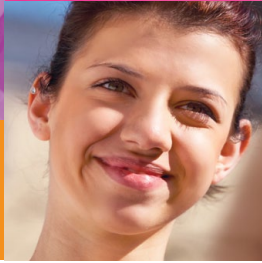


# Good Samaritan

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For special friends of  
Covenant House

## Cirque du Soleil Show

# KURIOS CABINET OF CURIOSITIES

## Coming to Vancouver This Fall!

The magic of Cirque du Soleil returns to Vancouver this fall with its show **KURIOS**. You're invited to step into the curio cabinet of an ambitious inventor who defies the laws of time, space and dimension in order to reinvent everything around him.

We're pleased to announce that **Cirque du Soleil has once again chosen to partner with Covenant House Vancouver**, donating tickets for fundraising purposes.

- Covenant House's benefit night will be **December 7th, 2017**
- **Tickets range from \$65 to \$150 depending on seating category**
- **We have 300 tickets available**

For more information, please contact:

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**For more information** on Cirque du Soleil's show KURIOS, follow this link:  
<https://www.cirquedusoleil.com/kurios>



# Covenant House Welcomed to Rideau Hall

We were proud to have been invited by her Excellency Sharon Johnston to the Masquerade for Mental Health at Rideau Hall on September 9. Her Excellency visited Covenant House Vancouver in October, 2015 and was very inspired by the young people she met and was so pleased to learn more about how we integrate mental health services into our programming. In addition to explaining our services to members of the public who attended the event, we also met with Her Excellency as well as the Governor General, his Excellency David Johnston.



Covenant House Vancouver team at Masquerade for Mental Health

## We invite you to come to Covenant House Vancouver to see the difference you are making in the lives of our young people

When was the last time you were thanked by a stranger? We saw it during a tour with Mary, a long-time donor of Covenant House. As we walked through the Women's Crisis Program, a young girl living with us said to Mary out of the blue, "I think you're wonderful for helping a total

stranger like me. Thank you so much for giving to Covenant House and helping me."

This is what you do every day with your kindness when you give to the many deserving homeless and at-risk youth who come through our doors. We invite you to come for a tour and see how you are helping change lives for the better! To set up a tour call us at 604-638-4438 or email [info@covenanthousebc.org](mailto:info@covenanthousebc.org).

# Christmas Backpack Program

## NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

We are very grateful to have donors who support us in many ways and if you are looking for a different way to help our young people, our Christmas Backpack Program is for you! Every month, Covenant House gives away more than 700 articles of clothing and toiletry items to our young people, and we would not be able to do this without the generous gifts we receive from donors like you!

Each Christmas we provide all of our young people with a backpack filled with new clothing, toiletries and small gifts. We hope that you will consider supporting our backpack program this Christmas, making the holidays special for our young people. You can help by:

1. Volunteering to help sort donations and pack Christmas backpacks, contact Tobi at 604-639-8939 or [volunteer@covenanthousebc.org](mailto:volunteer@covenanthousebc.org).
2. Support the Christmas Backpack Program with items, gift cards or monetary donations; call 604-639-8937 or visit [www.covenanthousebc.org/christmas-backpack-program/](http://www.covenanthousebc.org/christmas-backpack-program/) for details.

For general information about our Christmas Backpack Program call 604-639-8937 or visit [www.covenanthousebc.org](http://www.covenanthousebc.org).



# Join the Sleep Out Movement

and raise critical funds  
for homeless youth!

Across Canada and the US, dedicated men, women and children are Sleeping Out to raise critical funds and awareness for homeless youth. Participants spend the night sleeping on the street with only a sleeping bag and a piece of cardboard to ensure homeless youth in Vancouver have a safe place to stay.



Rebecca Bollwitt (Miss604) at our Sleep Out: Executive Edition 2016

You're invited to join one of the Vancouver Sleep Outs to raise vital funds for youth in need:

**Sleep Out: Executive Edition** –  
Thursday, November 16, 2017

**Sleep Out: Young Professionals** –  
Thursday, February 15, 2018

**Sleep Out: Mothers Edition** –  
Thursday, May 3, 2018

**Sleep Out: Student Edition** – Any  
time throughout the school year

Our heartfelt thanks to all of our sleepers and their supporters!

