#### Community response to housing insecurity and homelessness in East Vancouver

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## Agenda

- Collingwood one example
- Partnerships
- Current Activities
- Past Projects and resources
- Potential for neighbourhood house involvement
- Q & A

#### Collingwood Neighbourhood House: community development in Vancouver

- 2003 Morning Star breakfast program starts
- 2005 Showers and clothing added
- Community partners joined with CNH to form the Renfrew-Collingwood Homeless Committee
- 2008 outreach and rent supplements
- 2012 rent bank further integration

# **Community Partnerships**

- Collingwood Neighbourhood House
- Collingwood Community Policing Centre
- Renfrew Park Community Association
- Evergreen Community Health Centre
- St Nicholas & Dimitros Greek Orthodox
- First Lutheran Church
- St. Mary's Church
- Windermere Family of Schools
- G&F Financial Credit Union
- UBC Nursing Program
- Individual residents

### **Funding Partnerships**

- Collingwood Neighbourhood House (United Way)
- BC Housing (Outreach and rent supps)
- City of Vancouver (HAW)

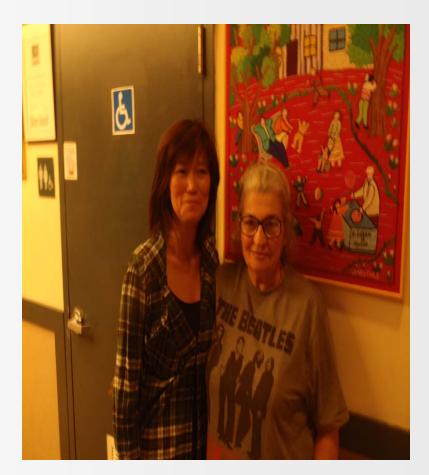
# **Morning Star Program**

•Breakfast and bag lunches for 70-90 individuals

•Showers – from 6-16 participants

Clothing and toiletries

•UBC Nursing Students and Evergreen Nurse Clinician



**Outreach Services and Rent Supplements** 

Outreach at work: Worked with a 49 year old man, to coordinate health, income and shelter supports to assist in housing stabilization

# Community Development and Advocacy

#### Agency service issues

- Within our own multi-use agencies
- With other service providers
- With broader Renfrew-Collingwood neighbourhood
- With government and funders

### **Previous Projects**

You Count Renfrew-Collingwood

A community homeless count

- 140 community volunteers
- 8 people on the street
- 57 "hidden homeless"
- Led to future actions by RCHC

www.cnh.bc.ca/homelesscount.htm

HOW RENFREW COLLINGWOOD RESPONDED COLLABORATIVELY TO HOMELESSNESS TO CREATE INCLUSIVITY IN AN EVOLVING NEIGHBORHOOD

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#### **Previous Projects**

#### Inter-Schools Competition

Friendly
competition
amongst
elementary and
secondary
schools on
ideas to address
homelessness





Cory Leung, Windermere High **School Student Council accepts HAW 2010 Declaration from Gregor Robertson**, Mayor City of Vancouver

#### Neighbourhood house support

Food Security Housing Development Vancouver Rent Bank Funding to support community development

### Neighbourhood Houses and homelessness

New York and Toronto involvement

Metro Vancouver neighbourhood houses ready for action: Building Welcoming and Inclusive Neighbourhoods (BWIN)

#### **Challenges and Next Steps**

- The Neighbourhood House approach
- Raising awareness about integrated services
- Creating awareness and education opportunities for community members around homelessness

# Thank You