

# THE GIFT EXCHANGE

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**Thank you for helping us to Save Grandma's House!  
Now The SSI Land Bank Society needs to finish paying for the new house.  
Please Contribute**

**They have obtained an *interim loan* to complete the purchase, *more pledges for donations* would be great!**

You can email pledges to [neddy@saltspring.com](mailto:neddy@saltspring.com) or call (250) 653-4573  
or pledge forms are available at SS Books by North End Fitness.

We are deeply grateful to all those who already donated towards the purchase of the new **Grandma's House** which will soon be serving Salt Spring Islanders again. Our fond memories and gratitude to the Gemperle family who supplied the former House that we used for 12 years to serve homeless people on Salt Spring. The rent was kept amazingly low for our benefit.

The transition period was greatly helped by the generosity of volunteers, notably **Jamie Anderson of SS Community Services; Dietrich Luth; Macie Pring; Dick Grier;** and of course the inimitable **Neddy Harris** of the **SS Land Bank Society** and *her team* who made it all happen.



Amongst those who wrote excellent letters of support are **Gary Lunn, MP; Gary Holman, CRD; Cherie Geauvreau of the Copper Kettle; Andrew Lewis of the SSLBS; George Ehring and Peter Lamb, Island Trust; and Paul Gregory of the SSI Community Services. Also Kathy Kossen of CARTS; PEERS** and several others. **Maureen Brady of the ADennchase Foundation**, which originated on SSI, and who has always been there for us in the past as have the **Anglican Outreach**.

To date the committed grants have been; **CRD Grant in Aide** for \$750 and the **Real Estate Foundation** has committed \$52,100, which gave the impetus to make this dream a reality.

We are also expecting help from the **Vancouver Foundation** which help set up the original house and the **Regional Housing Trust Fund**, as well as others.

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**LETTER BOX** -- *excerpts from above letters of support.*

"This Organization strongly supports the efforts of the VHES and the Land Bank in getting the Transition House back up and running in their new location." Paul Gregory: SS Community Services.

"I am favourably impressed with the work of the VHES, which has a strong track record of helping marginalized persons live fulfilling and meaningful lives. ..I also note that the VHES has a history of providing assistance to the needy primarily through local donation and volunteer work. Your willingness to rely more on your own initiative rather than rely on exterior funding demonstrates a proven ability to do more with less." Gary Lunn, MP

"Grandma's House has proven its value and sustainability and is an integral part of our community's ongoing efforts to provide safe, affordable temporary housing." Cherie Geauvreau, Copper Kettle.

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**Things we would be glad to receive for the new House:**

Kitchen chairs; Chests of Drawers; side tables; floor rugs; bath towels; kitchen pots and pans.  
*Page 1-800-691-9366 for pick up or address for delivery.*

Monthly Gatherings to support the marginalized and to exchange and develop spiritual gifts.  
Phone for more details: 1-800-691-9366 from SSI. On Mayne: 539-5310. Victoria: 361-2762

**Sincere thanks to:**

- **The Anglican Parish Outreach** for supporting us still through this difficult period.
- **Dick G.** for transporting furniture and mattresses to Sidney and Victoria .
- **Neddy** of the **Salt Spring Land Bank Society** for assistance with finding a new home for males in need of transitional housing.
- **Macie P., Steve H., Jamie, Cathrine, Shena, Dietrich** and *other volunteers* who assisted with clean up of the House.
- *Financial supporters:* **Margaret H., Margaret B., Nancy W., Ivor R.** for donations to assist with the purchase of a new Grandma's House; **Mark S.** of Pender Island for monthly donation for needs of people with mental illness.
- **Brian and Fiona W-M.** for transporting a bed for *Bittancourt Manor*, our women's House.
- **Margaret B., Diane P.** and **Irene C.** who always look out for items that we can use.
- **Embe Bakery and GVM** for baked goods and **GVM** for Grocery tape program.
- **Margaret H., Betty B.** and **Macie** for picking up and distributing bread and baked goods.
- **Imagen** for continued Internet Access for our Gulf Islands Branches.
- **Copper Kettle** for supporting the purchase of a new Grandma's House.
- **All** whose names we have missed but who have 'shared life's gifts'. **We thank you!**

**MAYNE ISLAND BRANCH:**

- **ALEA** for the printing of 200 brochures as a gift; and our monthly notices re local activities of the Human Exchange
- **Joanna W.** and the **Mayne Isl. Thrift Store** for bags of linens and other items.
- **Sue E.** for bed and many other household gifts from the amalgamation of two homes.
- **Gail** for offer of double bed and large chair. **Carol** for clothes.
- **Joan S.** for donation towards the purchase of Grandma's House
- **Shirley H** for more excellent children's books and toys.
- **Joyce K.** for sharing vegetables and fruit
- **Bev W.** for beautiful clothes and linens; **Betty D** for clothes and linens.
- **Diana L.** for many useful items regularly donated. And toiletries from **Susan S.**
- **The Mayne Island Health Centre Association** for generous funds to assist our work.
- **Bev and Ed. MacK.** for two truck loads of furniture, lamps, and bedding and to **Wayne T.** and **Ed. F.** for taking the furniture to Victoria where it is needed.
- *Financial donations* from **Rhonda B.** of Cranbrook and **Lazlo B.**(for Tom's Chapel).
- **Yvette B.** and son for donations towards the purchase of Grandma's House.,
- **Sunny Mayne Bakery** for baked goods / soups / and other foods generously given.
- **Pat McG.** for more great loaves for enjoyment at St Francis Chapel celebrations.
- **Audrey and Alan S. , Michael B, Maxine** and others for pick up and delivery of donations. **Yvette** for networking with people in need; gathering gifts; and doing cartage.
- **Pender Island Cable and Internet** for high speed Internet at discount to our Society.
- **Monica** of **MonicaWorks** for regularly uploading to our site.
- **Judi W.** for sending out our notices to the Mayne Island list-serve.
- *All who have dropped off goods anonymously or whom we missed.* **We thank you all.**

In the Gulf Islands, Monetary gifts may be mailed to:

**VHES Box 8534, Victoria BC, V8W 3S1**

(With memo re usage)

Email: [grandmas@saltspring.com](mailto:grandmas@saltspring.com) Outside Victoria Society pager: 1-800-691-9366

On **Mayne and Outer Islands:** Tel: 539-5310 / 539-3286

For Houses in Victoria : **418-9997** For Sidney Houses: **361-2762**