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## Family Day Carnival at Our Place

## Homeless hub opens its doors for lunch, dinner, games, great prizes and fun for everyone on Family Day, Feb. 10

**VICTORIA, B.C.** – Everyone is family at Our Place, and no one should be left out in the cold, so to celebrate Family Day, Our Place is holding a special carnival with games, prizes, laughs and hot meals for the region's most vulnerable.

On Monday, Feb. 10, Our Place staff and volunteers will open the doors from 11:30 am – 5:00 pm to serve lunch and dinner. But to make it more special, it will also host a special carnival from 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm.

Games at the carnival will include: Ring Toss, Bowling, Bean Bag Throw, Guess the Jelly Beans and more. Fun prizes will be available to be won. There will also be movies, popcorn and hotdogs.

"Everyone is family at Our Place," said Don Evans, executive director of Our Place. "So we wanted to make Family Day extra special for the region's homeless and those living in poverty. Opening our doors on weekends and statutory holidays has become a priority for us as so many people have nowhere to go when our doors are closed."

Event: Family Day at Our Place When: Monday, Feb. 10, 2014, 11:30pm – 5:00pm. Carnival: 12:30pm – 4:00pm Where: Our Place Society, 919 Pandora Ave, Victoria Website: <u>www.ourplacesociety.com</u>

Our Place is an inner-city community centre serving Greater Victoria's most vulnerable: working poor, impoverished elderly, mental and physically challenged, and the homeless. Individuals and businesses provide the majority of financial support for its programs and services. Our Place provides 45 transitional housing units, over 1,200 meals per day, hot showers, free clothing, counseling and outreach services. Most importantly, it provides a sense of hope and belonging to our neighbours in need.

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