



January 2012 Newsletter

Peninsula Homeless to Housing Round Table

Providing leadership in the South Surrey White Rock communities

Please circulate our newsletter to your members and congregations. We welcome feedback or news, send items to:



petergreenwell@telus.net Thank you to Surrey Homeless and Housing Society for funding support.

The PH2H Roundtable meets at 9:30am on the first Friday of each month at the White Rock Baptist Church at 1657-140th St Surrey. Our next meeting is January 6, 2012.

Homeless Action in our Community

The Options/First United Church extreme weather shelter was open 9 days in November and 19 days in December. One evening 12 people were housed overnight at the church, the largest number since the churches' openings. Guests receive a small hot meal at 10pm. In the morning coffee, muffin and a gift card for breakfast at McDonald's is provided. More information on First Church is available at: www.firstunitedwhiterock.com/index.html

Volunteers Respond

Last month we circulated a request for volunteer assistance for the Extreme Weather Shelter and the SOURCES Food Bank. The shelter had 5 new volunteers offer their help. As well, the Food Bank had a number of individuals respond. We want to thank you for your efforts.

Surrey Housing and Homeless Society

PH2H thanks the SHHS on-going support for our work. The mission of SHHS is to raise, manage and distribute funds to support programs, projects and initiatives to make a difference in the lives of peoples who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness in Surrey. The SHHS makes a difference in the lives of people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in Surrey by raising, managing and distributing funds to support programs, projects and initiatives.

Homeless Partnering Strategy News

The Homeless Partnering Strategy is the funding program of the federal government supporting homeless initiatives across Canada. Current funding levels have remained static since December, 1999. The Metro Vancouver region receives approximately

\$8.2 million per year; this funding has support youth safe houses, supportive housing buildings, outreach services amongst many other important projects put forward by community organizations in our region.

Funding was renewed by the federal government in November 2010 for three more years. The most recent call for funding proposals for service projects closed on December 21, 2011. Total funding available is \$12 million dollars. VanCity Community Foundation has been contracted by the RSCH to review proposals and monitor their outcomes. New projects will be funded from April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2014. A number of local organizations have applied for funding in the South Surrey White Rock community.

There will be a further call for proposals for capital projects at a later date in 2012.

White Rock Baptist Church

For the past five years the White Rock Baptist Church has hosted PH2H meetings. PH2H wants to thank the church and its congregation for its on-going support. More information about White Rock Baptist Church is available at:

<http://www.whiterockbaptist.info/index.htm>



PH2H Food Security Initiative

Working with the White Rock South Surrey (WRSS) Community Foundation, the Peninsula Homeless to Housing Roundtable has undertaken steps to develop a fund to support low-income meal programs in our community. If you wish to contribute to this fund please contact:

WRSS Community Foundation

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February's Newsletter will provide updates on Homeless Partnering Strategy (HPS) funding decisions by VanCity and Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness.