

Message from the Directors

"Ask, and God will give to you. Search, and you will find. Knock, and the door will open for you. Yes, everyone who asks will receive. Everyone who searches will find. And everyone who knocks will have the door opened."
Matthew 7:7-8

Most of us in our society have become used to an "open door policy" in our business, personal and spiritual lives. This policy has been slammed shut.

So many doors have been closed to those seeking human connection, a healing hand, a word of consolation, friendship or encouragement. We have been forced into isolation due to personal fear or public obedience. We need to find new ways to connect and still feel safe and secure, open, and kind.

The ancient message quoted above tells us to ask, search, and knock on the door. And it assures us that "everyone who knocks will have the door opened". Our door is open at Freedom's Door even during these challenging times. We have put in place safety and cleanliness protocols to ensure all staff members, residents and volunteers remain healthy. We are so grateful to our staff and volunteers who have made themselves available to provide service at this time of risk and fear.

Part of our safety protocol has included the cancellation of our fundraising dinners. We certainly rely on fundraising to keep our doors open. We therefore must find new ways to raise much-needed income while we are unable to host our large gatherings.

One method has been our annual carwash which took place in August at the Mission SuperWash on Lakeshore Road. We are so grateful to Maurice Matte of Matte and Associates and of Mission SuperWash for providing this venue. Our thanks extends to the many sponsors and providers of food and services and to those who worked so hard to make this day possible. The event was very successful, and we are so grateful.

Another happy story to report is the generosity of so many individuals, corporations and foundations which have responded to our request for funds over the past year. Without these donations we could not survive. More and more people are choosing to sign up for a monthly donation with an automatic deduction. It is such an easy and consistent way to donate. Please consider this method of charitable giving and fill out the donation form at the end of this newsletter.

And this fall we are hosting a special fundraising event to replace our usual fall banquet. The details are outlined in an attachment with this newsletter and on our web site. It is called "GOLD FOR GOOD". We are creating a new and

innovative way to give to charity in a glittering fashion. Please check the details and see if you can contribute to this fundraising project.

September 1, 2020 was the 18th anniversary of Freedom's Door. Well over 1,500 men have received life-changing services and healing through our programs. For so many years the generosity of the "Friends of Freedom's Door" have made it possible for us to purchase homes, hire quality staff, provide food and necessities of life and offer counseling to our residents. Thank you.

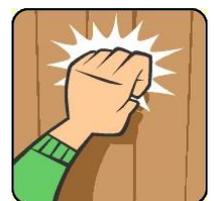
Each and every day we hear men knocking on our door; men who are seeking hope, healing and wholeness. These men have suffered greatly through addictions, mental health issues and the traumas of life. So, they knock, they get on our waiting list, and they call each day hoping for an opening to occur. They ask and receive. They search and find. And by knocking on our door, healing is opened for them.

We are thankful to God our Father and we are so grateful to you our many friends for assisting us in providing this vital service for the benefit of our men, the families of our residents and for our entire community. Opening our homes to suffering men from the streets and bringing them back to a new and vital way of living is what we do, with your assistance.

Can we all find healing, joy, and love in our new Covid reality? Yes. Ask, search, knock and it will be given to you. Blessings to each and every one of you who have been so kind and loving to your neighbors.
Sincerely and in His service,

The Directors

Bob Adams • George Arambasich
Helmut Hubert • Glen Jackson
Mel Newth • Tom Smithwick



Encouragement from a Donor

Attached you will find a cheque payable to your organization in the amount of \$10,000. We admire your work in the community and your diligent efforts to improve the world around us. We are honored to present you with this contribution and hope that it will help provide you with the resources you need to continue your endeavours.

We know that your organization goes above and beyond the call of duty. You can be assured that your efforts are greatly appreciated not only by us, but by most members of this community. I look forward to seeing the continued progress you will make in the near future.

Warm Regards, The Thomas Foundation



Sobering Statistics

Statistics can give us information to ponder and help us determine our responses. Such is the case with our serious concern for the use of illicit drugs in British Columbia. We are all aware that illicit drug use is on the rise and that there are damaging consequences, destruction of lives and family units, and ultimately, early death. The high cost of medical care, policing, crime and incarceration is staggering.

In BC, the number of deaths from illicit drug use in 2000 was 272. In 2019, that number increased to 983 (with that number being a decrease from the prior two years). In 2020, from January 1 to August 31, the number of deaths due to overdose was 1,068. If this trend continues, then the death rate for all of 2020 will be 1,602. This number would be the highest ever recorded; and this is a bold and bad indicator that strong action must be taken to aid our citizens who are struggling with addiction issues. Many people suffering with addictions are affected by mental health issues and our society's record of care for these people is totally inadequate.

Another interesting statistic is that the number of deaths from the Covid virus in BC from January 1 to September 25, 2020 was 229. This pandemic has been deemed to be a serious and recognized concern. And as a result, a concerted and broad-based effort has controlled the spread and consequences in our province.

Twenty-five percent of the drug overdose deaths in Canada over the past four years have occurred in BC. Is enough being done regarding illicit drug use?

At Freedom's Door our entire purpose is to offer assistance, solutions and healing for those suffering with addiction and mental health issues. Your financial contributions enable us to continue to grow in this vital, front-line health care work.

Support from a Local MLA

I am pleased to write this letter of support for Freedom's Door, a valued non-profit society here in Kelowna. Freedom's Door has been using a successful twelve step rehabilitation program approach to helping men safely transition back into our community. This program is based in Christian values and principles and provides a much-needed service to men struggling with addictions.

Each participant is treated as an individual with unique and specific needs for their optimal recovery. These men benefit from one-on-one counselling, life skills training, group therapy, education and career counselling, reintegration strategies and long-term support.

I am very pleased to show my support for Freedom's Door and its services as a respected partner in our community in the battle against addictions of drugs and alcohol. The program provides these men with a safe, clean home and a non-judgemental environment for them to work on recovery and start a new, healthy, and productive life.

Sincerely, Norm Letnick, MLA Kelowna-Lake Country

A Graduate's Story

My name is Martin R. and I have just celebrated 15 years of sobriety from alcohol. I am also now 10 years free of illegal drug use. I am a strong-willed person, but I couldn't stop using crack cocaine. I needed help. One night, 10 years ago, I phoned Freedom's Door and had a counselor on the line; I also had a drug dealer on the other telephone. I chose Freedom's Door (good choice!). I knew that Freedom's Door was faith-based, but I didn't know anything about faith. But I did know people who were drug users and who had overdosed and died. Someone said, "Sometimes you don't get a choice at relapse, you die."

So, at Freedom's Door I started my "12-Step Program" and had everything available to me for free: psychiatrist, counselors, healing prayer ministry, and many volunteer mentors and helpers. I would go to group counseling sessions, and I started taking notes. I met with Lloyd, my counselor, and he was always there for me and guided me to sobriety. I went to Tom's "Sing-a-Long" and we sang like a lion's roar. I was there for three months and completed my 12-steps. I was nervous to go back home, the same place where I used drugs, but something changed in me because Jesus died for me, and I no longer had to carry around guilt and shame. I am living proof. I felt this incredible weight lifted off me. Only God can fill that God shaped hole in your heart. I still feel like this today, 10 years later.

I have reached out to the staff and residents of Freedom's Door to tell my story to bring a message of hope and truth for all who read this. So, God bless Freedom's Door and all the staff and everyone associated with it. It truly is a miracle place which changed my life forever, one day at a time. Blessings to all of you and thank you.

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