



Salt Spring Island & Mayne Island Branches

GIFT EXCHANGE

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In this Season for giving, we thank those who have been giving all year round.

We are especially indebted to the Salt Spring Foundation, the Land Bank Society; the Island Opportunity Fund and the Anglican Church Outreach for improving the environment at Bittancourt Manor and Grandma's House for the men and women who need our type of transitional housing. Thanks to all those individual donors and businesses whose names are on page 4 and others who may have been missed.

VACANCIES EXIST AT OUR WOMEN'S TRANSITIONAL HOUSE ON SALTSRING ISLAND:

Criteria: Must be free from drugs and alcohol for at least 3 months.

The rent is \$375.00 inclusive for furnished room; \$450.00 inclusive for the furnished suite (when available).

Free laundry facilities; 3 washrooms; decks. NO storage; no male visitors.

If you need temporary housing (3 to 6 months) in a well maintained home which you will share with 4 other women, please contact: 1-800-691-9366.

Please remember to save your **Country Grocer tapes** for the SS Branch of the VHES. And please remember to use your VHES **Thrifty Foods gift card**.

Photo: The Santa Ship

The Santa Ship will soon arrive in the Gulf islands....

There are many families in the Islands who could do with some extra support this Christmas. We will be gathering gifts for children and sharing them with those parents who currently live in our houses who have visits with their children at Christmas time.

Please help us to provide this assistance:

Items needed include: toys for children;kitchen towels; bath towels; pots and pans;Christmas candies/fruit, toiletries .



If you are able to help with the ongoing endeavour to expand and improve our transitional housing services to homeless persons on Salt Spring Island and on Mayne Island please send your donation to:

VHES, Box 8534, Victoria BC, V8W 3S1

Every Meeting of persons can be an exchange of life's gifts – a Human Exchange.

SALTSPRING BRANCH -- SINCERE THANKS TO:

- **Island Opportunity Fund** for generous funds to assist with house maintenance and driveway.
- **The SS Foundation** for a further grant to upgrade and maintain Bittancourt Manor.
- **The Land Bank Society** for renovating Grandma's House to include a facilitator suite.
- The **CWL of OLOG** and the **Anglican Church Outreach** for financial support.
- **Financial Gifts: Mark S.** for monthly gift deposited to our account (for people living with mental illness); **Margaret B.** and **Betty B.** for funds; **Nancy W.** for generous donation and for beautiful art supplies.
- **Ken B.** for doing a great job on the driveway; **Russ H.** for painting and winterizing at the Women's House and for other maintenance tasks around the building.
- **Teresa F.** and **Macie P.** for cleaning rooms as necessary and all those occupants who have done their share to keep the houses clean and liveable.
- **Counselors and staff of SS Community Services Society** and the **Salt Spring Transition House** for networking with us and for supporting our occupants. **Food Bank** for being there!
- **Margaret B.** for financial support; lovely art work and many useful gifts, as well as monthly cheques to assist with rent.
- **Irene C.** for proceeds from your garage sale; supplies for the Houses, and for collecting **Country Grocer** tapes.

MAYNE ISLAND BRANCH – THANKS TO:

- Generous donations from **St Mary Magdalene church; the Agricultural Society/Thrift Store;** and from **ALEA Design and Print.** Special thanks **Colleen F.** for printing the brochures.
- Financial Gifts from **Laszlo B., Yvette B.** and **other Chapel users.**
- **Joyce K.** for continued gifts of veggies and fruits, kindly delivered. Also meat from your freezer to be enjoyed by several poor families.
- **MonicaWorks** for hosting our Web-site free; maintaining our Web-site and uploading the newsletter. **Lina B.** for accounting and much support and advice.
- **Pat R. and several other kind donors** for more gifts delivered to the door. **Donna** for gifts of toiletries and other items for Christmas. **Frances G** for couch and Chair.
- **Malcolm & Kathy at Remax** for photocopying; **Gulfport Realty** for free mail drop.
- *Whoever sends out Grocery gift cards for families with special needs.*
- *To those we have missed—Thank you and Happy Holidays/Christmas Blessings!*

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

VHES, Box 8534, Victoria BC V8W 3S1

Email: grandmas@saltspring.com Cell:250-920-5056 *Outside Victoria* pager: **1-800-691-9366**

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