



**Tuesday, August 30th**  
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## 1st Annual Community Dinner Raises \$3,500 for the Dan Snook Trust Foundation (Dan's Legacy)

NEW WESTMINSTER, BC - On Saturday, August 27th over 100 guests came out in support of the 1st Annual Community Dinner at St. Barnabas Church Hall in New Westminister, and helped raise approximately \$3,500 for Dan's Legacy. The charity provides therapeutic counselling for youth battling addiction as a result of childhood abuse and trauma.

"We're absolutely thrilled with the incredible support we received from the community," says Barbara Coates, Executive Director at Dan's Legacy. "For some time now the media has been reporting more and more stories about the kids lost to overdose or suicide; these funds will help us provide the critical counselling and life-skills programs so desperately needed by young people in crisis."

Guests of the dinner included clients from Dan's Legacy, parishioners from St. Barnabas Anglican Church, members of the Immigrant Link Membership Society and many others who would not ordinarily have the chance to enjoy this type of event. Chef Amber Anderson and her team of students from HAVE Culinary Training Society in Vancouver whipped up a sumptuous meal with surplus ingredients donated by Save-On-Foods, while volunteers, led by Union Gospel Mission's kitchen manager Mike Miller, prepared the appetizers.

"I have seen first-hand the incredible work Dan's Legacy does counselling youth who have experienced trauma," says Chef Anderson. "My cooking skills, connection with Dan's Legacy and work with at-risk youth make it an ideal way for me to give back to the community. My current students helped me prepare the food; it is a great way for students to also give back."



Dan's Legacy would like to thank Ace Excavating Ltd., The Anglican Diocese of New Westminster, Aunt Leah's Place, City of New Westminster Councillors Chuck Puchmayr and Lorrie Williams, Dependable Brake & Muffler, and the Rotary Club of New Westminster for sponsoring a table. Thanks also goes to Bunches and Blooms for the beautiful table arrangements, Starbucks for coffee service, Cool Air Rentals for keeping everyone comfortable, the many local businesses who donated silent auction items and the tireless volunteers.

If you missed the event but would like to donate to Dan's Legacy, or you know a youth who could benefit from the charity's counselling programs, please visit [www.danslegacy.com](http://www.danslegacy.com) for more information.

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### **About Dan's Legacy**

Dan's Legacy is dedicated to working with youth in the Greater Vancouver area battling depression, anxiety and addiction issues as a result of trauma and abuse. Founded in 2006 in memory of Dan Snook, a promising young man lost to a drug overdose at the age of 19, the charity has helped more than 100 youth triumph over their past to lead productive and fulfilling lives.