



jacob'sWELL is HOMELESS!

We need your help!

After 16 years of residency, Jacob's Well Ministry has been evicted from 239 Main Street in the Downtown Eastside (DTES) of Vancouver. The property has been sold and will be used for new purposes, and so Jacob's Well will be homeless as of September 1st, 2017

The Jacob's Well community feels called to continue its ministry in the DTES. Moving and re-establishing ourselves in a new location, however, requires our entire community to meet the challenge of moving within a short timeframe: Jacob's Well needs to raise \$50,000 by June 15th as a first step towards procuring and renovating a new facility where we can continue the work of building relationships and sharing God's love with our neighbours. If we are unsuccessful in raising the funds we will be forced to consider closing our doors for good.

Who is Jacob's Well?

A faith-based ecumenical Christian community, Jacob's Well is located in Vancouver's DTES. We seek mutually transformative friendship with people on the margins of society and also offer opportunities for others to be equipped to do the same in their own context.

Founded in 2001 Jacob's Well continues the legacy of Pauline Fell, who spent 25 years building friendships on the streets of the DTES. At age 85, Pauline felt God calling her to invite others to come alongside to carry on her work of forming loving friendships.

Jacob's Well creates opportunities for individuals to share experiences and build long-term relationships with people from all socioeconomic, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds, in a context of addiction, mental illness, homelessness, social isolation, prejudice, and fear. Local residents and volunteers join staff in cultivating a space where everyone is welcomed. The current storefront is designed to create a sense of home by providing a living room at the front leading to a large open kitchen at the back, in which everyone participates in baking, cooking, and cleaning up while chatting about the day. Our community times include: coffee, art, community kitchen, worship, visiting, playing music, impromptu games, celebrating birthdays, sharing talents, visiting friends in hospital, and taking day trips out of the city. We also support each other through the loss of friends and family, a reality of life that has been happening at an unprecedented pace in our neighbourhood.



What is the Timeline for the Next 4 Months?

June 15

Make the Decision:
commit to a new space or
close our doors on Sept 1st

August

Implement Decision:
pack up 239 Main St.;
renovate new space or close

September 1

**Move out of
239 Main Street and
hopefully move into...**

How can you help us move forward?

Individuals:

- Pray for God's provision and direction for Jacob's Well
- Give financially or pledge your support towards our \$50,000 target
- Experience our community at one of our fundraisers:

May 29 - Music Night Fundraiser (6:30 PM @ 239 Main St.)

June 3 - Walkathon (1:30 PM @ Stanley Park Miniature Railway Entrance)

June 9 - Pizza Party Fundraiser (4-8 PM @ corner of Cordova & Princess)

- Advocate for Jacob's Well. Connect us with your church or potential investors, and/or share our fundraising campaign on your Facebook page

Churches/Community Groups/Governmental Agencies:

- Let your group know about our needs and invite members to consider giving.
- Show our promo video at your church: <https://vimeo.com/217547845>
- Allocate a Sunday offering to our ministry, or invite a community organization to make Jacob's Well the beneficiary of a pending donation
- Allocate some of your monthly/annual tithe to Jacob's Well
- Post fundraising events in your church bulletin/community bulletin board or Facebook (email info@jacobswell.ca for details)
- Host a fundraising event for Jacob's Well before June 15th

How can you offer financial support?

- Vancity Direct Deposit, Cheques, or Interac E-Transfer (email info@jacobswell.ca)
- Give online through our Chimp Campaign: < <http://bit.ly/2r5akwp> >
- Visit <http://jacobswell.ca/giving> for links to give online through Canada Helps or PayPal
- Pledges over \$1,000 based on the June 15th decision to move forward (email name, amount, phone number & method of giving to info@jacobswell.ca)

