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Howe Sound Women's Centre Coordinates Clothing Drive To First Nations Communities

SQUAMISH, BC (July 21, 2014) The Howe Sound Women's Centre Society will be hitting the Sea to Sky Highway today with a van full of clothing destined for the First Nations of Lil'wat, In-SHUCK-Ch, and N'Quatqua. The clothing drive comes as a result of a surplus of donations received through Pearl's Value & Vintage in recent months, and the Society is looking to redistribute the clothing to other communities in need. An assortment of free clothing for men, women, and children will be available at the following locations:

- Mount Currie Health Care Centre: 201 Black Bear Road, Mount Currie
- Southern St'itl'imx Health Society: Unit 6 – 7327 Industrial Way, Pemberton

In-SHUCK-Ch staff will also deliver goods to remote communities and families in need.

"We have been very fortunate with the donations received from the community, and this is an opportunity for us to extend that generosity to other residents in our service area that may not otherwise have access to new or gently used clothing," says Sheila Allen, executive director of the Howe Sound Women's Centre Society.

For more information on the clothing drive, email Suzan Lemmers, Pearl's Safe Home Coordinator, at psh@hswc.ca.

About The Howe Sound Women's Centre Society

The Howe Sound Women's Centre Society is a for purpose charitable organization that has been serving the Sea to Sky Community for 32 years. The Women's Centre is focused on supporting women, children and youth who are in need of emergency shelter, support, referrals and advocacy, and in particular, those who are experiencing high conflict, violence or abuse. The Women's Centre offers emergency housing through Pearl's Place Transition Home and Pearl's Safe Home, children and youth focused programs such as Children Who Witness Abuse counselling, Working Through Separation and Divorce counselling, and Violence is Preventable education, multicultural outreach, and health and wellness programs. The Squamish and Whistler Women's Centres receive over 4,600 visits annually. The Women's Centre also operates Pearl's Value & Vintage, a second hand thrift store selling gently used and vintage goods, with all proceeds from sales supporting Howe Sound Women's Centre Society programs. For more information, visit www.hswc.ca.

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