To join the Sleep Out Movement or to learn more, please contact:

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[www.sleepoutvancouver.org](http://www.sleepoutvancouver.org)

*PS. Please share with anyone you think would be interested in joining the Sleep Out Movement!*



# A GOOD TEACHER CAN Inspire Hope

Was there a particular teacher who stood out for you during high school? Perhaps someone who took the time to get to know you or taught you the importance of kindness and non-judgment? To many students, Daryl Dunham-Mutz, or Mr. Mutz, was just that kind of teacher.

Maida Long met Daryl as a young teacher and was his best friend for over 50 years. She recalls that “Daryl was a special person. He ran a unique program at Vancouver’s Sir Charles Tupper Secondary School to help students find employment or apprenticeship. These students had many challenges at school and in life. Daryl cared very deeply for his students and it showed. His students adored him because he was gentle, sensitive, and artistic, and they responded well to him.”

Daryl taught for over 35 years before retiring. Maida remembers “No student who had Daryl as a teacher forgot him. As adults, some would still call him from time to time.”



Daryl and his dog, Cedric

When it came time to write his will and plan for his estate, Daryl knew that he wanted his legacy to continue helping those he cared most about: youth and animals. In his will, he left his estate to four charities committed to protecting his two loves. Covenant House was one of these charities.

Maida became the executor of Daryl’s estate after his passing on January 27, 2014. Daryl was 83 years old. She shares that “Covenant House was important to him because it was a safe place that his students may have gone for help outside of his classroom.”

From all the youth, staff, and volunteers at Covenant House Vancouver, we thank Daryl for inspiring his students as a teacher during his lifetime and leaving a legacy of hope and purpose for our young people.

*If you would like to learn more about how you or a loved one can leave a legacy, please contact [legacy@covenanthousebc.org](mailto:legacy@covenanthousebc.org).*



# Music to Connect

By Sarah, Youth Worker



Music is a shared experience that transcends economic, social and racial barriers. Music has a way to capture and release memories, process feelings and allow us to express ourselves. With my amateur guitar skills and interest from the guys in Crisis Program, we had our own Covenant House Music Group.

In the first week of music group, the guys quietly sang lyrics from The Beatles and Coldplay, nervously singing, worried about looking stupid. But each week the guys began to ease up more and more, no longer worried about what others think, but reminding new joiners that music group is a safe, non-judgmental space. No matter how out of key, no matter how you sound, it's a welcome place.

Russ, one of the regulars in music group, expressed that he was having a particularly hard week and really needed to sing it out — he found out that one of his friends had passed away. Russ requested to sing Leonard Cohen's iconic "Hallelujah".

What a sight to see — guys from different backgrounds and different struggles, not only singing — but belting out "Hallelujah". If a stranger walked in, it might not have sounded the sweetest, but it was full of heart. After we sang, Russ simply said, "That was what I needed. Let's sing another song".

Sometimes, it is challenging for the guys to open up and talk about what's happening in their lives, but music allows them to express and communicate without strings attached. No judgment, no pressures of being right or wrong, but the chance to sing. I am always amazed at how music can bring people together from different experiences and connect us together.



## HOCKEY HELPS THE HOMELESS

Raises \$50,000  
for Covenant House

Hockey Helps the Homeless  
presenting \$50,000 cheque to  
Covenant House Vancouver



This year, **Hockey Helps the Homeless** is helping fund Covenant House's Female Crisis Program with an incredible gift of \$50,000! Hockey Helps the Homeless held its most successful tournament to date and it means homeless youth are the true winners. By supporting community organizations and raising awareness, Hockey Helps the Homeless works towards a future where every Canadian has a place to call home.

Homeless young women are particularly vulnerable to the dangers of living on the streets. Physical assault, sexual exploitation, mental illness and addiction are things that many youth struggle with every day. They are often reluctant to access homeless shelters and other support services as they feel unsafe in mixed-gender environments. Our Women's Crisis Program is designed to mitigate this issue.

We recognize that in order for young women to exit homelessness, they require a focused exit strategy that provides them with everything that they need under one roof, rather than having to travel to multiple facilities which can increase the risk of falling or being forced back into street life. Hockey Helps the Homeless' generous gift will help us provide the young women in the Crisis Program not only with a safe place to stay, but with targeted, focused, personal development plans that enable them to 'build themselves up', getting the help and tools that they require to leave the streets behind forever.

**Thank you Hockey Helps the Homeless, for your wonderful support of our youth and the homeless community.** To learn more about Hockey Helps the Homeless and the amazing work that they are doing across Canada, please visit [www.hockeyhelpsthehomeless.com](http://www.hockeyhelpsthehomeless.com)



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