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Winter 2017

Happy Holidays! I would like to take a moment as the year closes to thank all the donors and funders, staff, volunteers, program participants, and community supporters for making Peers Victoria a vibrant service and social justice community that is contributing to positive social change for people in the sex industry.

— Rachel Phillips, Executive Director



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Please help Peers Victoria with our Holiday Gift Bag Drive!

Prepare a gift bag choosing one of three content themes.

We are hoping to give out 150 gift bags in total. Get together with friends and co-workers and make a few bags or pick one. Every bag counts!

Please drop off bags by December 15, 2017 to Peers Victoria 1-744 Fairview Road, Monday to Thursday 10:30-3:00 p.m., or contact admin@peers.bc.ca to arrange pick up or alternate delivery. 250.388.5325 ext. 110

1 The Snack Bag:

Chocolate, cereal, crackers/chips/cookies, hot chocolate, candy, jerky/pepperoni, granola bars (any non-perishable snack foods).
**We expect this one to be popular, so if in doubt, go with this.

2 The Cozy Bag:

Blanket OR PJ's (M to XL), chocolate, shower/bath Product
**All genders and all sizes welcome, but most program participants identify as women—please label bag tag with size.

3 The Weather Bag:

Socks, gloves, hand warmers (such as hot shots), disposable rain poncho, umbrella, chocolate.

**If possible, please put gifts in recyclable paper gift bags or reusable grocery bags.*



Chris, Lacey and Meghan are pictured here following a traditional ceremony to send Lacey with gratitude on to her new role at the University of Victoria's School of Indigenous Education.



We enjoyed a staff and volunteer potluck picnic this summer at Tillicum-Gorge park.

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Board members Annalee and Leah at Victoria Pride!



Red Umbrella Day

International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers is coming up on December 17th 2pm Bastion Square and 2:45 City Hall Antechamber. Come join this community event where we share a meal, witness inspiring talks and performances and renew our commitments to ending violence.



We enjoyed a poutine and onion ring cake to celebrate the completion of Vanessa Oliver's Addictions & Community Services Worker Diploma practicum with Peers. Poutine cake was a hit!



Thank you to Erika Lai (UVic, Child and Youth Care) and Rachelle McKay (Indigenous Governance) for their work at Peers this summer. We have a lot of cake at Peers!



Peers participated in UVic Sexual Violence Awareness Week in September. Vanessa is pictured here at our information table.

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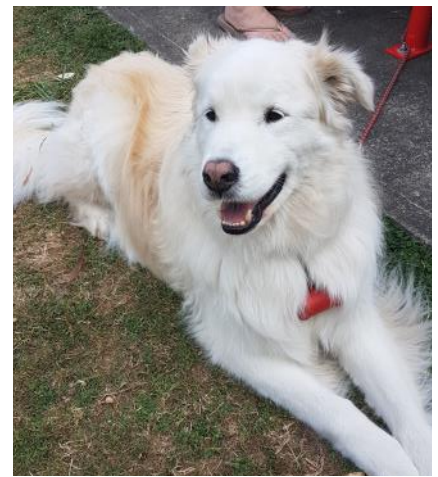
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A heartfelt thanks to the Rainbow Kitchen for donating produce to Peers and for cooking a hot dinner for our Night Outreach van each week. Program participants really welcome the hot meals, especially this time of year.



Peers held our annual lake day this summer for staff and program participants and families. Here are some of the little ones who attended.



No newsletter is complete without one of the Peers' dogs. This beauty is Bear, fur-child of practicum student Sharon who we welcomed to the team as a casual staff after the completion of the practicum for her Mental Health and Addictions certificate through Camosun College.



Holiday Dinner

Our annual holiday dinner for participants and staff, volunteers and loved ones is coming up on December 15th at 5:30pm. Hosted by Peers Victoria and the Esquimalt United Church at the Rainbow Kitchen.



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