



## From the Boulevard October 2011 Newsletter

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**Regular Events:**

**Evening Street Outreach**  
nightly at  
NightShift 7 pm

**Care Bus**  
counselling on the  
streets  
on Fridays at 7 pm

Dear Friend,

During our first months at the Gentle Shepherd, I sensed God telling me not to box Him in and that NightShift was more than one church. I didn't understand what He meant, but I soon did when we were removed from our humble street church within six-months of our inception. Homeless ourselves, we began offering outreach services on the street with the help of many Christian denominations. No box, no roof and more than one church!

God also pressed on my heart about loving the 'least of these' with His unconditional love – without judgement, expectations or conditions. NightShifters have been doing just that ever since: "putting a lovin'" on people by demonstrating the LOVE of Christ in tangible ways to those who are hungry, in need of shelter and clothes. Matthew 25: 31-46 is the foundational scripture for our Outreach Ministries.

As the ministry grew, I became increasingly challenged that we needed to do more. I felt the Holy Spirit whispering to me about 'binding up broken hearts' and 'setting captives free' in Isaiah 61. This scripture formed the basis of our Care Project with our recent launch of counselling programs through The Care Centre, Care Bus and now our very exciting Care Village.

So what is the Care Village? Read on to find out.

Blessings,

MaryAnne Connor (Rev.), RPC (Cand.)  
Founder/President  
NightShift Street Ministries

**Information Night**  
at NightShift at 6 pm

**Fri 14th Oct**  
**Fri 4th Nov**

**Street Soccer**  
4-5:30 pm

**Wednesdays @**  
Tom Binnie Field  
&  
**Saturdays @** North Field  
/ Royal Kwantlen Park

### **Upcoming Events:**



### **Care Village Voting**

**Round I: 3-19 Oct**

**Round II: 24 Oct-9 Nov**

**Round III: 14-30 Nov**

**Semi-Finals: 5-16 Dec**

### **Beyond Homelessness**

**Conference**

**28-29 Oct**

### **5th Annual Gala of**

**Light**

**Sat 19 Nov**



### **[A village of care, a place for all people.](#)**

The link above takes you to the Aviva Community Fund website, where our Care Village project is one of the many listed in the hopes of raising enough votes to be considered for funding support.

As part of a holistic solution to providing a way out for people living in poverty, on the streets or struggling with addictions, the Care Village will be a place of 'recovery, reintegration and restoration'.

**Please vote today and every day** until October 19th to get us through to the next round. Only the top 30 projects in each category will progress to the next round and be considered for financial backing to turn this vision into reality.



The Care Village already exists, but we are seeking funding to restore, renovate and furnish some of the buildings on the property that you see above, that will provide a safe haven for people seeking hope and a renewed sense of purpose to find what they need.

For further information and to register to vote, click on the yellow Aviva box or [here now](#). Every vote - every day - counts.

Thank you.

## Save the date, because Saturday 19th November is a date with Lee Aaron...



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This year's fundraising **Gala of Light** is going to be a special treat for all jazz lovers, as the wonderful Lee Aaron will be joining us to make it a very special evening.

Invitations will be going out shortly, but if you have any questions about sponsorship opportunities or how to make donations for our live and silent auction, please call us at 604.953.1114 or email [info@nightshiftministries.org](mailto:info@nightshiftministries.org)

Where: Northview Golf & Country Club

When: Saturday 19th November, 2011

Doors open: 5:30 pm

Britney & Carmen

## Giving all the care we can

Imagine being diabetic and living on the street and unable to regularly monitor your blood glucose level. At this time the Care Bus is in need of a \$100.00 donation to equip the Care Bus with a glucometer and blood glucose monitor strips. The nursing supplies on the Care Bus are dependent on either itemized or financial donations. Please consider giving to this project.

During the month of August, The Care Centre welcomed practicum students from Pacific Life Bible College, Diploma of Professional Counselling program. Two students from this program worked on completing our resource binders for both The Care Centre and Care Bus. These binders will provide a comprehensive resource for referral for our counsellors and clients. The students also volunteered their time on the Care Bus, counselling, praying and building relationships with our friends on the street. We are very grateful for the time that they spent with us.

From September to December we are enjoying the help of practicum students from Trinity Western University School of Nursing on a weekly basis. They will work on research and projects for the Care Bus during their time with us. The nursing dimension on the Care Bus is in high demand and it will be invaluable to have their help in this area. These fourth year nursing students will also provide nursing care on the Care Bus alongside our volunteer nurses.



Val Hoock

Director of [The Care Centre](#)

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## Evening street outreach

We extend our continued invitation to any worship leader, or musician with a heart for worship, to come to the street and get involved in something extraordinary, in a little different congregational setting. We have a few nights of the month that would love to have "live worship" incorporated into their evening services, and it would be my privilege to come alongside anyone who feels lead in this direction, and help get

them started with something so God, and so enjoyed amongst many nights already.

Please get hold of me through the NightShift office at 604.953.1114 or [email me](#) and "praise Him!"

Michael  
Outreach Coordinator

## Street Soccer outreach

For all you avid soccer fans: we have a new location for our **Saturday** soccer training and home matches! We have been able to secure the North Field of the Royal Kwantlen Park (corner 104 Avenue / 132 Street) from 4-5:30 pm on Saturdays. This is a grass field, which will be easier on the players' feet.

The Wednesday venue remains Tom Binnie Field, also 4-5:30 pm.

On Saturday, 15th October, the NightShift FC is going to North Vancouver to play against several teams, and they really would like to get some socks, shin-pads and shorts to wear. Please stop by Norsman Field/Lonsdale if you are in the area that weekend and encourage everyone who participates in the worthwhile activity.

The next home match on Saturday, 22nd October, will be between the Surrey Firemen and our guys. That's another great opportunity to cheer our team on to victory - please come out and give them support.

Andria  
[Street Soccer Supporter](#)

## New location for a NightShift clothing bin

We actually have two bins at the **Hillcrest Mall** as donations are pouring in at this Cloverdale location! Thank you so much for everyone who is diligently sending clothing and blankets our way as the weather turns colder and our friends need warmer supplies.

For a full list of donation bin locations, please [visit our website](#) or feel free to drop off at NightShift during office hours.

We are looking for volunteer sorters to help coordinate the donations for a couple of hours a week. Please contact me if you can help. And remember - all volunteers get 50% off at Sisters!

[Angie](#)  
Manager of Sisters Thrift Boutique



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