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New CEO joins Our Place Society

Julian Daly takes the helm of local hub serving the homeless

VICTORIA, B.C. – The Our Place Society Board of Directors today announced the hiring of Julian Daly as the organization’s new Chief Executive Officer.

Julian has a strong portfolio of serving the most marginalized citizens with a harm reduction approach, advocating and educating around homelessness, poverty and racism related issues, and delivering needs driven programs and services.

“After a comprehensive national search, the Our Place Board of Directors is confident that Julian will demonstrate strong, passionate leadership, both within Our Place and the broader community, in providing effective services to those most in need,” says Board Chair Ernie Quantz.

Before joining Our Place, Julian served as Executive Director of Boyle Street Community Services, Edmonton’s largest homeless serving organization.

“It seems there is no place quite like Our Place, and I feel truly blessed to have the chance to work alongside the dedicated staff, volunteers and family members,” says Julian. “I am particularly looking forward to engaging and meeting with colleagues and forging, out of these uncertain times, our shared future together, and continuing the extraordinary work of service to Victoria’s most marginalized citizens”

Championing the work at Boyle Street over the last 11 years taught Julian, “a great deal about Canada, especially Indigenous Peoples, about homelessness, and about a side of our country that remains invisible to most of our fellow citizens.”

Looking ahead to his challenging role, Julian adds, “Now, more than ever in these uncertain times, the staff, family, volunteers, donors and supporters of Our Place will need to work together to forge a future in the new reality that we all find ourselves in; a future that will see us standing steadfast by the most marginalized in our community, ensuring they continue to receive the services they need and living the values, especially of unconditional love, which have always been at the heart of Our Place.”

Our Place Society has grown from a unique inner-city community centre to five locations serving Greater Victoria’s most vulnerable: working poor, impoverished elderly, mentally and physically challenged, addicted and the homeless. Individuals and businesses provide 50% of the financial support for its programs and services. Our Place provides over 1,200 meals every day, plus 1,400 snacks, hot showers, education, job skills, health care, addiction recovery services, donated clothing, counseling and

outreach services, a 60-bin storage facility, plus 45 transitional housing units and over 150 shelter spaces. Most importantly, Our Place provides a sense of hope and belonging to our neighbours in need.

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