

THE GIFT EXCHANGE

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Thank you for helping us to set up a new Grandma's House!

Our thanks to **The SSI Land Bank Society** for purchasing the new House with Community Grants and the generosity of individual donors.

Between the grants from **the Real Estate Foundation, the Regional Housing Trust Fund, and the Vancouver Foundation, donations from individuals and a Vancity mortgage**, the Land Bank raised \$295,000 of the needed \$345,000. The \$345,000 includes \$313,000 purchase price, fees, upgrades and the first year's insurance plus extra interest expenses.

The Land Bank needs to pay off the interest bearing loan used to complete the purchase. They need a further \$50,000.

If 500 people donated \$100, we'd be there. This is something that people can contribute to, that makes an instant difference to homelessness on SSI.

If you can help to repay this loan, please mail cheques directly to the Land Bank.

SSI Land Bank, 1115 Beaver Point Road, V8K 1X2

Any donation will be greatly appreciated. Charitable tax receipts will be issued.
More information neddy@saltspring.com or call (250) 653-4573

VHES Chapter on Salt Spring Island?

It has been suggested that a Chapter, rather than just a Branch, be set up on Salt Spring to oversee the Housing provided to local people by our Society. Anyone interested in exploring this issue or being on a local Board of Directors please contact Patricia at 1-800-1-9366



News from St Francis of Assisi Memorial Chapel, Mayne Island

Next Gathering to share spiritual gifts and to give support to those who are marginalized:

SUNDAY September 17--1.00pm -- 3.00pm

Everyone is welcome!

Please note: For those travelling from Swartz Bay: The Sunday morning ferry now leaves at 9.25am

arriving at Mayne at 11.45am. The return ferry is still 4.20pm, non-stop.
(This is the new schedule for the Fall/Winter)

It is suggested that picnic lunch be eaten on the ferry.

Dessert and coffee/tea at 12 noon in the house at 313 Mariners Way.

Ferry Tickets and car pooling available if needed.

More info: *Outside Victoria: --1-800-691-9366*

On Mayne Island-- Phone 539-5310 E mail: grandmas@saltspring.com

Many thanks for taking part in "the exchange of life's gifts"!

Over the past four months I have had the privilege to co-celebrate at the St. Francis of Assisi Memorial Chapel located on Mayne Island. In attendance are many of the people who volunteer and share their human gifts with those less fortunate who are beneficiaries of the overall generosity of The Victoria Human Exchange Society. The richness of our Celebrations is primarily due to the participation of those who are sheltered and supported by The Victoria Human Exchange Society, and their growth and development is evidence of the caring, compassion, and most importantly the unconditional love and acceptance they receive from the many dedicated volunteers who exchange their human gifts with them...

Jim Lauder

Also see the Mayne Island page (under Services) in the VHES Web-site: www.humanx.org
courtesy Monica Hogg of MonicaWorks.com.

Sincere thanks to:

- **The Anglican Parish Outreach** for their special fundraising effort and for regular gifts.
- **Kathy D.** for offer of chair and many items useful in the Salt Spring Houses. *Thanks for your patience Kathy as we tried to find a truck to pick up your gifts.*
- **Ganges Village Market** for Grocery Rebate and donations of baked goods.
- **Neddy** of the **Salt Spring Land Bank Society** for support of all kinds for those in need of transitional housing.
- **Macie P., Jamie, Dietrich** and *other volunteers* who assisted with move-in to the new Grandma's House. **Wayne T.** for cartage from Mayne Island.
- **Gulf Islands Upholstery Care** for cleaning rugs at the old Grandma's House at a discounted price. Thank you Lorne!
- **Mark S.** of Pender for regular donation to assist persons with mental illness.
- **Margaret B.** for monthly assistance with the rents through post-dated cheques
- **Margaret B., Diane P.** and **Irene C.** who always look out for items that we can use.
- **Embe Bakery** for baked goods picked up by **Betty B.**
- **Macie, Jean K.,** and **Joan** for picking up and distributing bread and baked goods.
- **Imagen** for continued Internet Access for our Gulf Islands Branches.
- **Copper Kettle** for referring people to the new Grandma's House.
- **Cathrine, Sanatta** and **Pat** for taking such good care of Bittancourt Manor.
- **Bill** for many kinds of maintenance jobs at the House.
- **Colleen B.** for being a very generous and supportive Owner of this House.
- **All** whose names we have missed but who have 'shared life's gifts'. **We thank you!**

MAYNE ISLAND BRANCH:

- **ALEA** and **Judi W.** for our monthly notices re local activities of the Human Exchange.
- **The Mayne Island LIONS CLUB,** through **Mike B.** for generous funds to assist our work.
- **Ken S** for roll-away bed. And for generous computer help. We miss you Ken!
- **Michele and Jim** for wonderful Chapel Gatherings, so empowering and nourishing.
- **Joanna W.** and the **Mayne Isl. Thrift Store** for bags of linens and children's clothes.
- **Sylvia I.** for fresh produce distributed to grateful occupants of Houses and others.
- **Shirley H** for more excellent children's books.
- **Joyce K.** for welcoming children to the Farm and for sharing vegetables and fruit
- **Diana L.** for many useful items regularly donated. And toiletries from **Susan S.**
- **Pat G.** for pick up and delivery of many gifts to the less materially fortunate.
- **Wayne T. , Robin C.** and **Ed. F.** for generous work and cartage to Houses.
- *Financial donations* :**Lazlo B** for Tom's Chapel;**Yvette B.;** **Patricia R.;** **Margaret. M.**
- **Sunny Mayne Bakery** for baked goods / soups / and other foods generously given.
- **Yvette B.** for travelling to Victoria weekly to assist with Linda Jim House and to give support to people in need. Also for gathering gifts; and doing cartage.
- **Pender Island Cable and Internet** for high speed Internet at discount to our Society.
- **Monica** of **MonicaWorks** for uploading newsletters and updating our site.
- **Errol F** for boxes of clothes, footwear and other items.
- *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 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**