



TRANSITION TIMES

Violence Free Communities

Ann Davis Transition Society
9046 Young Road, Chilliwack

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New Digs

ADTS is happy to be in our new digs at 9046 Young Road! The move has awarded us plenty more room to breath, with the downstairs slated for donations, youth support and administration and the upstairs allotted to adult counselling, advocacy and groups.

ADTS runs many different programs for women, children and men. They include: anger management, boundary setting, art therapy, teen groups, and more. For a full list of our services please call, or come and visit us in our new office.



Gleaners

ADTS has been fortunate to build a new relationship with Gleaners, a group of volunteers who collect excess fruits and vegetables from local farmers, and bring them to our office to share with our clients.

So far the gleaners have given: corn, squash, beets, apples, blueberries, hazelnuts, pumpkins and more.

Ho, Ho, Ho

Merry Christmas everyone! It's that time of year when our time is spent with friends and family. We celebrate by exchanging gifts and eating traditional family dinners. One tradition my family here at ADTS likes to abide by, is to help others, at this time of the year and all year long.

To make it easier, we have some suggestions of what you can do to help.

We are always in need of volunteers. In particular, right now we are looking for a person to work 3 to 4 hours, one Sunday a month at bingo and we are looking for a handy person. Please call our volunteer coordinator, Val Winters to ask where you are needed most.

We have a few small items for sale that would make great stocking stuffers, starting with our cookbook, with recipes compiled by staff, board members and clients. We also have hand-made booties and baby work socks and tranquil sounds CD's.

Monetary donations help ADTS keep our doors open.

Ann Davis Transition Society helps over 1,000 people a year, over half of them are children.

News

News about news! We are publishing quarterly. Look for the next edition March 2011

Ann's Attic

ADTS small donations program is well under way and busy. In our office we keep the donation room doors open the same hours as the office hours. In the room we store clothing, linens and small household items. A new branch of Ann's Attics is our furniture placement program. The program has grown increasingly busy and has helped many women get set up in their new digs.

"The furniture program is beneficial to the recipients and the donors because the stuff is picked up and delivered by a great team of volunteers, which alleviates the hassle for both parties," says Ericka Meyer, program coordinator.

If you or anyone you know would like to donate furniture or small household items, please call ADTS on Wednesday and Thursday, or leave a message for Ericka.

Welcome!

We extend a hardy welcome to our new Board members and our two interns. All of who have all been working hard to help keep ADTS running smoothly.

Joining the Board, we have: Kathy Clement, Jennifer Feinberg and Tanya Hearnden.

Temporarily joining our counseling team, learning from some wise elders, are Marvin and Natalie, both a welcome addition to our team.

Last but not least, another mentionable welcome is Heather's, new baby girl. Heather is one of our newest counselors and she is off on maternity leave.

Y.E.S.! Another Success

Y.E.S. (Youth Extra Support) summer program is for teens aged 13-16 who could use some extra guidance with life-skills, including: communication skills, interview techniques, anger management and work ethics. The program is a mixture of fun, work and learning.

Summer 2020, leaders Darcie, Ericka and Steve were host to two groups who had such opportunities as: touring the fire hall, the S.P.C.A., the Stave Lake Hydro Dam, and a farm. Some of their work experiences included: clearing blackberry brambles at the heron park, helping us move to our new office, painting in the office and in the parking lot and planting cranberries and zucchini on the farm.

The leaders were able to assess the different needs of the two groups and tailor the program accordingly. "I was amazed to see how the needs of each group varied and how flexible in our planning we had to be," says, Ericka, who was new to Y.E.S. Over-all, all of the children benefited from the groups; some even said it was the best summer they ever had.

