

OUR PROGRAMS

John Howard

JOHN HOWARD SOCIETY
of the North Okanagan/Kootenay Region of BC



Transitional Housing:

Provides 14 single rooms to low-income men needing a stable environment for \$600 per month. Shared washroom and showers, free laundry & cable, all meals included, additional support services (medical and dental, may be available depending on need and resources).

Addiction Recovery Program:

Provides supported housing with 9 beds for men who are recovering from problematic substance abuse. A Harm Reduction model is used with the goal of eventual abstinence. Support is provided by individual and group counseling. Integration through volunteering and community activities is encouraged. Once the client is stabilized in recovery, transitional plans are made to find permanent housing and secure further supports.

WorkFirst

Employment and life skills assistance for men who are homeless, at risk of being homeless, or have been in conflict with the law and need assistance to overcome their barriers to employment. WorkFirst staff can help clients explore employment and training/upgrading options, build a resume, search for employment, and prepare for interviews. Life skills services include: budgeting, anger management, grooming, presentation skills, and addictions recovery as well as one-on-one and small group sessions.

Homeless Outreach Program:

Street-level outreach to single adults and families who are homeless or at risk of being homeless and need assistance to find affordable housing. The Homeless Outreach Worker serves individuals, couples and families who may be living outside or in temporary circumstances and connects them with appropriate services. The Program seeks to match willing landlords with clients in need of housing.



Barb Levesque (Left), Bill Hesketh (M) and Pat Hesketh (R) celebrated over 50 years of John Howard residential service at a community barbecue on October 7, 2009



MEN'S SHELTERS —VERNON

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Our mission is:

To promote and lead effective, just, and humane responses to the causes and consequences of crime and poverty by working directly with individuals, service providers and the broader community. We recognize the realities of poverty, class, racism, social isolation, past trauma, discrimination and other social factors that contribute to homelessness.

Join Us:

We welcome the participation of citizens to make a difference in the lives of the homeless. Society memberships are available for \$2/year and members are eligible to attend and vote at Annual General Meetings.

If you are interested in volunteering or becoming a member of our Board, please contact us. Call the Executive Director to discuss your participation: 250-542-4041 or info@jhsnok.ca

Our Core Values:

As an affiliate of the John Howard Society of Canada, we abide by the following core values and principles:

People have the right to live in a safe and peaceful society as well as a responsibility implied by the right to respect the law.

Every person has intrinsic worth and the right to be treated with dignity, equity, fairness and compassion without discrimination.

All people have the potential to become responsible citizens.

Every person has the right and the responsibility to be informed about, and involved in, the criminal justice process.

Justice is best served through measures that resolve conflicts, repair harm, and restore peaceful relations in society.

Independent, autonomous non-government voluntary organizations have a vital role in the criminal justice process.

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Shelter Services:



JHS Men's Shelter (Howard House):

We provide 24-hour, safe, high barrier (no drugs or alcohol on-site, not visibly intoxicated), temporary shelter for adult men. There are 24 beds (16 bed dormitory and 4 rooms with 2 beds each). On-site services provided include: 3 meals a day (with bagged lunches provided for men working or away from the shelter during the day); free laundry, showers, TV room and small library, free clothing (new and used), and all toiletries. Case managers assist each client. Also on-site: WorkFirst Employment Program, computer resource room, AA and NA group meetings, access to some dental and medical support.

Gateway Shelter for Men and Women:

Provides 24 hour, safe, minimal barrier (intoxication not a reason for refusing entry) shelter beds (dormitory) for 13 adult men and 12 adult women. Separate floors and support services for men and women. Women's services are provided by the Vernon Women's Centre. Free laundry and showers on both floors and in the basement resource room. Residents access on-site case planning, visits from community-based support workers. AA and NA meetings and referral to other support services. Limited stay; call men's or women's services for details.

