



SOS Children's Village BC

Every child belongs...every child matters

JULY/AUGUST 2011 NEWSLETTER

Letter from the Editor

You may have noticed some small changes in the format of our Newsletter transpiring over the past couple of months. We are currently working on updating our Newsletter to reflect the information that *you*, the reader, want to hear about.

We would like to take this opportunity to ask you for your suggestions. Do you want to read more about SOS BC Programs, Events, Volunteer Opportunities or Village Stories? Do you like receiving a monthly Newsletter, or would you prefer bi-monthly? Would you like to learn about our Volunteers, Board Members and Staff? Our goal is to make our Newsletter a reflection of the work that SOS BC does within the community and what matters to you.

Please submit your suggestions by email to leahdullum@sosbc.org by July 20th 2011 to be entered in a draw to win 2 complimentary tickets to our **Food & Wine Festival** being held Thursday, September 22nd 2011.

At this point in time, I would like to introduce to you a new column that we are debuting this month. **Corina's Corner**, written by SOS Children's Village BC's Program Director, Corina Carroll, will feature stories from the Village, program-based information and shine some light on the many challenges that kids in care often face. Corina brings an incredible sense of humour and dedicated passion to our organization. We hope that you enjoy reading her stories as much as we do!

You Win & You Help SOS BC Win



Because of your care and support for us in the past, we want to invite you to a great new service called iGiveCards. Visit the link below to see a short video about this clever way for

each of us to support SOS Children's Village BC by simply sending a greeting card. Together we can make a real difference. www.igivecards.com/sosbc

Celebrating 25 Years



This year SOS Children's Village BC is celebrating our **25th Anniversary** and commemorating this special occasion with a free, fun community event being held at Semiahmoo Park in White Rock on **Thursday, July 21st, 2011. An Evening in the Park** will begin at 5:00 pm and kick off with a barbeque, live entertainment (*SideOne*), kid's zone and guest speakers. The evening will conclude with an outdoor movie (*Despicable Me*) under the stars at dusk.

We are pleased to announce that the President of SOS International, Helmut Kutin, Boyd McBride, Executive Director of SOS Canada, and Lois & Gilles Bouchard, founders of SOS BC will all be in attendance to celebrate this special occasion.

Come after work and join us for the barbeque, come in the evening and join us for the movie, or come and join us for both! For more information, please visit our website at www.sosbc.org and to RSVP please email office@sosbc.org We hope to see you there!

SOS Children's Village Run

A huge thank you to everyone that came out and participated in the **SOS BC Run & Family Festival** on Sunday, May 29th! We are thrilled to announce that this event raised more than **\$14,000** for SOS BC Programs, and look forward to seeing the event continue to grow next year!





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Corina's Corner

Written by SOS BC's Program Director

"While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about". -Angela Schwindt-

I have been working directly with kids for over 16 years in a support capacity. I might be a bit of an expert to some, but everyday, there is a new lesson. Most of those lessons come from the kids I have the privilege of spending time with. It's amazing how patient these young people can be in teaching me to be a better person. Here are some of the lessons I've learned so far...

I've Learned...

...that despite my best efforts to plan for kids, unless I listen to them first, my best efforts are usually off by a mile.

...that kids really like it when an adult treats them with respect, and considers their opinions.

...that a rejected hug from a four year old hurts, but a smile and giggle from that same four year old, makes all the hurt go away!

...that giving kids what they need to succeed in life isn't hard, it just takes commitment.

...that sometimes, making a child laugh is more important than making a point.

...that sometimes I have to watch (nervously!) as kids make mistakes, so they learn from their own experiences.

...that I may have learned from my adolescence, but they are living through theirs.

...to stop worrying so much and play.

I've learned that for every bit that I give them, kids give back just as much, if not more.

Tribute to a Friend

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of a truly inspirational woman, **Beverly Brittain**. Beverly was a dedicated volunteer at the SOS Children's Village BC Treasure Cottage Steveston for 17 years, and touched many people with her compassion, wit, kindness and loyalty. She was passionate about vulnerable children and youth, and dedicated countless hours of her time to making a difference in the lives of these children. Beverly will be greatly missed by her SOS BC family.

Trip Lottery Tickets Now on Sale!

The much anticipated Trip Lottery Tickets for our 7th Annual Food and Wine Festival are now on sale! Enter for a chance to win one of the following fabulous prizes:

- #1-2 Roundtrip Tickets to anywhere WestJet flies
- #2-Helijet trip for 2 to Victoria
- #3-Festival Gift Basket

Tickets are 1 for \$10.00 or 3 for \$20.00.

To purchase tickets, please contact Leah at 604-574-2964 ext. 224 or via email: leahdullum@sosbc.org

The draw is taking place September 22nd 2011. Winners need not be present to win.

Did You Know?!

Did you know you can access our past and present Newsletters, Annual Reports (including 2010), and full Event details online at our website www.sosbc.org ?

In addition, you can conveniently purchase tickets to our events, make a donation, or fill out a volunteer application all at the same time!

You can also visit us on Facebook and "Like" our page to stay connected.



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Community Engagement

A big thank you to **Coast Hills Community Church** for their generous donation of two scholarships to their 2011 *Son Surf Beach Bash*, Kid's Summer Camp.

We are also thrilled to announce that **Coast Hills and Real Life Community Churches** have both selected SOS Children's Village BC as a partner for their upcoming **Kid's Summer Camp Compassion Project!** In this exciting Summer Coin Drive Project, they will be challenging every child to bring one of each (nickels, dimes, quarters and loonies) to camp, where the coins will be collected, tallied, and donated to SOS Children's Village BC.

There will of course be a friendly competition between the boys and girls to see who can collect the most coins over the week. The grand total of coins collected will be announced the following Sunday, as well as posted on the SOS Children's Village BC Facebook page. Stay tuned for the results!

Summer Book Sales

Our Summer Intern, Amanda, will be hitting the pavement and spreading the love of reading this summer with a series of environmentally friendly book sales! For a \$0.50 donation you can pick up a gently read book at the following locations:

At the **SOS BC Office** (#102-5830 176A Street, Cloverdale)
July 14th from 10:00am until 4:00 pm
August 25th from 10:00am until 4:00 pm

At **Knitting for Change** (Lansdowne Mall, Richmond)
July 23rd from 10:00am until 2:00 pm

At **Township 7 Winery** (21152 16th Avenue, Langley)
August 28th from 11:00am until 5:00 pm

7th Annual Food & Wine Festival

Thursday, September 22, 2011

6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Eaglequest Coyote Creek Golf Course, Surrey, BC

Join us for an amazing night of local and international wines, gourmet food from local restaurants and artisan food merchants, silent auction, and live entertainment.

Tickets: \$60 each (\$30.00 tax creditable)

Reserved Table of 8: \$600 (\$360.00 tax creditable)



*If you are interested in donating a silent auction item, sponsoring the event, or being a food or beverage vendor please call 604-574-2964 ext. 228, or email lizharris@sosbc.org.



Knitting for Change

Saturday, July 23, 2011

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Lansdowne Mall, Richmond, BC.



We'll supply the wool and needles, along with snacks and refreshments. You supply the talent and enthusiasm for making a difference. Together we will collect pledges and knit or crochet 15 cm squares to create blankets to be distributed to kids in need.

Squares can also be made in advance (15cm, 5 mm needles, Knitting Worsted with 26 stitches cast please) and brought to the event as a donation, or made on site with the assistance of our knit-savvy experts. To register for this event, please email Leah at leahdullum@sosbc.org or call 604-574-2964 ext. 224.