



INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Local homeless youth benefit from professor's generosity

VICTORIA, BC – To help improve life for local homeless youth, Beacon Community Services today received the first of what's expected to be an annual contribution from University of Victoria sociology professor and text book author Bruce Ravelli. Ravelli presented a \$2500 cheque to Out of the Rain Youth Shelter manager Jenn Mortimer – the royalties generated by sales of his textbook at the University of Victoria. The funds will be directed toward UVic Sociology Friday Pizza Night for youth who use the shelter.

Shelter services are provided by community agencies, faith-based organizations, businesses, and individual volunteers through a coalition that's led and coordinated by local charity Beacon Community Services. The shelter rotates among host sites each night from Oct. 15 -April 15, providing vulnerable youth aged 15-25 with meals and a safe, dry place to sleep.

Out of the Rain opened in the winter of 1998 and has run every winter since. In the most recent season, it served more than 200 youth.

Established on the Saanich Peninsula in 1974, Beacon Community Services has evolved to become one of BC's largest non-profit social services organizations. It serves more than 6,000 clients across the CRD, including through programs and services in: Child, Youth and Family Services; Counselling and Mental Health Services; Employment and Training Programs; Housing, Assisted Living and Licenced Dementia Housing; Adult/Senior's Recreation Services; Volunteer Services; and Home Support Care. Many community programs – including Out of the Rain -- are also supported by funds from Beacon's seven thrift store operations.

For more information about Beacon Community Services, please see www.beaconcs.ca For more information about Out of the Rain, see www.outoftherainvictoria.ca/

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