

Warm-A-Soul

Every year, we fill over 1000 stockings with gifts and treats and hand them out to those in need at local men's and women's shelters. Though the primary goal of our organization is to focus on breaking the cycle of poverty by educating children, the heart of Extreme Outreach still breaks for those who are currently caught in the cycle of need. Many of those who end up at the shelters in Victoria have been rejected by their families, and would never have received a gift or even a Christmas greeting if we did not have the stocking outreach.

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Last year, Andrea had the opportunity to give a stocking to a woman who was working the street that night. She had the opportunity to hold this woman in her arms while the woman cried, and pray that this woman received the love that came with the gift. The men who receive stockings are often shocked to get any sort of gift; they are often left out of these kinds of ministries, and last year we saw grown men cry when they realized that they were remembered by us and that someone was thinking of them. Every year, we probably end up feeling more blessed than those receiving the stockings, both because of the amount of people we meet and because of your generous donations, but we trust that God does plant seeds of grace through the stockings, and that people feel loved. See Debbie Sims' testimony for a testament of how your stocking donations continue to bless Victorians!

Last year, the students at Glenlyon Norfolk School put together close to 700 children's stockings for us, which we are so thankful for. We were also able to gift stockings to children from four First Nations villages, a really meaningful blessing for us, and we ended up with around 1200 stockings altogether. Many thanks always go out to Liz Craig, who has organized the 300 women's stocking project for the last 15 years. This year, we'd love your help to fill our stockings up with gifts for those who truly need to be blessed.

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Let us consider how we may encourage one another on toward love and good deeds.

Hebrew 10:24



15th ANNUAL Extreme Christmas Dinner 2012

**North Douglas Pentecostal
Dinner:** December 15, 3 pm

Esquimalt Dinner: December 22, 3 pm

Last Christmas dinner outreach was our biggest year ever, with over 500 attending. It was such a blessing to have all of our volunteers and the Grade 12 students from Glenlyon Norfolk School hosting tables for us, ensuring that those attending had a fully relaxed evening. Many families told us that this dinner is now their Christmas tradition, as many of them can't afford to host a "traditional" Christmas on their own. We love the chance to meet the families of our Superkids, and this year we are again excited to host another dinner in Esquimalt on December 22.

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Sports balls donated by Glad Tidings Adore Church



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Christmas Dinner (continued)

Feeding people a turkey dinner is an awesome ministry, but we are always aware that our main goal is to create a community where people feel safe, loved, and connected. We always need volunteers to come and build relationships with people, and the Christmas dinner is a fun and natural place to do so. The kids love to see their camp leaders and the people they met at church, and it helps to build consistency in our ministry. If you come and build a relationship with just one family, we know it makes a difference in their lives. It might be the only thing that does.

Here's what else we need to pull off two successful Christmas dinners:

- 80 volunteers (this fills fast so don't wait too long!)
- 75 turkeys
- 150 pounds of potatoes and veggies
- 50 bouquets of flowers
- 30 trays of stuffing (Chinese Pentecostal helps meet this goal every year)
- 25 new bikes (for our awesome balloon-drop win-a-bike game!)
- 500 children's gifts
- 150 soccer balls, volleyballs, or basketballs
- 1000 stockings
- 1000 pairs of gloves, toques and scarves
- Financial donations also needed.

All details at www.extremeoutreach.com ♥



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Here's what you do to get in on the stocking awesomeness:

- 1 Each stocking should cost approximately \$20 to fill.
- 2 For women and children, pick up a large red stocking from any Dollar Store.
- 3 For men, use a pair of large wool socks. Put one sock in the toe of the other.
- 4 Fill it with items such as brushes, hygiene products, clothing, toys, books, games, and hard candy. (Please DO NOT include food, used items, or things that could melt, break, or harm someone).
- 5 Secure the top with a safety pin if it's for men, or just make sure it's secure if it is a bursting red stocking for women or children.
- 6 We will include a card of encouragement with your stocking. Please refrain from adding your own personal note or information.
- 7 Drop off your socks/stockings at our office, 999 McKenzie Ave, or at the Serious Coffee locations in Esquimalt or View Royal.
- 8 If you don't have time to make a stocking, consider donating financially so we can make one for you!

