

Hope Farm Healing Centre

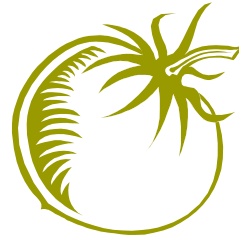
Planting Seeds of Hope



Working in partnership with the church, community and those in need so that together we achieve wholeness.

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Our Background



The Mustard Seed has been involved in ministry in Victoria for over 25 years.

The ministry is to both families and singles; those in need, those who are under-privileged in our community and those struggling with addictive/ destructive lifestyles.

Our vision for the residents is that they will leave Hope Farm Healing Centre with marketable skills and a lifestyle that is holistic, healthy, active, and productive.

The Mustard Seed Street Church is an incorporated non-profit society, registered charity, and a member of the Baptist Union of Western Canada

About the Farm

Hope Farm Healing Centre is a 32 acre farm in the Cowichan Valley and is an extension of the ministry presently offered by The Mustard Seed Street Church. Hope Farm provides a 'Sanctuary of Hope' in a peaceful rural setting, away from environments and situations that bring out non-productive and/or destructive behaviour. The Church is responsible for the creation of a calming climate where the residents can focus on their healing. In partnership with the residents, Hope Farm provides a compassionate environment of community. The staff, grounded in Christian principles, cares for the residents utilizing Biblically-based programs. These in turn help the residents



realize their own gifts and talents and most importantly their worth in Christ. The

Mustard Seed has long recognized that the cycle of poverty, addiction, and other destructive behaviors can create barriers to success. Hope Farm provides an innovative ministry that helps with healing, and brings hope for a future.

Purpose and Ministry

The purpose of the farm is to become an oasis of restoration for people who have been broken and shattered by lifestyles of addiction and have allowed the force of the addiction to take control.

The farm will concentrate on the whole person and will address four streams of healing:

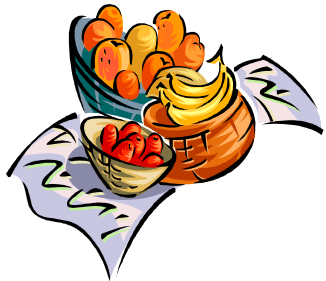
- Physical Healing
- Intellectual Recovery
- Emotional Restoration
- Spiritual Transformation

Involvement with the farming will be a strong part of the healing process. This community of healing and learning will provide a foundation on which residents can rebuild their lives.

Daily Structure

- The staffing team consists of Farm Director, House Manager(s), Maintenance Worker and Care Givers.
- A daily structure of balanced programs will include worship, prayer, physical exercise, education, household chores and farm labour.
- Life and social skill development working towards community reintegration and job placement will be given focused attention on an on-going basis.

- Exercise programs are a central and necessary part of the healing process.



Hope Farm Operations

Hope Farm is a fully functioning and working farm designed to observe strict environmental practices. The residents will work under the direction of farm staff to provide all labour required for the successful operation of the farm. The property has a five- bedroom house, large barn and associated structures, workshop, garage and a two-bedroom mobile home.

A variety of vegetable and orchard crops as well as livestock, wood work, and other Hope Farm products will provide streams of revenue for the farm and supply food banks on Vancouver Island. In addition, ornamental plants and flowers will be grown for sale.

An agricultural development plan, and a landscape/water management plan have been completed which are foundational to the property development over the next several years.



Future Hopes

Hope Farm is well-positioned to be the food recovery/distribution centre for Vancouver Island's food banks. The centre would be set up as a warehouse training facility where the residents can learn one of the following trades:

- Carpentry
- Computer Warehouse System Certification
- Cooking
- Food Safe Certification
- Forklift Certification
- Health & Safety Level 1
- Small Equipment Repair
- Truck Driving License
- Warehouse Management Certification

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