



FACTS AND FIGURES

SOS Children's Villages is an international, non-governmental organisation that works with children without parental care and families in difficult living conditions. Every child needs a loving home to flourish in, and we help families make it happen.

- In **1949**, Hermann Gmeiner founded the SOS Children's Village organisation and built the first SOS Children's Village in Imst, Tyrol, Austria.
- We work in **133 countries and territories**.
- We offer **family-based care** for children who can not grow up with their biological families. In SOS Children's Villages and youth facilities, children grow up in a stable family environment where they receive individual support and guidance towards an independent life as adults.
- We also run **family strengthening programmes**, working with disadvantaged families to enable them to cope with their lives and care for their children.
- We aim to be the leading voice for all children whose parents cannot care for them or have lost their parents. SOS Children's Villages is a member of NGO networks and committees at national, regional and international level. Together with partners, we are involved in various projects and initiatives aimed at **protecting the rights of the child**, as well as improving the living conditions of children everywhere.

- Currently, there are **2,187 SOS Children's Village facilities world-wide, including:**
 - 559 SOS Children's Villages and some 400 youth facilities for over **80,000 children** and young people
 - 614 SOS Social Centres and family strengthening programmes for some **430,000 children and adults**
 - 242 SOS Kindergartens, 194 SOS Hermann Gmeiner Schools and 105 SOS Vocational Training Centres for more than **158,000 children, teenagers and young adults**
 - 80 SOS Medical Centres providing over **455,000 treatments** per year
 - In 2011 we ran emergency relief programmes in Somalia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Haiti, Pakistan and India, among others. Benefitting 1,137,733 individuals

- Worldwide, **30,000 people** work for SOS Children's Villages; more than 5,250 of those work as SOS Mothers.
- In 2010, the total income for SOS Children's Villages work in developing and emerging countries amounted to **865 million euros**; more than 56% of our total income in 2010 was contributed by individual donors.
- SOS Children's Villages works on **all continents**. In the **Americas**, we run programmes from the far north of Canada to the Chilean Pacific island of Chiloe in the south. In **Europe** we are represented from Kandalaksha in the north of Russia to North Cyprus. In **Asia**, there are SOS Children's Villages for Tibetan children in India and there is even an SOS Children's Village on

Tahiti in French Polynesia. In **Africa**, SOS Children's Villages is active in 47 countries from Cape Town in South Africa to Draria in Algeria, from Somaliland in the east to Equatorial Guinea on the Atlantic coast.



SOS BC is committed to offer healing and stability to children and youth who have experienced family crisis and need a stable foster family.

Our Vision: Every child belongs to a family and grows with love, respect and security.

Our Mission: We provide homes, a supportive community, and programs to help foster children and youth in need grow into caring, self-reliant adults.

Fostering Growth Programs 2014:

 **SOS Village – Surrey**

- 5 homes on 2.5 acres for foster parents and children in foster care

 **Therapies**

- Neurofeedback Training (one-of-a-kind service that optimizes brain function by helping the brain re-organize and self-regulate more efficiently, alleviating negative symptoms)
- Individual & Family Counselling; Expressive Arts

 **After School Learning Clubs**

- Academic and Social support for children in middle school

 **Sounds of Learning Music Program**

- At local Elementary schools group learning of various instruments and choral programs and in our Village Music Studio one on one guitar, piano, drum, and singing lessons

 **Camp, Recreation and Cultural Exploration Programs**

 **Caregiver Support**









- Individual & Group support for foster parents caring for at-risk children

 **Youth Services: Transition to Adulthood Program**










- Support services for vulnerable youth aged 16-24 to gain independence life skills

SOS Children's Village BC does not receive provincial or federal funding for our programs. Support services for families living in the village are partially funded through Vancouver Aboriginal Child and Family Services. Our programs are funded through our Thrift Store revenues, Signature events, Corporate/Community/Foundation Grants and our donors.

Looking back on 2013...

-  5 families and 25 children and youth called the Village home
-  6 families received support through Caregiver support services
-  48 children and youth received therapeutic services
-  137 children participated in our After School Learning Clubs
-  100% high school graduation rate of youth in the Village compared to 21% for BC youth in foster care
-  28 explored the Sounds of Learning Program
-  20 children attended camps
-  27 youth supported by Youth Workers in the Transition to Adulthood Program

We also extended or piloted many other small projects:

-  Spring Break Camp for children in elementary school; Day camp 3 days/week for 2 weeks
-  Lunch group for children in Grade 7 to prepare for Grade 8
-  Weekly Girls Social Group for middle school girls
-  Village Social Skills Group for primary school children
-  School preparation program for children entering Kindergarten and Grade 7 & 8
-  Project Wild: A summer Environmental Program
-  Summer long activities program for the SOS Village
-  Art Creation and Exploration program with Louis Vuitton
-  Cultural activities partnered with Coast Capital