Creative Ways To Help

- Get a group of friends to shop for stocking stuffers together, and fill a bunch!
- Have a contest in your office to see which group can bring in the most stockings (example Human Resource vs. IT)
- Have each member of your family make a stocking for each member of a receiving family.
- Make it a school class project to have each student stuff a stocking.
- Stuff a stocking on behalf of someone else and give them a card to let them know what you did.
- Knit some scarves, toques or gloves with the Community Knitters Club.

All details at www.extremeoutreach.com or phone 250-384-2064. ♥



Debbie Sims Testimony

Every year as we drive around and give out over 1000 stockings to almost every shelter in the city, Debbie is one of the people we are always keeping an eye out for. Debbie has shared details of her life with us and she weighs heavily on our hearts. This past year, we managed to find her at Streetlink. As she received her stocking and flowers, tears were flowing; we had the opportunity to wish her a Merry Christmas. We are so sorry to report that Debbie passed away shortly after with a brain aneurysm. We dedicate the next Warm-A-Soul outreach to her memory. She is now in heaven dancing with her father God in fields of grace. ♥



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BBQ update

The BBQs are still a hit as the community who attends becomes more and more familiar with our ministry. As soon as we arrive, the kids start leaping around the van and calling their friends. They always get right in there to help us set everything up; one six year-old has been known to try to lug the giant water cooler all by herself. Some of the kids grab the games that we bring (sidewalk chalk is the most brilliant idea we've ever had), but a lot of them grab the x-small latex gloves and help serve buns, grill hotdogs, and stock condiments. Two five year-old boys helped serve buns one day, and set extremely strict bun regulations so that they made sure everyone got a hotdog. It's a group effort: friends helping friends. We go through about 300 hotdogs a week, with a new batch of kids learning how their food is prepared, how to BBQ, and how to serve their own community. One mom said, "my children's self esteem and confidence have soared by being given odd jobs to do and plenty of encouragement from the staff." Though some parents definitely are thankful that this is one meal they don't have to stretch their pockets for, we firmly believe that the confidence it gives children, to have the ability to serve their own community, is invaluable to creating healthy-minded kids.

We will be doing roughly 50 BBQs this upcoming year. If you or your business would like to sponsor a BBQ, it costs approximately \$300 per BBQ.

HUGE thanks to **Coast Capital Savings** for sponsoring three BBQs this year. ❤️



Hockey Outreach

The Joshua Group gifted Extreme Outreach with 40 tickets to the Old Timers Hockey Night here in Victoria, which features retired NHL players: pretty cool for any guy to see. We rounded up 20 male Superkids and paired them up with 20 men from Lion of Judah's Mighty Men group, so the kids got to experience 'guys night out' with a father figure to hang out with and buy them popcorn and snacks. Before the game, **La Fogata Restaurant** met us in the parking lot with over 50 fully stuffed Columbian hotdogs and drinks. Everyone was totally blessed, with one 9 year-old boy remarking, "this was my first hockey game. It was the best night of my life!"

We absolutely NEED people who desire to be a mentor for the kids we reach out to. This has proven to be the best form of ministry we can provide to children who often don't have a reliable adult (or older friend) in their life, and it only takes one person reaching out to one kid to begin to make a difference. ❤️

Soccer Outreach

This spring, a social work class at Camosun College chose us for their class project. They had to create an outreach project from the ground up, and they decided to create a soccer outreach that would give the Superkids a chance to be part of an organized sport. The project was a huge success, with 80 kids showing up to get soccer pointers from several team members of the Highlanders Soccer Team and a special guest, Striker the mascot. The kids all enjoyed a BBQ, received a soccer ball, and were gifted with a season pass to the Highlands Soccer Club. It was great to see the kids engaged in a healthy sporting pastime, and to see the community come together to bless them. The bonus: the Camosun students got an A+. ❤️



Thank you to **Rob Hunter** for donating Sesame Street Tickets; the younger kids loved it! ❤️

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SuperKidsCAMP

Our annual Superkids summer camp went off without a hitch this July, out at the adventurous Camp Barnard! We had an amazing week with a record number of kids sponsored. We pick them up in the awesome Superkids bus and it is absolute *mayhem* getting them all on the bus: registering seems like an inconvenient annoyance when you're on your way to *Superkids camp*! From there, they drive up to the camp in Sooke and all of the cabin leaders are ready to greet them by cheering and high-fiving every kid who steps off the bus. Once the kids get split up into cabins, they get their first giant meal for the week. The untiring **Tracey Woiod** created a menu that served the healthiest meals most of the campers (and cabin leaders!) have ever eaten, while keeping the deliciousness factor super high. The highlight for a lot of the kids is the chance to swim in the beautiful lake beside the camp. They get to play on inner tubes and lounge in the sun before they head to the field for wide games.

