

Mt. Arrowsmith Salvation Army Staff/Volunteer Newsletter

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Giving Hope Today



Need information? Check our website!

Since setting up our new website last year, we are trying to make it the go-to hub for information for our ministry unit. Here are a few helpful things to know about where to find the information you may need:

Newspapers: We now use the new Volunteer Hub system to send out emails to our volunteers, however, it does not allow us to add attachments. Therefore, we are now posting these staff/volunteer newsletters on the Volunteers page of our website for you to access at your convenience. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and you'll see all of our newsletters listed by year.

<https://parksvillesalvationarmy.ca/opportunities/>

Events: Our events calendar (found under the News/Events tag) will keep you up to date on the important happenings in our ministry unit from month to month.

Employment Opportunities: When we have job openings in our ministry unit we post paper job postings on our bulletin boards and also list them at the bottom of the News/Events page under the Employment Opportunities section.

Facebook: From the top of our website you can click on the little "f" symbol after our email address and jump to our Facebook page which is also updated with latest events, notices and points of interest.



BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING

- It increases self-confidence
- Helps you stay physically active
- Combats depression
- Improves interpersonal skills
- Provides work experience

Volunteer Power

Since the very beginning, The Salvation Army has operated on the strength of those devoted to the mission and purpose set forth by the ministry, most of whom gave of their time, talent, resources and lives without the expectation of remuneration. In the early days of The Salvation Army (1874), William Booth had 1,000 volunteers and 42 evangelists, all serving under the name "The Christian Mission."

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

Did you know that you can keep up with us on Facebook? Even without a Facebook account! To find us search Facebook for: "@PKSalvationArmy". Watch our separate pages for: The Thrift Stores, Oceanside Homelessness Prevention and Lighthouse Youth Programs.

A Tube of Toothpaste

A little girl was telling her mother that she had been involved in repeating a rumor at school about another student. She told her mother than she had now found out that the rumor was not true and she felt badly that she had been a part of spreading the hurtful words. She wanted to know how to undo the hurt she had helped to cause. Her mother got up, went to the bathroom and brought back a tube of toothpaste. She asked her daughter to squeeze out the contents of the tube onto a plate. Once the daughter finished, she asked her daughter to now put the tooth paste back into the tube. With wide eyes the girl looked up at her mom and said "Mom, I can't. It is impossible." "I know," replied her mother, "it is easy to squeeze it out, but it is not so easy to put it back. It is the same with our words and gossip; it is easy to spread hurtful words or wrong information and once you do, you can never completely reverse the damage. Be very careful what you say."



Before you speak, think:

T = is it TRUE?

H = is it HELPFUL?

I = is it INSPIRING?

N = is it NECESSARY?

K = is it KIND?

There is enough hard stuff in our world that we must daily face, let's choose to work together, that our ministry unit would be a place where kindness and truth are our guiding principles. Let's curb gossip together!

Face Lifts and Renovations

We have are working on some renovations and re-design in our main thrift store in Parksville and our furniture warehouse in the industrial area. We're not done yet. So we encourage you to stop by and see what is new and different.

We've installed a new dish washer in the soup kitchen. All renovation projects end up a little bigger than you expect, but we are excited that the dish washing area of the kitchen is now new and shiny!

Upcoming Events:

- Soup Kitchen Volunteer Training
 - o March 15th 9:30-11:30am @ SK
 - o April 19th 9:30-11:30am @ SK
- Food Bank Volunteer Training
 - o March 12th 9-11 am @FB
- Youth Fundraiser Paint Night
 - o March 23rd pm @ the Church (\$25 each, \$20 if you bring your own brushes)
- "Empowered to Connect" – understand the effects of trauma on the brain and behaviour
 - o April 13 & 14 – at the Nanaimo Corps \$30/person – for more information, contact Brandalyn
- Our EDS team will be at the Emergency Preparedness Expo
 - o April 28th at Qualicum Beach Civic Center



UltiPro for Staff – T4s

Staff T4 slips will be available in UltiPro after February 28th. T4 slips will be placed in the **Pay** section of the UltiPro menu where you find your pay slips, but in their own sub-section. Click **Menu** in the top left corner and select **Year-End Slips** under the **Pay** section. Click the **Year-End Slips**. Under "Form Type" click on the word **T4**. You can then download or print it. Thrift store employees, if you have any issues, please speak to Dave. Non thrift-store employees, if you have any issues, please speak to Pat at the admin office.