

Working to Solve Homelessness:

Phoenix Centre



Opened in April 2007, and located in Surrey, the Phoenix Centre is an integrated addiction treatment facility dealing with the interconnected problems of addiction and homelessness in the community. Its focus is on building assets and strengths rather than focusing on deficits.

The residential addiction services program accommodates 28 individuals. Its focus is on stabilization and change from an addiction-based lifestyle to a recovery-based lifestyle. Residents are provided substance misuse awareness and education, relapse prevention skills, health promotion skills, personal health care coaching, stress management, emotional management training and more.

The Phoenix Centre offers a 36 unit transitional housing program where residents can extend their stay while they work with program co-ordinators on individually tailored back to work, education and independent community living action plans.

The Centre stresses the importance of community, recognizing that people need to belong in both a physical and social sense. The Centre has assembled resources and opportunities to develop the capacity of individuals to participate productively in the community and the workforce, through career planning, education, training, employment assistance, and safe housing, and by building social capital through volunteerism, leisure and recreation activities, and leadership development.

The Phoenix Centre is operated by the Phoenix Drug & Alcohol Recovery & Education Society, a registered charity, started in 1992. Its mission is to encourage and assist British Columbians in achieving personal, family and community health free from substance misuse.

The Society also expresses its mission by engaging in community capacity building and partnering with governments, educational institutions, community service organizations, financial institutions and businesses to create healthy, safe and vibrant communities. In 2004, it was awarded the VanCity Award – a \$1 Million dollar grant that was instrumental in achieving the fundraising targets to build the Phoenix Centre.

For more information about the Phoenix Centre and the Phoenix Society visit: www.phoenixsociety.com

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