

KAMLOOPS HOMELESSNESS ACTION PLAN

WHAT'S HAPPENING FOR
HOMELESSNESS ACTION WEEK OCT 10-16 2010

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October 2010

UNITED WAY PUCK DROP AT THE BLAZER'S GAME

MONDAY OCTOBER 11TH 2PM
INTERIOR SAVINGS CENTRE, MEET CATHY MCLEOD!

DONATION AND INFO STATIONS

Donations of hygiene items: toothbrushes/paste, combs/brushes, soap, feminine hygiene products, razors/shaving cream, deodorant, chap stick

NORTH HILLS MALL THURS OCT 14TH 3-9PM
SAHALI CENTRE MALL FRI OCT 15TH 10AM-4PM
ABERDEEN MALL SAT OCT 16TH 10AM-4PM

MIDDAY SHOW 12:00 NOON CFJC-TV

WED OCT 13TH INTRODUCTION TO THE PLAN
THUR OCT 14TH FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE
FRI OCT 15TH HOMELESS COUNT 2010

HOMELESS COUNT - ASK WELLNESS - OCT 22ND 2010

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS OCT 13TH & 20TH
ASK WELLNESS - 433 TRANQUILLE RD - 5PM

WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION: IN THE ECHO, THE KAMLOOPS DAILY NEWS, KAMLOOPS THIS WEEK, CFJC-TV, & ON COUNTRY 103.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- SUPPORT EVENTS THAT RAISE MONEY FOR THE HOMELESS
- LEARN MORE ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS AT WEBSITES LIKE Canadian Mental Health Association
- BECOME A FOSTER PARENT
- LEARN WAYS TO PREVENT ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION IN YOUR FAMILY
- RAISE AWARENESS / MONEY FOR HOMELESS INITIATIVES THROUGH YOUR WORKPLACE OR SOCIAL / CHURCH GROUP
- ENCOURAGE THE GOVERNMENT TO CREATE MORE SUBSIDIZED, LOW-RENT, & SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNITS, & WELCOME THESE INTO YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD
- CONDUCT A "RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS" EVERY DAY
- ASK YOUR SCHOOL TRUSTEES TO INCLUDE EDUCATION ON HOMELESSNESS IN SCHOOLS

PLEASE JOIN US IN THANKING THE NEW LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The HAP Leadership Council will assist in making the HAP goals reality by carrying initiatives forward into the community and to the various levels of government. Pictured above: Cathy McLeod, MP, representing the Federal Government. Ray Jolicoeur, Kamloops This Week, representing the Non-Profit Community. Terry Lake, MLA, Kevin Krueger, MLA, representing the Provincial Government. Kelly Fawcett, Property Manager, representing the Private Housing Market. Patsy Bourassa, Executive Officer, Canadian Home Builders' Association, representing the Construction Community. Christopher Phillips, Executive Director, Interior Indian Friendship Society, representing the Kamloops Working Group on Homelessness. Nathan Lane, Executive Director of the TRU Students Union, representing Kamloops' Youth. Not pictured; representatives from the Kamloops Business Community, the Aboriginal Community, the Labour Community, the Municipality, the Faith Community, and the Homeless Community.



Cathy McLeod



Ray Jolicoeur



Terry Lake



Kevin Krueger



Kelly Fawcett



Patsy Bourassa



Christopher Phillips



Nathan Lane

The **HOMELESSNESS ACTION PLAN** is an attempt to build on past successes and establish a road map for future victories in the battle against homelessness. The Plan has an ambitious goal: to end homelessness in Kamloops by 2015. This Plan is the work of many dedicated professionals, landlords, business-owners, government officials, outreach workers, homeless individuals, and other citizens of our community. It will require all these and more to move forward with the recommendations that form the basis of this plan. It is now time to harness our energies, to gather the necessary resources, and to work together on one of the most important issues that our community faces.



**CANADIAN MENTAL
HEALTH ASSOCIATION**



Wellness Centre



WATCH FOR UPDATES ON THE LATEST HAP INITIATIVES:

THE LOCAL HOUSING BOARD : The Local Housing Board will be a community led advisory and research board comprised of representatives from the City of Kamloops, non-profit agencies, private businesses, community service organizations, landlords, property owners, provincial agencies, local developers, and non-affiliated residents.

KAMLOOPS OUTREACH WORKERS UNITE! The HAP will assist local agencies that provide outreach services by facilitating weekly information sessions. The information sessions will be for those providing support services to homeless and at-risk individuals. The sessions are designed to eliminate gaps and overlaps between support agencies, while efficiently and confidentially sharing information amongst Outreach, Support, Fire, Safety and Health Care providers.

KAMLOOPS HOUSING INVENTORY: In order for us to fully understand the extent of the problem we need to measure our successes. HAP research assistant Amy Berard is working on updating the Housing Inventory with the latest version due for release at the end of October 2010. You can view the current version at www.accesskamloops.org, the updated version will also be available at www.kamloopshap.ca. If you have any suggestions for the inventory please email Amy at research@kamloopshap.ca or contact the HAP office.

NEW COORDINATOR APPOINTED FOR THE HAP PLAN

*Together, we can end
homelessness.*



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Tangie Genshorek graduated from high school in Kamloops in 1990 and has researched Homelessness and Affordable Housing in Canada, Asia and Europe. She completed a B.A. with a Major in Urban Studies at the University of Calgary in 2004, and went on to complete her Master of Architecture Degree at the University of Toronto in 2008. Both degrees focused on the process of creating affordable housing in an urban environment.

Tangie has had many opportunities to live across Canada and abroad and this makes her especially proud to be able call Kamloops her home town. She has lived in Kamloops and had family in the city since 1982, she understands the nature and the potential of Kamloops, and she offers a fresh and informed perspective on the plans for city improvement. Tangie brings a wealth of research and passion to the Homelessness Action Plan. With personal experience and theoretical knowledge, she plans to instigate the significant changes required to meet our goal of ending homelessness in Kamloops in the next 5 years.

Please feel free to contact her with any ideas or questions.