

Campaign to Keep the North Youth Safe House Open

North Shore – The North Shore Service Club Committee to keep the North Shore Youth Safe House Open will be hitting the malls and shopping centres on the North Shore on October 19, 20, and 21. They will be asking North Shore residents to sign a petition asking the provincial government to join them in partnership by providing on-going operational funding for the Youth Safe House. The committee will also be presenting to the District of North Vancouver Council on October 15.

The Youth Safe House will be opening its doors again for our most vulnerable youth on November 15. A great many concerned North Shore citizens have come forward to lend assistance in making this possible.

- A generous individual, who wishes to remain anonymous, has provided the first full year of operating expenses totaling \$385,000.
- The North Shore Service Clubs are active in the renovations to the house to bring it up to standards necessary to meet licensing standards. They have provided both funding (totaling \$33,500) and work crews providing labour and materials to move the project forward.
- Many businesses have donated their time, skills and, in some cases, materials to renovate the facility (an estimated value of \$50,000). The volunteer services are being co-coordinated by Barclay Restorations and include companies like Bender Painting, Concept One Flooring, Robertson Floors, MVP Plumbing, Urban Finishing Ltd., and Wespac Electric, and Kenroc Supplies.
- Many other business have provided additional support: Econo Storage, Edgemont Movers, iBusiness Vantage and DDB Canada. .
- The District of North Vancouver has provided a community lease to the operator at \$1 per year (lost revenue of \$22,000 per year) and has donated staff time and \$25,000 in funding for necessary renovations to the house.
- Many unsolicited donations have been received from school and church groups.

The new operator of the Safe House will be Hollyburn Family Services. They have been providing quality counseling and support services to children, youth, families and seniors, who are experiencing difficulties coping in their daily lives on the North Shore since 1990.

The North Shore Service Committee consists of members from the four North Shore Rotary Clubs, the Seymour Lions Club, and Soroptomists International.

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