



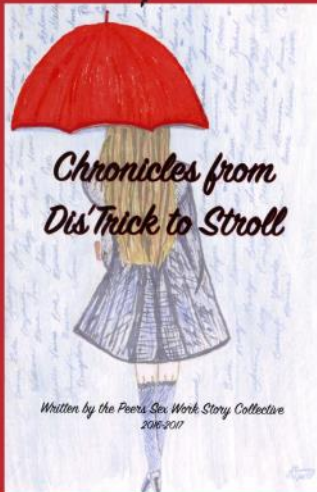
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## Summer 2017

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the funders who are supporting our programs in 2017: Province of BC, Canada, Island Health, United Way, MAC AIDS Fund, Green Shield Canada, Capital Regional District, and the City of Victoria. I would also like to thank all the individual donors who helped us meet and exceed our fundraising goal in honor of Jannit Rabinovitch, as well as those who help us throughout the year. We feel proud of the services we offer. We are able to support participants seven days a week at various times of the day, both at our offices and in the community. We provide a listening ear, meals, clothing, safer sex and harm reduction supplies and we can respond when people need someone to take them for health care, find affordable housing, look for work/start a business, respond to a safety concern, or access a scholarship for school or training. We have a growing array of group education and recreation events for the Peers community, and we are able to partner with other organizations doing similar work to strengthen our collective response. While there is always room for growth, I believe we offer a strong, responsive continuum of services here at Peers Victoria, and we are able to do this because of the funders and donors who agree that what we are doing is important. From all of us at Peers, a sincere and heartfelt thank you! — Rachel Phillips, Executive Director

### Book for Sale



A book of sex worker stories written by current and former sex workers on Lekwungen and W̱SÁNEĆ homelands in Victoria, BC.

For Sale at Peers Victoria Resources Society,  
744 Fairview Rd. Victoria, BC.  
Monday-Thursday 11:00am-2:30pm.  
or via email at [rjmckay@uvic.ca](mailto:rjmckay@uvic.ca)

\$10-\$15 Suggested Donation + Shipping if Applicable.  
All proceeds will be used towards further programs for Peers participants.

Rachelle (centre), one of our practicum students, recently completed her Masters of Indigenous Governance, for which she compiled the book *Chronicles from Dis'Trick to Stroll*. Also pictured: Rachelle's thesis advisor Jeff (left) and IGOV members Devi (far right) and Cheryl (Back).



Pick up your copy of *Chronicles from Dis'Trick to Stroll*, a collection of stories by current and former sex workers, about sex work. The stories were collected by Rachelle during group sessions and interviews with Peers participants.



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**We would like to extend  
a huge thank you to  
Serve the City, who  
spent time and elbow  
grease cleaning the  
Drop-In Centre kitchen  
in early June!**



Bobby, our Men's and Trans' outreach worker, and board member Sadie Forbes at the Federal Justice Committee round table event, which took place in Vancouver, in May.

In May, Claire, one of our Masters of Indigenous Governance practicum students, presented her thesis and final project at Peers. She is shown here with Chaw-win-is, Lacey, Claire, Taiaiake, Rachel & Bobby.



We're pleased to welcome Devon to our Housing Support team! Devon has volunteered with Peers for a number of years, and will now be working with Casey (right) finding homes for participants who are currently homeless, and those who require support maintaining their housing.





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Every second Wednesday, Bella comes to Peers to offer her reflexology services to the participants. Her dog Cookie often comes along to brighten our day.

Our volunteers and participants enjoying Beauty Day, and the selection of fun nail polish. During this bimonthly program offering, participants can have their hair done and receive a reflexology treatment.



Sharon was one of our practicum students, with us through May and June. She recently completed her program at Camosun, and was a familiar face in the drop-in and outreach programs.



Bobby and Kimiwan prepare the meal for our Indigenous Perspectives Working group meeting.





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Our practicum student, Erika, and participant John show off the thriving garden box in front of Peers.

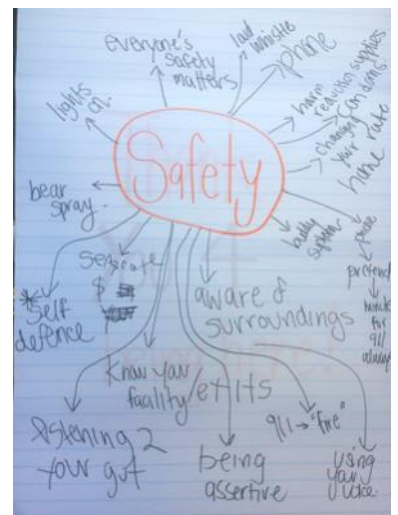
Thanks to the hard work of many, the box is filled with ripe strawberries, chives and an assortment of herbs.



Shirley and Tina out with our summer drop-in Walking Group. The group strolls around Peers' Esquimalt neighbourhood.



A warm welcome to Quin, the newest staff member with our Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program. Quin was part of the recent Peers Safety Workshop, offered to participants of the Night Outreach Program.





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