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Report from Nanaimo Branch Board member – Debbie Scott

All in all things are going fairly well. At **Esther's House**, we did have to let one fellow go in December, not because we could prove he was using, though we were 99% sure he was, but more due to incompatibility. For several months we attempted to work with him but in the end it just wasn't working. So for January there were only 5 with a new person moving in at weeks end. The rest of the residents in that house are getting on well.

Craig at Esther's House is already getting his garden lined up for the season. I hope he doesn't get a nasty surprise from Mother Nature.

At **Mary Gordon**, there are currently 4 residents with with possibly 2 more moving in this month from NCC. Eli is the new facilitator at Mary Gordon, he is doing a great job. The house is spotless. A co-worker donated a dining room set, with 6 chairs, huge table, china cabinet, dishwasher and kitchen range as well as some blankets for a tax receipt in the amount of \$700. A fair price for the truck of furniture. The donation came just in time as the kitchen range at Mary Gordon was not working properly so thus solved that problem and also provided a table & chairs for Tim's new home. It also left a few pieces to place in storage for other needs.

I have also taken on another quest if you will. My daughter sent me information about Angel Dresses. It is a Canada wide project.

If you Google "**BC Angel Dresses**" <http://www.october15.ca/taking-action/baby-gowns/> you'll see what a great cause.

They also have a Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BCAngelDresses/members/>

Basically women donate wedding gowns, grad gowns etc, and these dresses are remade into tiny gowns that are donated to hospitals to be given free of charge to families losing small children up to 2 years of age. These dresses are made to fit from 1 lb on up. They were looking for seamstresses so I jumped in. I love to sew and such a worthy cause. When a family is going through a loss like this the last thing they need is to have to go shopping to find appropriate dress. I received my 1st 2 wedding gowns the other day. I took them apart after washing them. They are now ready to make into usable gowns for these



What a beautiful example of sharing life's gifts. Congratulations Debbie!

Every Meeting of persons can be an Exchange of Life's Gifts – a Human Exchange.