



## Salt Spring Island & Mayne Island Branches

# GIFT EXCHANGE

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### SUPPORT FOR THE SSI LAND BANK SOCIETY

The Human Exchange has sent a letter of support to the **Land Bank Society** to use in it's efforts to create supportive housing on Salt Spring Island. We are most appreciative that we are able to rent Grandma's House from this very active and energetic group. In particular we thank Neddy Harris for all her efforts on behalf of homeless and low-income individuals and families.

### **Thrifty Food's Smile Card Program:**

Please remember to load your VHES Thrifty Foods card and use it when paying. Last year our transitional Housing benefited through total funds of \$1200. as a result of Smile Card use. This year, the limit is \$1500. So let's be sure to help the people who live in our houses by taking part. Smile cards may be requested through the Society's contact numbers.

### Things we would be glad to receive:

Art materials; curtains; bookcases; phone cards (House phones are toll restricted); store Gift cards; food.

**Much needed Donations of funds may be sent to: VHES, Box 8534 Victoria BC, memo-SSI Houses OR deposited in our CIBC Account on SSI -- #88 05210, with note to the Society as to where to send the tax receipt.**

**THANK YOU!**

### **Mayne Island Branch News:**

**Chapel of Saints Clare and Francis of Assisi:** *sharing gifts with those who are marginalized:*

\*\* Meditations are held in the Chapel regularly—phone for details.

\*\* *Monthly Gatherings* to share spiritual gifts and to give support to those who are marginalized.

\*\*Next All Day Silent Retreat with Lay Monk, Peter Renner: Sunday September 13th

Many thanks to all donors of furniture; electronics; clothing; linens; blankets; toiletries; toys; fruit and veggies and other items. Gifts may be shared with families and individuals by contacting:

On Mayne Island-- Phone 539-5310; Cell: 250-920-5056 E mail: [grandmas@saltspring.com](mailto:grandmas@saltspring.com)

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

### **SSI Island Branch: Our Sincere Thanks To:**

- **Rita D.** for gift of baking; **Emily H.** and the **CWL** for many gifts to the houses on SSI
- **Margaret B.** for art supplies; for items of all kinds—very helpful supplies for the Houses  
**Irene C.** for blankets; duvet and TV, and for distributing newsletters.
- **Kim and Sharon** for taking care of the Women's House and **Steve** for facilitating the Men's House. **Kim** for work at both houses.
- **Sharon and Kim** for promoting **Patrick Schnerch's** book on SSI. **The United Church** for having the book on sale at their Church Faire.
- Financial Gifts from **Margaret B., Irene C.; Mark S.** (monthly gift for people with mental illness).
- **The Salt Spring Foundation** for ongoing support and funds.
- **The Anglican Church Outreach** for very much appreciated funding
- **Counselors and staff of SS Community Services Society** for networking with us and for supporting our occupants. **Macie** for advice.
- **Thrifty Foods** for ongoing gifts; **GVM** for discounts/ tape program.
- **Derek S.** and **Jim A.** for assistance and use of vehicles to support the two houses.
- **Copper Kettle** for networking assistance. **Imagen** for much support.
- Our dedicated **Landlords** for their services and co-operation.

### **Mayne Island Branch: Our Sincere Thanks To:**

- **Sylvia I.** for Computer Components. **Kathy W. and Malcom S. at Remax** for toiletries and other gifts plus free photo copying.
- Financial Gifts from **Yvette B; Laszlo B., Pat R.** and **Chapel users.**
- **Joyce K.** for continued gifts of veggies and fruits and frozen meat.
- **MonicaWorks** for maintaining our Web-site and
- **Lina B.** for keeping us honest and supporting our endeavours.
- **Joanna W.,** and the **Mayne Isl. Thrift Store** for many gifts of blankets and linen.

All who have dropped off goods anonymously or whom we missed. **We thank you all.**

In the Gulf Islands, Monetary gifts (With memo re usage) may be mailed to:

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

Email: [grandmas@saltspring.com](mailto:grandmas@saltspring.com) Outside Victoria Society pager: **1-800-691-9366** [www.humanx.org](http://www.humanx.org)

Patricia's Cell: **250-920-5056**