



# Salt Spring Island & Mayne Island Branches GIFT EXCHANGE

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## History:



On Valentines Day 2015, we celebrated the birth of the Human Exchange. Twenty three years ago Stephen Glanville convened a gathering of people from different circumstances of life in the Fernwood Community Garden in Victoria to discuss homelessness and Poverty. Out of that sharing of ideas came the Victoria Human Exchange Society.

If people share life's gifts, the gap between haves and have-nots will be less which is why we work with Landlords, partners, people living in poverty/ homelessness to provide a family a friends where all are enriched in the sharing of gifts.

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## Sincere thanks to:

- ◆ Thrifty Foods for funds from Smile Cards and for turkey and trimmins for Christmas at Grandmas...
- ◆ Neddy of the SS Land Bank Society for always being ready to assist in creating more housing.
- ◆ SSI Community Services Society for counseling support for men at Grandma's.
- ◆ Catholic Women's League for supporting Grandma's House
- ◆ Country Grocer for grocery tapes cheque. And Irene C. for collecting and counting the tapes.
- ◆ Jordan L., facilitator of Grandma's House for supporting the occupants and making sure rents are paid. Also for volunteering at the homeless shelter In from the Cold.
- ◆ The Victoria Foundation through Vital People for supporting In from the Cold on Salt Spring Isl.

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## MAYNE ISLAND BRANCH - More Info: 250-539-5310.

- The Church of St Mary Magdalene for generosity to many at Christmas time.
- The Mayne Island Quilters' Guild for beautiful pillowslips created for women living in poverty.
- MonicaWorks for drawing attention to our VHES Branch and to the Mayne Island activities of the Society, resulting in more 'likes; for our facebook page; and Lina B. for continued accounting.
- Pauline M. for Christmas gifts to Mayne Islanders and many others and for further monthly financial gift. Diane S for offering donations of clothes and household items.

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