



Victoria Rainbow Kitchen Society

PRESS RELEASE

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The Victoria Rainbow Kitchen Society has been notified by the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia to end its tenancy in the St Saviour's Church building located at 310 Henry Street in Vic West by January 19, 2012. The Diocese has accepted an offer for the purchase of the property by a private investor and therefore will no longer be available for use by Rainbow Kitchen. The Victoria Rainbow Kitchen Society board met on December 8, 2011 and decided that the last meal for guests at this location will be on December 23 in order to allow sufficient time to remove the goods and belongings by the January 19 deadline. Victoria Rainbow Kitchen is actively seeking an alternative location and hopes to re-start services to the community as soon as possible.

Victoria Rainbow Kitchen provides meals Monday through Friday throughout the year for an average of 125 people a day. The people who come to Rainbow Kitchen have a variety of needs and a range of personal circumstances, some of which are poverty, loneliness, mental health issues, substance misuse, disabilities, medical issues and declining health. Rainbow Kitchen provides a warm caring environment for people regardless of their circumstances. It is a safe, supportive, non-judgemental place. The guests have found not only a hot meal but a friendly face and caring community that includes over 100 dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers from both secular and faith groups.

Victoria Rainbow Kitchen Society is grateful to the Anglican Diocese for the use of the St Saviour's property over the past several years. The board and volunteers are appealing to the public for their assistance in locating and funding an alternative location.

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