



Salt Spring Island & Mayne Island Branches GIFT EXCHANGE

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Grandma's House Report:

Grandma's House here on Salt Spring Island is currently providing five men with safe, stable housing! It is the only house here on the island that provides an affordable place for men to grow, and help each other heal in a drug and alcohol free environment. The guys are doing a great job of keeping the house clean and organized and are planning a work party for the yard, which needs some attention. The two men that have been at the house the longest, now have fairly steady employment, and are starting to think about finding long term housing. The youngest, newest arrival has already found work and continues to work towards his goal of going back to school this winter. The other two men have some medical issues that makes it hard for them to have steady employment, but both volunteer around the house, and are finding strength and support in their healing. All of us here at Grandma's House are very grateful for the safe and affordable shelter that V.H.E.S has made possible over the years, which enables men to support each other, and share their gifts with the community as a whole. *Jordan*

Sincere thanks to:

- ❖ All Businesses that support our **Grandma's House** on Salt Spring
- ❖ -Remember to use your **Smile Cards** when shopping at **Thrifty Foods**
- ❖ **Country Grocer** for grocery tapes cheque. And **Irene C.** for collecting and counting the tapes.
- ❖ **Margaret Mary B.** RIP, for generous bequest to SSI Branch.
- ❖ Many thanks to **Neddy** of the **SS Land Bank Society . Catholic Women's League; Nancy W., Irene C., Diana D., Stephen G., Sally K., Diane P.** for all your support.
- ❖ **Jordan L.**, generous and hard working Facilitator; **AA and NA** members and **Community Services Counselors** for supporting the men at **Grandma's House**.



Tim and the Birthday cake

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