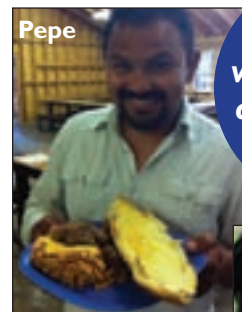
We definitely have our challenging moments with camp, since many of the kids are coming from broken families and, sometimes, volatile homes. One 10 year-old boy was pretty troubled when we first met him, dealing with an absent parent,

but we saw incredible changes in him throughout the week, to the point where he was offering to stay behind and help after meals, and sat and prayed with the rest of us during worship. It is kids like these that we hope to pour love into during the week we have them. Another young boy came to camp completely mute and with an obvious learning disability. We literally saw a miracle take place over the week: as he was given tasks to help the leaders, he found a confidence in himself that allowed him to begin to speak actual words with us. By the end of the week he was our biggest helper (and biggest critic: he always let us know when we weren't doing something right!), and was able to look us in the eye and say goodbye when we dropped him off.

Several special guests showed up this year, including storyteller **John Wason** and the



wonderful **Pepe Martinez**, who both shared messages about the love of Jesus. One 5 year-old girl asked a leader who Jesus and God were, and we stumbled through an explanation that a 5 year-old would understand. She seemed to know that she would like to be with Jesus in heaven one day, without us even telling her. This was also a comfort to another 9 year-old girl, who was dealing with a couple traumatic situations before she arrived at camp. In these cases, camp simply offers a week for a child to relax, be distracted from some of the harder life situations they are dealing with, and feel loved.



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A special treat this year was our partnership with **Cayne's Arcade Imagination Foundation**, a non-profit organization from Los Angeles dedicated to fostering creativity and entrepreneurship in kids. Our Superkids watched a short film about Cayne, a 9 year-old boy who built his own arcade out of cardboard boxes and united a whole neighbourhood when he invited them to come and play. Our kids had the chance to build their own arcades, and had a surprise phone call from one of the director's of the Cayne's Arcade Foundation! The foundation used a photo of our kids on their webpage, and some of the footage of our kids playing arcade games was used in their new film, which has gone viral on Youtube. The whole event was just one example of how the week at camp is designed to build each of the kids up, to show them how special they are, and to make sure they know how much God loves them.

Thank you SO much to everyone who sponsored a kid to go to camp this year, to all of our amazing and tireless volunteers, and everyone who supported us. A big thank you to Scotiabank in Sidney, who helped us raise \$11,000 by hosting a BBQ and matching all donations! ❤️



John
Word to Life ministries in action.



Andrea leading kids in song and worship.

SuperKids SATURDAYS

We LOVE Superkids Saturdays. In a lot of ways, it is the heart of the Superkids mission: **to provide holistic development and mentorship to Victoria's children at-risk.** We have the privilege of running two months of Superkids Saturdays in the spring, where kids get picked up in the awesome Superkids bus and brought to Glad Tidings Church for positive games, a healthy lunch, and a chance to build relationships. A lot of the older kids in our program have literally grown up going to Superkids Saturdays, and we have seen the fruit of our time spent with them as they grow into awesome, confident, healthy young adults. This year, we are looking for enthusiastic volunteers who really want to make a difference in someone's life. Our Superkids benefit greatly from the mentorship and love that a volunteer gives, so if you're interested in getting on board, go online at www.extremeoutreach.com and apply to be a volunteer. Together, we can make a difference. ❤️



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Summer Grant Interns

This summer we were blessed to receive another grant from the BC Government for an intern to work exclusively on Superkids camp. We had the pleasure of working with the energetic **Ashley Vukovic**, who brought an amazing attitude to her work this summer. "I never thought I would come here to work and leave as a better person, but God has His plans," said Ashley. "This whole experience has opened up my eyes and I have been truly blessed!" Ashley was in charge of coordinating camp, but when other leaders were trying to grab a moment to themselves, Ashley spent her spare time playing games with the kids. The young girl dealing with multiple suicides in her family weighed heavily on Ashley's heart for the week, and she made it a point to spend time with the girl, praying for her and wading through the tough questions she was asking. We know it had an incredible impact on Ashley, and we believe this young girl came away knowing, at the very least, that she had a friend and someone who loved her.

