



2023

Indigenous Reaching Home

NEWSLETTER Quarter 2 Volume 4



What we've been up to...

First Quarter Completed

Our newest Partner Projects with Threshold Housing, Pacifica Housing Society, SOLID and the VNFC Health Team's Traditional Medicines project have officially completed their first Quarter with IRH funding. Although staffing continues to be challenging in Victoria, we are happy to announce that each project has done an incredible job at starting up their programming.

Well done everyone!



Project Re-Connect

The VNFC CE team was honoured to participate in volunteering with Project Re-Connect this year. We did some greeting and served food as well. It was great to see most of our Partner Projects at the event. The IRH VNFC CE team plans on participating again next year!

IRH Gets Another E-Bike!

With all the community engagement, between meetings, committee, site-visits etc. we felt it was time to get another E-Bike so the whole IRH team can be riding in eco-style.



Partner Gatherings

We hosted the latest Partner Project Gathering in September. We shared a delicious feast, prepared by the VNFC kitchen staff, and discussed IRH updates and reporting. Our Partner Gatherings are productive meetings, where we combine work while sharing laughter, discussing struggles and we continue to relationship build. Our Partner gatherings have been so successful that we will move to a 2-hour meeting format.



Meet the VNFC Housing Team!

Raelene- “I am Coast Salish on my mother’s side my lineage is with Penelakut and Galiano Island, I am Russian and Irish on my father’s side. I am currently the Team Lead of Housing Supports with VNFC and have been with the housing team for over 5 years.” —————>

Kelsey- “I recently moved to Victoria from Edmonton, AB, located on Treaty 6 Territory. I am the newest member of the Housing Team and am excited to learn and grow with the wonderful community.”
↓



Jessica- “I am Tsimshian from Gitga’at. I’ve been a guest on WSANEC territory for over 14 years. I’ve been part of the Housing Team for 3 months.

Marcus- “I am Michel Band First Nation. I have been with VNFC for almost 10 months now but have previously worked with the NCSA (Native Counseling Services of Alberta) as well as the Aboriginal Relations Ministry with the Province of Alberta.”

Successes

1. The VNFC Housing team hosted their first “Gimmie Shelter” train the trainer course.
2. They hosted an expecting single mother facing a two-month eviction on one of the Gulf Islands. She sought our help to find housing here in Victoria. We were able to secure her a market rental, a Midwife, food hampers, and a referral for a long-term cultural housing subsidy. She will be giving birth any day now and will have a safe place to bring her little one home to.

