

There is a variety of ways that the Oceanside community can help the homeless and those at risk of homelessness. Many of the service agencies are working hard to collaborate and support one another as well as the residents of the community. Below are details on how to help some agencies in Oceanside.

Manna Homeless Society

www.mannahomelesssociety.com

Manna is a registered society, completely volunteer run, who offers emergency outreach and ongoing support to the homeless in our community. They provide survival packs to help the homeless live outside more safely. On Saturday mornings they provide food packages to help both the homeless and those spending most of their income on housing. In addition, they provide contact and genuine conversation. Manna works in cooperation with other organizations such as the SOS, Kiwanis, and the Salvation Army to help homeless and poverty stricken individuals and families of the Oceanside area.

Contact Robin at (250) 248-0845. All donations can be mailed to or dropped off at:

North Island Wildlife Recovery
1240 Leffler Road
Errington, BC V0R 1V0

Or

At the Manna Van
Saturday Mornings 10am to 1pm
In front of the Legion on Hirst Avenue

List of Needed Supplies - single serving and travel sized toiletries are requested if possible, receipts can given for cash donations.

Food	Clothing and Survival Gear	Toiletries
<p>Boost (meal replacement) Canned meat, fish, sardines Canned Food (with pull tabs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chilli, fruit, stews <p>Fruit bars and dried fruit Granola Bars/ protein bars Puddings Juice Bottled water</p> <p>Camping bowls/cups/plates Plastic or camping cutlery Can openers</p>	<p>Rain Coats/ponchos Wool socks Men’s underwear (L and XL) Women’s underwear (S, M, L) Sweaters, Jackets Toques Gloves or Mittens Sleeping Bags/ Blankets Emergency Blankets Plastic Tarps Tents Crank Flashlights/lanterns Rope and String</p>	<p>Toilet Paper Kleenex (travel size) Ziploc Bags Shampoo/body wash/soap Hand sanitizer Hand Cream/ Vaseline Toothbrushes Toothpaste and Floss Shaving Razors Deodorant Combs /brushes Q-tips First Aid kits/Bandaids</p>

Society of Organized Services (SOS)

www.sosd69.com

The SOS seeks to work collaboratively with community stakeholders to identify and ensure the provision of a safety net of select, supplementary social services and resources not adequately available in District 69. Their vision is that all individuals and families in our community have the opportunity to live independent, healthy and productive lives. The SOS also hosts the Homelessness Coordinator for the Oceanside Task Force for Homelessness.

The Emergency Hardship Program can provide low-income individuals and families in need with food vouchers, Thrift shop vouchers for clothing, household items, shoes, etc., help with medical and transportation needs.

The SOS also provides free access to a shower during the day from Monday to Friday. Each client is given towels, toiletries, and socks and underwear if needed.

The SOS also donates space for volunteer foot care nurses to care for the feet of the homeless or those at-risk of homelessness. This service is provided once or twice a month.

The most needed donations would be:

- Cash donations to the Emergency Hardship Program (can be made Online)
- wool socks
- men's (large and extra-large) underwear
- women's (small and medium) underwear

Please drop off donations at 245 West Hirst Ave., Parksville, BC V9P 2G9 or call Sarah Poole at 250-248-2093 ext. 234

The Salvation Army

www.salvationarmy.ca

The Salvation Army provides lunch out of their church kitchen on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for those residents in need of a meal. They also host the food bank for the Oceanside Area in French Creek. Through funding and donations, the Salvation Army provides a large selection of canned and dry goods in their warehouse, which has been set up like a grocery store. To support the dignity of the clients, the food bank allows clients to go through and pick out items according to their preference and needs with a volunteer on a monthly basis. The food bank helps approximately 400 clients per month. If there is excess bread, canned foods and donated fruits and vegetables, clients are able to take these on a daily basis depending on availability.

The Salvation Army also provides hotel vouchers to the RCMP to help individuals in crisis. This provides individuals with a safe place to stay for the night when other services are not available.

The Salvation Army also helps individuals to secure identification, which can often be a barrier to accessing other services and employment.

The most needed donations would be:

- Cash donations for the Community Service Programs
- Food or cash donations to the food bank
- Excess fruit or vegetables from your garden for the food bank

Donations can be sent or dropped off at 886 Wembley Road, French Creek, BC, V9P 1E6 or call 250-248-8794

The Kiwanis Village

No website at this time

Qualicum Parksville Kiwanis Housing Society is redeveloping the existing 20 seniors' only units at 250 First Avenue West, Qualicum Beach into 35 mixed units. The original units were built 40 years ago on land donated by the Town of Qualicum Beach; however they are now at their end of useful life and need to be replaced. As with all affordable housing projects, the town is contributing the developmental cost charges and municipal fees but the building costs still need to be covered by the Society. They are looking for donations from the community to help with the construction costs of these new units. Donations can be made to

Kiwanis Housing Society
Po Box 138
Qualicum Beach, BC
V9K 1S7