Celebrate Giving Tuesday

ivingTuesday is on November 29, and it's the world's largest generosity movement. Whether it's making someone smile, helping a stranger, or giving to those who need our help, every act of generosity counts, and everyone has something to give.

On GivingTuesday, we encourage you to consider the needs of your less fortunate neighbours, whom we call our family members at Our Place. This year, proceeds from GivingTuesday donations will go towards the Hope Fund. This is an "emergency" fund that Our Place staff can access on behalf of our family members for items that go over and above what they can afford, but are necessities for moving forward in a healthy way. During the past year, the Hope Fund was used for:

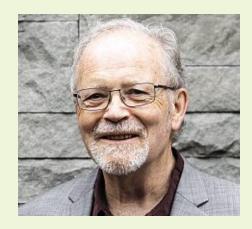
- An eye exam
- Medication for a pet
- Food Safe certification for a job
- First aid training
- Supplies for job interviews
- Birth certificates for proper ID

The Hope Fund was created in honour of Jill Cater, a strong and courageous woman who touched the lives of so many of at Our Place. Jill was an inspiration to everyone who met her. From living on the streets and becoming addicted to heroin, Jill never gave up. With the help of Our Place, and through her own incredible determination, Jill became a community leader through her work at S.O.L.I.D. (Society of Living Illicit Drug Users), volunteering at Our Place, and even serving on the Our Place Board of Directors. Sadly, Jill passed away from cancer in July 2017. Jill encapsulated everything we wish for our family members: strength, courage, humour and love.

You can help share and honour her memory, and bring smiles and joy to many by giving the people we serve a hand up with a donation to the Hope Fund this GivingTuesday. To make a donation, please visit **ourplacesociety.com/givingtuesday**, or call **250-940-5060**.



The late Jill Cater of the Memorial Hope fund that bears her name



With diverse backgrounds, our Board members continually impress me with their depth of commitment to Our Place. The Hope Fund honours someone who was a committed Board member and more. Jill Cater was an Our Place family member and a long-time volunteer, before coming onto the Board. Says former Chair Diana Butler, "She was remarkable in many ways. She was also a special and effective Board member, bringing important perspectives and experiences to the Board." While still on

the Board, we lost her within weeks of her cancer diagnosis. The Hope Fund is such a fitting tribute to someone known for her raw honesty and practical caring. The fund gives outreach workers the ability to access quick funds for a pair of work boots or clothing, and other necessities for the street community as they see fit. Thanks to all who support this fund. And thank you, Jill.

- Allan Saunders, Board Chair





From its humble beginnings as a simple downtown Victoria refuge, Our Place has grown from an inner-city community centre to employing 275+ staff and 300+ volunteers who operate a continuum of critical services in 10 locations throughout the CRD.

- 919 Pandora Avenue
- Muncey Place on Blanshard Street
- Capital City Centre Hotel
 on Douglas Street
- Howard Johnson Hotel
 on Gorge Road
- Tiny Homes Village
 on Caledonia Avenue

- Russell Street Shelter
- My Place Shelter on Yates Street
- New Roads Therapeutic Recovery Community in View Royal
- Jaymac Place Recovery Home in Saanich
- Our WorkPlace on Quadra Street