

FREDERIC OZANAM CENTRE

The Centre provides:

- A communal environment, where everyone is valued,
- Basic educational, recreational, social, and exercise programs,
- Many opportunities for community integration,
- Opportunities for individual growth,
- Volunteering experience and life experience,
- Pre-employment skill development,
- Friendships and fun times.

PROGRAM PLANNING

Three times each year the Centre holds an All Day Planning Session where staff work together as a group to plan programs, themes, and outings into the community. All programs are planned based on the goals of participants, which are set at their annual Individual Personal Planning meeting.

The pre-planned themes are designed with special holidays, seasons, and community events in mind and involve a large group community outing.

FUNDING

The Ozanam Centre receives funds for operating its programs from the **Ministry of Children and Family Development**.

DAY PROGRAM SERVICES

There are many programs offered in and out of the Centre according to the needs and goals of our clients. The following are a few of the programs offered at the Centre:

Educational Programs

- Computers, Geography, Reading, Math, Writing, Spelling, Journalizing.

Exercise Programs

- Walking, Hiking, Nature Appreciation, and Therapeutic Swimming.

Recreational Programs

- Crafts, Hospitality, Canteen, Storytelling.

Social Programs

- Men's Club, Women's Club.

Recycling Programs

- Participating in the recycling of unusable clothing, cardboard, glass, and metals.

Packaging Program

- Sorting and packaging of a wide variety of goods sent out to the Saint Vincent de Paul Stores for sale to the public.

Yard and Garden Program

- Basic Yard and Garden Maintenance.

Community Interaction and Outings

- Another component of the day program is the community interaction. Most clients are integrated into the community on a weekly basis. They explore a variety of venues that Victoria is well known for which include festivals, activity centres, current events, tours, libraries, and businesses.

DAY PROGRAM SERVICES CONTINUED

- Clients whose goals include exploring career opportunities participate in practicums at a variety of volunteer and work experiences.

OZANAM COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Centre hosts several evening theme dances per year in which other day programs, group homes, and centres are invited to attend.

OFFSITE PROGRAM

Ozanam began an Offsite Program in June of 2001. The program follows a similar structure to that of the Ozanam Day Program. The program is doing very well and has been successful in meeting the individual goals of the 15 participants. The Offsite participants join the Ozanam participants at least one day each week to keep up the friendships and communication.

Work and Volunteer Programs

Arrangements are made with different businesses and non-profit organizations throughout Greater Victoria for various work and volunteer opportunities.

(If you or someone you know could provide an opportunity for one of our participants to work part time or if you have a job you think we could do, please call 727-2247).

VISION

- We strive to help people move from dependence to independence to the fullness of their ability.

PURPOSE

- We offer to people with various disabilities, a range of programs, which provide individual opportunity for continued growth, independence, self-fulfillment and integration into the community.

GOALS

We strive to:

- Provide, where possible, involvement and integration into community programs in the Greater Victoria area;
- Offer individual training, building on strengths, and helping people to overcome weakness;
- Provide some basic literacy and educational training;
- Improve socialization and interpersonal skills;
- Provide volunteer opportunities throughout the Society and in the Greater Victoria area.

DAY PROGRAM HOURS

The day program runs Monday through Friday from 9 am – 3 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 8 am – 4 pm

HISTORY

- The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded in Paris in 1833 by Frederic Ozanam. Established in Canada in November 1846, the Society was formed in Victoria by 1916. Today, the local Society of St. Vincent de Paul runs a Social Concern Office, a 43 unit Housing Centre, five stores, and the Frederic Ozanam Centre.
- Though the Society has served persons with developmental disabilities since 1967, the Frederic Ozanam Centre was started in 1982 to provide specific programs, which would further enhance the services to the mentally and physically disabled at the request of the Ministry of Children and Family Development.
- In June of 2001, based on the same vision and purpose as the Frederic Ozanam Centre, an Offsite program was started to meet more specific individualized goals of our participants.

VOLUNTEERS

- Volunteers are needed at the Ozanam Centre to assist the participants in learning life skills as well as assisting participants with educational learning including reading, writing, spelling, and basic math skills.
- If you wish to become a volunteer you may pick up an application form at the Ozanam Centre or at your local Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift Store.

Help us build...

...a better future

...by caring today

Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Vancouver Island



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in the Greater Victoria area**

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