

SANCTUARY YOUTH CENTRE NEWS & STORIES



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At times, the needs of our youth and city seem overwhelming. But, then I am reminded that I have only to concern myself with Jesus' agenda and the agenda of investing in and working with the leaders around me. Jesus left his disciples with both instruction and an example to that effect. He said, "make disciples of all nations". And he modelled it in investing in 12 disciples and women followers. Jesus' principle of working with them can be summed up with the phrase, "for the sake of many, invest in a few". And with that, Jesus overturned the then known Roman world! Please join us in praying that our investment in current and future leaders has the broadest impact on the youth we serve. - Darin Reimer (Executive Director)

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

We had a wonderfully busy and exciting festive season last month. We kicked off the holidays on December 14th with a joyful Christmas brunch, bringing together our staff and volunteers. Many games were played and prizes were won! The following week, we shared a scrumptious Christmas dinner with our youth. Amidst the holiday bustle, we also took some of our youth ice skating at Juan de Fuca and made sure to experience the magical Christmas lights at Butchart Gardens. Thank you to our awesome youth committee for filling our schedule with fun!



SANCTUARY YOUTH BAKE SALE

On December 15th, our youth committee hosted a successful bake sale at Lambrick Park Church to raise funds for upcoming youth outings and to support future life skills' courses for our youth. Thanks to the generosity of those who baked delicious treats and the wonderful support from the Lambrick Park Church community, we were able to raise \$890. We deeply appreciate everyone's contributions and support in making this fundraiser a success!

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

We are excited to introduce Brad Yeo! Originally from South Africa, Brad moved to Canada two years ago with his wife, Cindy, and their two children, Maia (3 years old) and Logan (19 months). Brad works at Trinity Church, where he oversees youth and young adult programs. His greatest passion is working with young people, empowering them to overcome challenges and achieve their full potential. Over the past 1.5 years, we have been fortunate to witness Brad's unwavering dedication to supporting our youth through his volunteer work. Thank you, Brad, for your time, energy, and commitment to making a difference in the lives of our youth!



BACKPACK GIVEAWAY

We had a fantastic time at our Backpack Giveaway last month. We had about 35 youth stop by to collect their backpacks, each filled with a variety of different items (as shown in the pictures). To make the event even more special, we were blessed with a surprise visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus. We had a great time! Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped to make this event possible.

DONOR APPRECIATION

We are truly overwhelmed by the incredible generosity we've witnessed over the past month! A BIG thank you to everyone who has contributed to Sanctuary Youth Centre. Thanks to your help, we are excited to make much of 2025! As a reminder, the Government of Canada has extended the deadline for 2024 charitable donations to February 28, 2025, so there's still time to make your donation for this year.

Number of Contributions (per month)

