



Hands Up! September 2011

Everybody loves free stuff... especially when no purchase is necessary!

Feel free to
boost your fall wardrobe
with the **WIN Passport!**

Visit all three WIN stores & collect three stamps, you will receive a \$5.00 gift certificate at your last destination!

WIN
on Cook

WIN
on Pandora

WIN
at Westside

Get ready for the new school year and fall at WIN while supporting your local community!

250-480-4006
www.womeninneed.ca

No purchases necessary.
One per customer only.
Valid until September 30, 2011

Transforming Our Community, One Woman at a Time.

Back by popular demand is the WIN Passport! This month, you can earn a \$5 WIN gift certificate just by popping in to all three of our locations. Obtain your passport at any WIN location and receive a stamp proving that you have been there. Get a stamp from all three locations and receive a \$5 WIN Gift Certificate to help boost that fall wardrobe!

Pandora's New Look

If you haven't had a chance to stop by the Pandora store recently, be sure to come in and check out this location's fresh new look! The revamped retro section looks fantastically funky, we have allocated much more space to furniture, and for you bargain-hunters out there we have an entire clearance section at the rear of the store! Feel lost? Don't worry! We have also designed gorgeous new signage to guide you. Come see the exciting new changes today!

In the co-operative world: Victoria Car Share expands again!

Did you know that the Victoria Car Share Co-op now has vehicles based in the North Park, Jubilee and

Retail Volunteers Needed

We are lucky enough to have lots of volunteer help in production at Pandora—many of you keep the place looking great, keep our shelves stocked, and doing all sorts of tasks that we appreciate immensely. However, if you have any friends or family members who are looking for *retail* experience, send them our way. This would include being a presence on the floor and speaking to customers, greeting customers and checking their bags and straightening the clothing racks. Anyone interested should contact Michelle B. Young at 250-480-4006 ext 205, or michelle@wincooperative.ca,

From the Streets of Victoria to the Champs Elysees: The Homeless World Cup of Soccer

Victoria's own Richard Clemens is 37 years old and has been living on the streets off & on for the past 20 years. Little did he know when he saw a poster at Our Place offering drop-in soccer that it would take him to Paris this summer. Victoria Street Soccer meets on Sunday afternoons at the Vic High field, and anywhere from 12 to 30 people maybe there on any

Uptown areas? This co-operative started when five friends purchased a vehicle together in 1996. Since then it has expanded to 22 vehicles which are available in Victoria, Vic West, Oak Bay and Saanich – with the newest additions being vehicles based. Member purchase a share in the co-operative and then simply book vehicles for use when they need them. To learn more about this way to pool resources and reduce your footprint at the same time, see www.victoriacarshare.ca

What WIN's Got Cookin'

WIN's newest program, the WIN Community Kitchen, has been cooking up a storm since January now.

Participants pool their resources and, partially subsidized by WIN, purchase the ingredients needed for delicious dishes that are nourishing and freeze well. We cook together, laugh together, support local producers with the assistance of the [Good Food Box](#), share ideas and food skills, and offset the cost of eating well. In celebration of the summer that finally arrived, we made this delicious tropical fruit salsa recently:

- 1 medium mango
- 1 cup fresh pineapple
- 1 cup fresh honeydew melon
- 1/2 cup diced red bell pepper
- 1/3 cup seasoned rice wine vinegar
- 2 tbsp fresh cilantro, minced
- 1/2 tsp dried hot red chilis, crushed
- 2 large kiwi, peeled and cut in 1/4" cubes (for serving day)

Peel mango and cut away from skin, cutting pieces into 1/2" cubes. Add to bowl with pineapple, honeydew, red bell pepper, rice wine vinegar, cilantro and chilis. Stir and freeze in freezer safe container. To serve, thaw overnight in refrigerator, add kiwi and enjoy!



given week. Clemens was scouted in June when the Victoria Dreams, as the team is called, played a tournament in East Vancouver. Homeless and socially marginalized players from all over the world practiced with their countrymates for four days in Paris before the 64-team tournament, which took place from August 21-28.

YOU Make the Difference

Did you know that all monetary donations to WIN go directly into our Self Sufficiency Program (SSP)? The SSP provides financial assistance to women where it has the most durable and long-lasting impact: in their journeys to self-sufficiency. Applications are evaluated by our committee and funds are distributed where they are determined to be most effective, every three months.

"I am a single mom; it is important to me to be self-sufficient and to provide a good life for my family. I have worked hard for years to prepare for my professional certification. When the final challenge came I was to come up with a large sum of money for the registration fees. Your gift to me made the difference between following my dream or giving up because of lack of funds... Thank you so much. It will really make the difference."

-(paraphrased) Summer 2011 SSP recipient

Or, fill out the form attached and submit it in person, by fax or by mail.