

Engaged 
Communities

Daytime Warming Centre

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About Us



Registered non-profit organization since 2013.

Addresses systemic gaps existing for underserved communities across BC in accessing equitable solutions to complex health, social, and economic challenges.

Initially offered free and low cost sports programming for children and youth to reduce financial barriers to participation. Activities have expanded to include:

- Food programs
- Personal hygiene supplies and services
- Health education and resources
- Extreme weather response
- Children and youth programming



Spotlight: Extreme Weather Response



Warming Shelter

Peninsula United Church



Warming Centre

Centennial Park: pilot



Cooling Stations

South Surrey/White Rock,
Surrey, Delta, Abbotsford

Daytime Warming Centre



Located at Centennial Park

Operated by Engaged Communities in collaboration with City of White Rock

Open November 9 - March 31 from 7am-10pm

Capacity to support up to 30 people. Accommodated **~2860** visits over 143 days.

Services

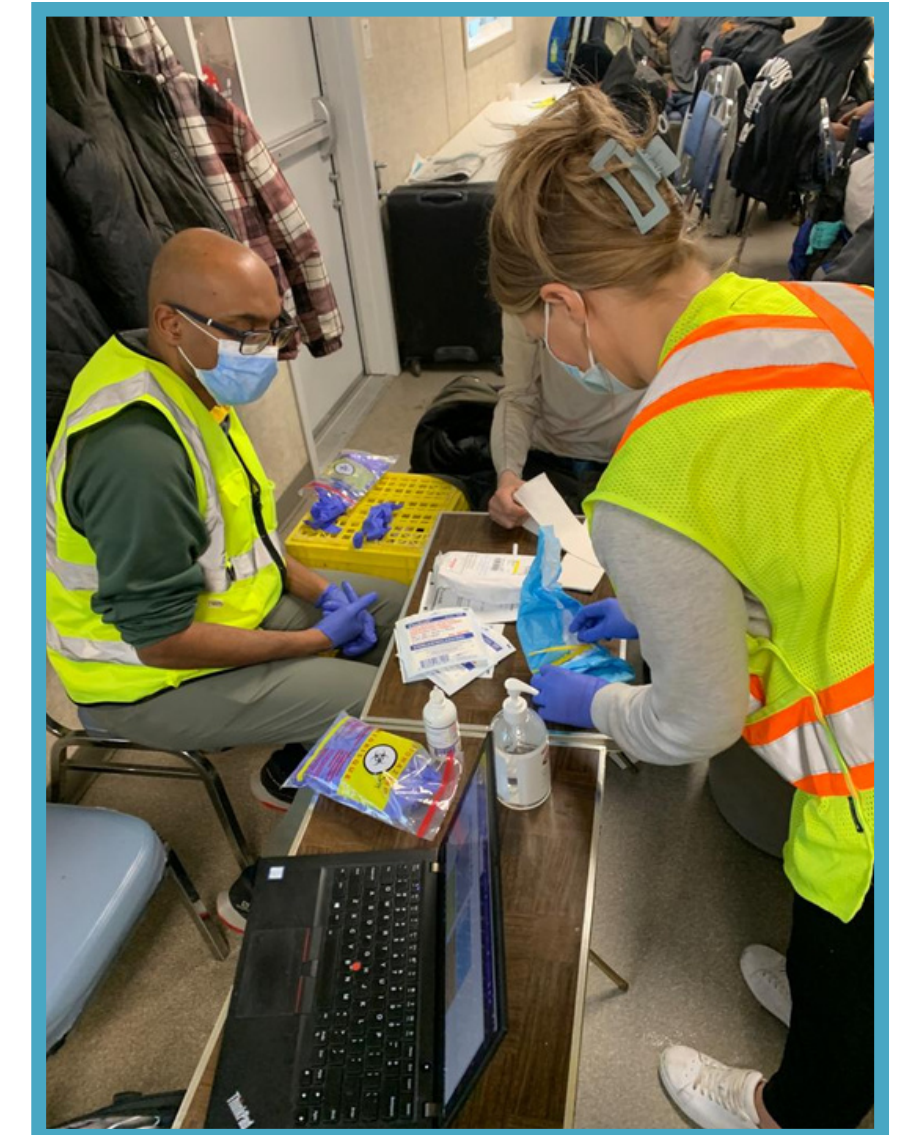
- Basic needs supports
- Overdose response and crisis intervention
- On site physicians, nurses, counsellors, and social workers
- System navigation support and program referrals/registration
- Transportation
- Activities and entertainment
- Emotional and conversational support
- Cleaning services - shelter, Centennial Park, and nearby areas.
Removed litter/paraphernalia.



Spotlight: Collaborators



- **Fraser Health Authority - IHART** → nursing services
- **Divisions of Family Practice - White Rock / South Surrey** → physician services
- **Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction** → social services
- **Moving Forward Family Services** → counselling services



What We Learned

- **Holistic, integrated, diverse approaches**
 - Tailor response to individual's needs and readiness level
 - Deliver multiple services across disciplines on site
 - Provide access to a variety of interventions (e.g., prevention, treatment, harm reduction)
- **Peer empowerment**
 - Provide opportunities for paid roles contributing to guest's well-being and working towards achieving personal goals
 - Consult guests throughout implementation to ensure needs are appropriately met
- **Intersectoral collaboration and public awareness**



Spotlight: Shelter Guests

Having this place was like having a safe place with no judgement of why I was in need of a place like this. It not only saved my life physically it saved my soul. It was and



ITS Been a place for me to feel a part of something almost like the family Ive never known since my whole life Ive been a part of the minstrel. So Ive had a lot of lonely years. This year (AND LAST) Ive felt part of something bigger. Better

Moving Forward

- **Surrey/White Rock-based solution** tailored to the unique needs of its diverse communities
- **Modular structures** - successful mechanism to deploy extreme weather response to unsheltered populations
 - Helps to bridge gaps and support existing and emerging needs
 - Provides a solution with a small footprint (easy assembly/disassembly)
 - Forum to test, evaluate, and validate approaches
 - Customizable
 - Model for other jurisdictions



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