The summer before, we had **Sarah Coulson**, who added that her experience at Extreme Outreach "really opened up my eyes and changed my outlook on, well, everything that matters." We so appreciated her efforts in her time with us. Thank you BC Government for allowing us to work with such lovely people! ❤️

Ashley



Thanks to St. Michaels

For the past three years we've hosted close to 140 BBQs with the help of St. Michaels University School volunteers. Every week they send a group, whether it's a class or a sports team or a group of friends, who hang out with the kids and help them BBQ. It's always encouraging to see them interact with the Superkids, playing games and spending time with them.

This year, the Service Leadership group at St. Michaels chose to focus on an initiative to break the cycle of poverty in Victoria, and we were one of the organizations they believed was involved in this already. Hannah, a grade 10 student at SMU, said, "Extreme Outreach is doing a great deal of forward-thinking work to prevent the cycle of poverty from even taking root, by educating and empowering youth". The grade 10 students from SMU had the opportunity to do a presentation on us in front of the Tuscan Fund panel, and their winning presentation won us \$5000! The money was used to sponsor 25 kids to go to Superkids camp. We also received \$1000 from the Victoria Foundation through the students' vital program at SMU.

Part of our job at Extreme Outreach is providing strong relationships and mentorship for children, and the St. Michaels students have been a huge example of providing that. We found that when SMU educated their students about the complexity of poverty, the result was not hopelessness but increased determination and creative thinking on how to be a part of combatting the cycle. If your school is interested in volunteering, contact us at 250 384 2064. ❤️



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Call 250 384 2064 for more information. ❤️

Calendar of Events:

2012

- **October 24–November 28:**
BBQ Wednesdays
- **December 15:**
Christmas Dinner at North Douglas Pentecostal, 3 pm
- **December 22:**
Christmas Dinner at Esquimalt Recreation Center, 3 pm

2013

- **February 20–May 15:**
BBQ Wednesdays
- **February 23:**
Superkids Saturdays Volunteer Training
- **March 2–May 4:** Superkids Saturdays
- **May 20:**
May Day Parade
- **June 5–26:**
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- **July 8–12:**
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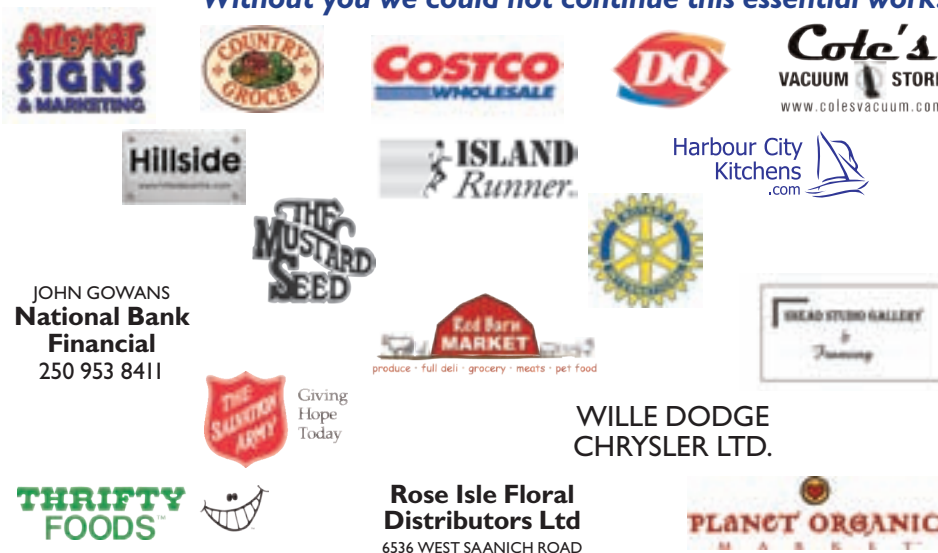
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Cliff Power



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