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The Soup Kitchen leaves legacy at Our Place

Charity club donates \$5,000 after one year on Pandora

VICTORIA, B.C. – After spending the last year serving hearty soups for breakfast at Our Place on Pandora, the Soup Kitchen is celebrating its return home with a donation to its hosts of \$5,000.

The Soup Kitchen, formally known as the 9-10 Club, has been running a daily soup kitchen out of the St. Andrew’s Cathedral for 32 years, but had to move out last year when the cathedral began extensive renovations. Rather than stop service, the Soup Kitchen volunteers approached Our Place and a unique partnership was formed.

“Our Place came to our rescue,” says Richard Marshall, Chair of the soup kitchen’s board of directors. “The mission offered us free use of the dining hall — and the reception from staff was incredible. We didn’t know what to expect when we first arrived, but it far exceeded any expectations we had. This experience serves as a great example of how two similar organizations can work together to support common goals.”

“It really was our pleasure,” says Don Evans, executive director of Our Place. “Anything that benefits the most vulnerable citizens of our community has our support. With a little bit of shuffling over the last 13 months, we were happy to help The Soup Kitchen and its guests find a home at Our Place.”

To thank Our Place for its generosity, the Soup Kitchen board has donated \$5,000 toward a new bussing station in the Dining Hall at Our Place.

“A bussing station will make life much easier for all concerned,” says Marshall. “Hopefully this donation will help kick-start funding for this project’s early completion.”

Total cost of the bussing station will be \$15,000, and donations can be made at www.ourplacesociety.com or by phone at 250-388-7112.

The Soup Kitchen operates from 8:30am to 10am, Monday through Friday at St. Andrew’s Cathedral, 740 View Street. Donations can be made to The 9-10 Club Serving Soup to the Hungry.

Our Place is a unique inner-city community centre serving Greater Victoria’s most vulnerable: working poor, impoverished elderly, mentally and physically challenged, addicted and the homeless. Individuals and businesses provide the majority of financial support for its programs and services. Our Place provides over 1,500 meals per day, hot

showers, education, job skills, free clothing, counseling and outreach services, plus 45 transitional housing units. Most importantly, it provides a sense of hope and belonging to our neighbours in need.

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