE BUS.
- Lifeline expands to the Valley to meet the needs of the homeless in Abbotsford.
- Lifeline sends our first missionary to Mexico in 2006.
- Omega challenge team from Summit Pacific commits a half year of service to Lifeline.
- Lifeline has another successful year at Mission fest.
- Local churches continue to take a greater interest in serving the homeless

Vancouver Mayor's New Addiction Program Provides Prescription Drugs to Addicts

The program would target 700 people struggling with drug addiction. The exemption would help drug users transition from using illegal injection drugs to taking doctor-prescribed, legal, orally administered medications. The eventual goal

would be for people in the program to end their drug dependency with the help of health professionals. Mayor Sullivan said, "Prescribing legally available medications provides people an opportunity to regain stability in their lives and ultimately a path to abstinence.

"There is growing evidence that treating drug addiction from a health perspective dramatically decreases crime and public disorder," and points to significant taxpayer cost savings. This is part of a proposal to

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Introducing Carey Muir

Lifeline "Careys" on because of faithful volunteers

Week after week, God has put it on the hearts of many wonderful people who come and help this ministry be effective on the streets. They give of themselves sacrificially with steadfastness, even when the job at hand is not pleasant. It is our pleasure and desire is to acknowledge and thank them for their wonderful contributions.

Carey Muir is committed to helping people who are hurting by showing them the love of Christ through his life. He states "It is my desire to see the eyes of Christ in the people I minister to" You can find Carey doing the many needful duties at

Lifeline such as food pick ups, loading of the food items onto the bus, working at improving "The Anchor House" individual living facilities, cleaning up after the preparation and distribution night and sharing the truth and love of Christ to those who come to the house or to the Monday night feeding program. For over two years now, Carey has been living at the Anchor House residence and has been a real blessing to all of us. It is people like him that truly help this ministry to continue on.

Thanks Carey



Serving God to the best of my ability ...

Hobbies: Bird Photography, Mountain climbing, Running the sound system at his local church, Involved in a home group, Spending his off time listening to worship music

Favorite Color: Blue

Birthday: September 14, 1966

We have a place for you.

Vancouver outreach Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at our Richmond Campus is food prep, cleaning and loading of the bus. 7:30 is the distribution of the food and clothing on Seymore, with the clean up at around 10:00 back at the campus.

Abbotsford outreach Sunday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 at CLCF is food prep, cleaning and loading of the bus. 3:30 is the distribution of the food and clothing on Pauline St., with the clean up at around 5:30 back at the church.

We need your help at any point of the day. Call us and see how your talents can fit into God's plans through Lifeline. 604-728-7551

VANCOUVER MAYOR CALLS FOR DRUG SUBSTITUTION

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improve quality of life in the city by focusing on social problems such as drug addiction, mental illness, and homelessness. Sullivan said that drug addiction is destroying lives and communities as people commit crimes to get money for their next fix. He pointed to aggressive panhandling, auto theft, shoplifting and property crime as some of the social problems that deteriorates the life of the city that is set to host the 2010 Winter Olympics.

The treatment program would be available for addicts who volunteer through

different agencies including those in the drug-riddled Downtown Eastside. As part of their treatment, volunteers would also be provided with counsel-

A research trial that aims to help addicts by substituting oral prescription medication for their illegal street drugs.

ling and resources for mental health issues, housing and possibly employment. "As a society that is suffering as a result of drug use... we have to look for

more creative solutions," Sullivan said. "I'll do whatever I can to get to a situation where we've done something important for these people, Vancouver also needs to put a fresh face on for the Olympics, by 2010, I want the public disorder and crime seriously reduced.

Although there is no guarantee these types of programs will accomplish what we hope for, Lifeline appreciates the effort of the Mayor in working with the addiction problems in our city.

A POEM FROM THE HEART



Thank you for helping The Blue Bus Program impact the lives of the homeless with Christ's love.

*If You could See
You cannot see... God did not intend you should..
The little seeds you've scattered as you've gone about "doing good"
To those He brought within your reach in want and need
Even in despair, hungering for some hand to feed
Little do you know the hearts you've saved from growing cold
By your gentleness, your kindly*

*shepherd's interest in the fold
How oft' your lips would sing, that heart with joy o'er flow
If you could but see the scores of little seeds you scatter "as you go"

I'm not what I once was and that makes me thankful
I'm not what I should be and that's what makes me humble
I'm not what I shall be and that's what makes me hopeful*

Lifeline "Blue Bus Program" Update

Blue Bus and Anchor House individual living programs receives \$30,000.00 grant.

What a marvelous beginning it is to the plans and aspirations we have of upgrading the buses, houses and property out at Richmond.

Last year Lifeline paid out \$54,000.00 in operational expenses alone. Needless to say we were on survival mode and could not look ahead to the improvements necessary... but now with the grant, this will partially take care of some of those expenses.



The Blue Bus continues to be a friend to the homeless on the streets...

Your contributions will help release us to focus on the upgrading that is so desperately needed to the buses and facility. With \$24,000.00 still needed to run the operational ex-

penses and the vision to have another 20,000.00 for improvements, we are asking for your help to reach these goals. The Fraser Valley requires us to reach out in their area, and those in Vancouver continually voice to us how we have

helped them through their plights. Please open your hand of giving to this worth while cause of homelessness in our region and aid Lifeline in reaching the lost for Jesus.

To Contact us

Call Pastor David or Janice Poulette to book a group or volunteer 604-728-7551

or email us at lifeline@uniserve.com visit us at www.lifelineoutreach.org

How can I help?

With your finances, volunteer time, prayer and giving of needed items.



Lifeline volunteers come from all over the world ...

We need you

A Word From The Director

Janice and I are well and our continuing prayer for you is that you are dwelling in the joy of the Lord. So many changes since this time last year, in our lives and in the world. We are excited to finally get our second bus up and running in the Abbotsford area. With the local papers presenting us with such a good review we have had many calls from individuals

that want to get involved in many ways. I love to watch as God continues to provide for his hurting and lost children.

"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."

What a privilege for us to be used by God in this way. On a personal note, we are both busy with our children and our nine grand-

children. Janice continues to support me as we run both my private counselling practice (Living Well Counselling Centre) and Lifeline. I have obtained my Masters in Social Work and am looking forward to what God has in store. It is only through your continued prayer and financial support that keeps Lifeline meeting the growing needs of our city.

Thank-You

Pastor David Poulette, MASW,BA psych, MPPC.

A Survivor Speaks Out

Living in the downtown area of Vancouver, I have overcome many obstacles that have kept me from enjoying life. I started going to the Lifeline bus several years ago and I really do appreciate the food I get from them once a week.

I have heard about Jesus from so many different places I visit in the downtown area, that the words have really lost there meaning to me. What has shown me that there is a God who cares is how these people from Lifeline come out here in the cold and rain and give their

time to help me, and when I ask them why they do it they say it's because God really does love me and they are just a way for God to show that to me. I can't say I understand everything about Christianity, but I have learned that there are people that love God enough to stand out here with me and be my friend.

I have asked Jesus into my heart and I know He has



"God will stay with me and help me to work through my stuff one thing at a time"

forgiven me of my sins. I recently got a job and I will be moving out of the downtown area soon. I still struggle in several area's of my life, but I have been shown through the love and commitment of my friends at Lifeline that God will stay with me and help me to work through my stuff one thing at a time.

Joe