



Community Impact Report

We are so grateful for the many ways our volunteers are making a difference in our community!

TOUCH OF CHRISTMAS

Join us for the 13th annual Touch of Christmas Craft Fair Sat, Nov 26th 9:30am - 3:30pm

New Life Centre,
2041 Harvey Avenue

Hands in Service presents a unique craft fair featuring 80+ vendors .



"Thank you for everything that you do for me. I love the fresh produce, it is such a gift! Having the extra produce that HIS delivers to me has really helped my self esteem. I was in an abusive relationship and the delivery process, you know meeting the driver when they arrive, has really helped me to connect with community".

A special thank you goes out to all of our regular supporters who make the work we do accessible to all of our clients & extra special thanks to...

- ♥ Evangel Church
- ♥ Bethel Church
- ♥ MCC Thrift Store



TO DATE IN 2022 HANDS IN SERVICE HAS BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE:

158
HOME CLEANINGS —
THROUGH OUR ENERGETIC HANDS PROGRAM
THANKS TO OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH KCS

730
HAMPER DELIVERIES —
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE OKANAGAN FOOD BANK

462
PRODUCE DELIVERIES —
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HELENS ACRES AND THE OKANAGAN FRUIT TREE PROJECT

484
LIVING SALADS —
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FOOD FOR THOUGHT

UNLIMITED SMILES TO THE FACES OF OUR CLIENTS!

YOUTH ACTION TEAMS

OUR MISSION:

To provide free, compassionate in-home assistance, referral services and access to food security for individuals with socio-economic, mobility, and health challenges.

OUR VISION: TO

- ♥ Meet needs
- ♥ Value people
- ♥ Build relationships

“Every individual deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. Every person has needs that require assistance. Everyone wants to have connection with someone who cares.”

Within the scope of our mandate, we will passionately pursue this goal.

We are excited to partner with the grade 12 students at KCS. Every Thursday teams are in the homes of clients providing both practical and relational care. This is a great experience for the students, learning about serving others. If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact our office at 250.861.5465.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



“Being in my early seventies, retired with time on my hands, I decided to become a volunteer. At first, I was excited about this new opportunity, every person I went to help was always surprised that someone would come to help them free of charge and were always so grateful when I left. I would feel so good inside on my drive home. Later, at some appointments, sometimes I didn’t want to go. The realization I came to was that being a volunteer meant to give of your self, and “Self” doesn’t like that! Volunteering is a good way to die to self! The benefits are that good feeling inside because you just wanted to do it out of kindness and goodness. Sometimes the people I help, probably don’t see anyone all week. That 10 to 15 minutes of conversation could make that person’s week. It’s such a good feeling to give. This is the main reason I decided to volunteer. Jesus said, “I didn’t come here to be served, but to Serve”.

WORDS FROM A CLIENT

"I no longer have the strength to clean by myself, so I feel like a hot mess. It defines me. The help that you deliver literally changes me from "garbage creature with no purpose", into feeling like a human again, for the first time in weeks. The benefits of your aid extend far beyond the mere act of cleaning. That bit of help transforms me, on the inside, back into a person. One that deserves to live. And nobody deserves to feel like garbage in their own minds. But that's a thing. A major thing".

WHAT'S COMING UP...

- ♥ **TOUCH OF CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR: November 26th 9:30-3:30**
- ♥ **CHRISTMAS HAMPER DELIVERY: 75 Hampers will be delivered December 6, 7 and 8th**
- ♥ **LIGHT IT UP: We will once again be conducting our "Light It Up" campaign. With matching funds, we are excited to reach our goal of \$30,000. Campaign begins November 29th**
- ♥ **Save the Date: GOLF TOURNAMENT: Join us at Sunset Ranch June, 2023**

A note from Geoff Neufeld—Executive Director

Did you know that there are just 6 more weeks to Christmas? Where did the year go? The older I get the more it seems that time keep speeding up. Things I had planned to do seem to keep getting pushed off to the "one of these days" list! I hate to admit that very few things got checked off my bucket list this year (with the exception of a day zip-lining thanks to a gift from my kids) But in reality what I really want to do most is to live my life in such a way, that I am making a positive difference in someone's life...every day! I don't want my life to speed on past and then one day looking back say—I wish I had done more, I wish I hadn't ignored that opportunity or pushed off that good intention... I wish I had followed through on doing what matters most.

I love that Latin phrase "*Carpe Diem*" or "*Seize the day*", It is a great reminder that each and every day, we have the opportunity to watch the world speed by, or we can choose to seize the day, and do something big or small that can impact the lives around us for good. My prayer for you is that you become a "seize-the-day" kind of person and change the world around you... one life at a time.

