

# **OUR MISSION**

"Ocean Crest Community Church exists to share the love of Jesus Christ, meet human needs and be a transforming influence in Campbell River, Port Hardy and surrounding communities"

### A Word from the Corps Officers



Dear friends, 2018 is off to a vibrant start, and we pray it will be filled with many blessings! There are many things we would like to share with you, but space is limited so follow us on Facebook or our new webpage.

Someone asked me one day why I include Nicholas and Mackenzie (our children) in the closing of our letters. It's because we are called as a family to serve in God's Kingdom. Family is very much at the heart of our ministry. Please remember, we consider you family.

Remember, God loves you and so do we - Keith, Vialet, Nichalas and Mackenzie

## A Bright Light – Volunteers Make the Difference



At the heart of our mission is the desire to share the love of Jesus Christ, which takes on many forms. The impact that we have in our community can only happen with the generosity of people, both with finances and time. Campbell River and Port Hardy are inspirational in both areas.

The Red Kettle Campaign is a key fundraising initiative each year, and the funds support many of our day-to-day efforts to meet human

needs and be a transforming influence in our community. September of 2016, the Ocean Crest team estimated the need for the following year for Campbell River and Port Hardy to be \$70,000 combined. As time marched on it became apparent the need was greater and we set out to raise \$90,000. We can say that both communities along with two online kettles raised \$100,114! To our volunteers and communities, we say thank you - this will impact hundreds of lives in the coming year.

## We Celebrate - Community Partners

We celebrate our continued partnership with Dodd's Furniture. The team came alongside The Salvation Army, with both their finances and people, to provide a beautiful Christmas dinner at the Lighthouse. Over one hundred people were hosted at the Lighthouse with a great meal prepared by the Lighthouse Team and served with warm smiles – Thank you.



## Ocean Crest is Going Green!

You may not associate The Salvation Army with environmental roots, but environmental stewardship is a key focus. The Salvation Army is committed to fulfilling its mission in a manner that promotes responsible environmental stewardship of the earth we share and its resources. Ocean Crest has committed to seven strategic goals that will move us in the direction of becoming fully green by 2020. Each month in our newsletter we will highlight initiatives we are undertaking to reach our goal. To follow the journey, go to our website - www.oceancrestchurch.org



## A New Chapter in Port Hardy – Our Own Facility!



October 2017 marked the ten-year anniversary for the Salvation Army in Port Hardy. During this time, we have served thousands of people from our current location, but the time has come to increase our presence. On December 2017, The Salvation Army became the owner of a facility which will become our new home for the next chapter in the story God is writing!

7305 Market Street (photo above) will be the home to all services entrusted into our care. Currently the project is in design phase, but we look forward to sharing the vision for the building in the coming weeks. Opening date is to be confirmed, but were looking forward to late 2018, or early in 2019 - stay tuned!



#### **Heart to God – Hand to Man**

In 2017, Ocean Crest Ministries affected many lives in a positive way. In our bid to communicate our mission we often share photos and updates. In 2017, this photo received the most engagement reaching nearly 5000 people on social media. The photo was the opening night at the Extreme

Weather shelter. Many of us will take for granted the bed we will sleep in tonight. On a cold night in Campbell River, people were blessed to know that there were six additional beds for people to sleep in. In addition to the 22 beds at the Emergency Shelter, these 6 beds were a warm and dry refuge from the cold wet streets.

The tremdous response from the community is a true indicator that we wish the best for all people, but not everyone as the resources to do so. The Salvation Army in Campbell River and Port Hardy is overwhelmingly blessed by the support that we receive daily. As result of that support we can reach people and connect with them in the most challenging situations. The following statistics reflect the impact that you are having as you give and serve to further the Mission – Keep up the great work!





Shelter Services - 2017

250-287-3791

#### Community & Family Services - 2017

#### **Upcoming Events**

**OCCC Women's Night Out** PJ's & Movie 7th February - Wednesday 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

50+ Lunch 15th February - Thursday 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

**Partners In Mission** Cake Auction Fundraiser & Spaghetti Dinner Saturday, Feb. 17th

> Lunch With A Bunch 18th February - Sunday 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm **Main Appetizers Only**

**Ocean Crest Leadership Conference** Tuesday, March 13th 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Contact Lt. Keith @ 250-204-7599 for more information





Free Meals Provided - 2017

#### **Ocean Crest Community Ministries**

Ocean Crest Community Church Lighthouse/Family Services New Beginnings Boutique 291 McLean Street Campbell River BC V9W 2M4 250-287-3720 **Evergreen Shelter Housing** 690 Evergreen St. Campbell River BC V9W 3R8

Campbell River BC V9W 2W6 250-287-2699 Family Thrift Store #100-1100 Homewood Rd 291 McLean Street Campbell River BC V9W 3N7 250-286-3010

1381 Cedar St.

#201-2266 S. Island Hwy Campbell River BC **V9W 1C3** 250-923-1621 **Volunteer Coordinator** Campbell River BC V9W 2M4

250-287-3720 ext. 201

**Emergency Disaster Services** 291 McLean Street Campbell River BC V9W 2M4 250-287-3720

Dinner Bell 291 McLean Street Campbell River BC V9W 2M4 250-204-4104

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