

Parksville Salvation Army Staff/Volunteer Newsletter

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Giving Hope Today

All that we do is based on the following 10 core values:

Salvation – We proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all our ministries

Holiness – We are shaped by the Bible and the example of Jesus through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit

Intimacy with God – We commune with God through worship and prayer

Compassion – We embody God's love, reaching out to others and caring for them

Respect – We promote the dignity of all persons

Excellence – We are innovative and effective

Integrity – We are honest and trustworthy, accountable to God and each other

Relevance – We seek to understand and meet the needs of people in our communities

Co-operation – We encourage and foster teamwork and partnerships

Celebration – We are thankful to God for blessing The Salvation Army



The Grades are in!

OK, well, we haven't got our official marks back yet, but we had our accreditation audit on June 8 & 9 and overall it went quite well. The Salvation Army auditors looked at our systems of Governance, Human Resources, Health and Safety, Facilities, Spiritual Care and Community Programs. We've still got a lot of work to do over the coming weeks and months to fill in the gaps with our policies, procedures, documentation and training etc., however, it seems as though we are on the right track. Thank you again for your patience and support in preparing for this audit and for your continued help as we endeavor to fill in the missing pieces!

Some of the areas that we will be focusing on as we move forward:

- Training for staff and volunteers
- Clarifying/updating staff and volunteer job descriptions
- Continuing to fill in the missing documentation for staff and volunteer personnel files
- Continued strengthening and roll-out of our health and safety program
- Communication of policies, procedures, expectations and access to key guidance documents for all staff and volunteers (relevant legislation, Salvation Army procedures, manuals and handbooks)
- Performance reviews and coaching

Let's Have a Picnic!

We would like to have the opportunity to have all of our volunteers out for a volunteer appreciation picnic and a chance to spend time with you and say thank you all for the hard work that you do with our Ministry Unit in service to this community! We have scheduled **September 22nd** at Rath Trevor Park picnic shelter. Mark your calendar and plan to bring the family! Details to come.



Did you know that you can keep up with us on Facebook? Even without a Facebook account, you can search and view our page to find events and happenings within our local ministry units as well as The Salvation Army at large that will be encouraging, challenging and informative. To find, us search Facebook for: "[@PKSalvationArmy](#)" and watch our separate [Thrift Store page](#) under "[Parksville/Qualicum Salvation Army Thrift Stores](#)."

Emergency Preparedness

Earlier this month we were part of the Emergency Preparedness Expo at the Parksville Curling Rink. We had one of the island emergency response vehicles on site with our crew handing out cold bottles of water to those who came by and information on our Emergency Disaster Services program presented at our table set up inside.

We also have earthquake emergency kits available for purchase at our warehouse. There are different kits for different needs: individual, 1, 2 or 4 person kits as well as pet kits.



Parade!

Come out to the Canada Day Parade and cheer us on! We'll have our thrift store truck and vans decorated and running in the parade with some of our staff and wonderful volunteers. We hope to see you there waving to us! For more information on the parade visit: <http://www.parkvillechamber.com/events/celebrate-canada-day>



We're Putting on a Fair!

We are going to put on a small family fun fair and BBQ on Sunday July 2nd at our church/soup kitchen location at 187 Alberni Highway. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the games, dunk tank, cotton candy, hot dogs, hamburgers and more. The proceeds raised from the event will support our initiative to send community children to summer camp. We hope that you will come out and join us to support a great cause. And if you're interested in helping us with this event, let us know as we'll have some volunteering jobs for that day as well!

Summer Camps

Speaking of summer camps, there are a number of camps scheduled to take place this summer at our Camp Sunrise in Gibsons, BC for adults, children and families. Would you join us in praying for those manning the camps as well as those who will be in attendance this summer? Camp can be a wonderful time of fun and fellowship. Summer camp can also be a time of transformation. We pray that lives will be positively impacted because of our camps and hearts affected for eternity. To learn more about our camps visit: <http://www.campsunrise.ca/>

Did You Know?

William Booth began The Salvation Army in July 1865 preaching to a small congregation of poor thieves, prostitutes, gamblers and drunkards in the slums of London, England. His aim was to lead them to Christ and link them to a church for continued spiritual guidance. Even though Booth's followers were converted, churches did not accept them because of what they had been. However, Booth gave their lives direction in both a spiritual and practical manner and put them to work to save others who were like themselves. They too preached and sang in the streets as a living testimony of the power of God. By 1867, Booth had only 10 full-time workers. By 1874, the number had grown to 1,000 volunteers and 42 evangelists that served under the name "The Christian Mission." Known as the "Hallelujah Army," the converts spread out from the east end of London into the neighboring areas and then to other cities. In 1878, Booth was reading a printer's proof of the organization's annual report when he noticed the statement "the Christian Mission under the superintendents' of the Rev. William Booth is a volunteer army." He crossed out the words "volunteer army" and penned in "Salvation Army." From those words came the basis of the foundation deed of The Salvation Army which was adopted in August of that same year.

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