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Creating opportunities for homeless youth

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Volunteer News

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Volunteer Spotlight on Jennifer Ocampo-King

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Jennifer Ocampo-King has been volunteering at Eva's since 2006. She first became involved as a One to One Mentor. Jennifer's motivation for becoming involved in the Mentorship Program at Eva's Initiative is to give back to the community. She is in a position in her life where she wants to make a difference in the life of others.

In the Mentorship Program, Jennifer says she is able to help youth (especially her protégé) and she tells them that "if they work hard and have a positive attitude they can succeed in life regardless of the challenges they are currently facing." Because of their work together, Jennifer's protégé has another supportive person in her life that is helping her to reach her potential. "My protégé is like a sister to me. We will go to a

movie, meet for coffee or email each other. I get so much back from our interactions. I make the time because I am inspired by the youth I have met at Eva's Phoenix. I get back so much from my interactions with them. It is so easy to listen."

Jennifer is also serves on Eva's Board of Directors. She is also a volunteer for special events. Her passion and enthusiasm for Eva's and the youth helps Jennifer in her outreach to the community. Jennifer solicits items for auctions and raffles and volunteers at events, the past two Christmas holidays she has collected gifts for the youth. She influences others to give and car-



ries the Eva's message – creating opportunity for homeless youth – everywhere she goes.

Jennifer Ocampo-King is a role model for the youth involved in programs at Eva's Initiatives and for the rest of us. Jennifer has managed to balance a very

demanding career in the financial services sector and her personal life. And somewhere in there she has made time to help a marginalized group in our society. "It's not a secret formula. Jennifer's determination and willingness to help others helps her to find the time."

explains Jennifer's husband Phil. Jennifer does not see barriers, she only sees solutions.

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5k Walk/Run for Youth

On Sunday, October 19th, 2008, be a part of Eva's Initiatives 5K Walk/Run for Youth, to raise funds to help create opportunities for homeless youth.

By joining the Eva's Team you help provide safe shelter and a wide range of proactive, progressive programs and services, helping homeless and at-risk youth reach their potential to lead productive, self-sufficient and healthy lives.

When you join you agree to:

- Raise \$100 in pledges (our on-line tools make this very easy)
- Join us for a complimentary breakfast after the walk
- Wear an Eva's t-shirt showing your support
- Tell your friends and colleagues how much fun you had.

Need some help along the way? We're here for you! To assist you in your fundraising efforts, we provide you with the following tools to get you

on your way:

- A Welcome Kit
- On-line fundraising tools
- Off-line fundraising tools
- Water and complimentary breakfast on race day
- Thank you letters and tax receipts to all donors
- Complimentary Registration for those who agree to raise \$100

To sign up for Eva's 5K Walk/Run for Youth or to volunteer please email us at

5kforyouth@evas.ca.



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One to One Mentorship Program

Have you heard about Eva's Phoenix One to One Mentorship Program?

Make a difference in a Youth's life by becoming a Mentor.

Eva's Phoenix Mentorship Program offers volunteers a rewarding and challenging opportunity to have an amazing impact as a One to One Mentor to clients of Eva's Initiatives.

A mentor is a member of the community who is willing to give of his or her time to talk with and assist a youth (protégé) in achieving his/her personal, academic and career exploration goals. By simply meeting with their protégé a couple of hours per week, mentors showing their youth protégés that there is someone in the community that cares about their well-being. A men-

tor is not a parent, counselor or social worker. A mentor is a friend and guide. On-going volunteer training and support is provided by the Eva's Phoenix Mentorship Coordinator.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer mentor, please visit Eva's Initiatives website for further details at www.evasinitiatives.com or call (416) 364-4716 ext. 267.

Eva's Initiatives now has a **Facebook** group. The address is <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=17455259131#/group.php?gid=7559099223>, or use the search feature in groups to find our group.

Please join and invite your friends! It's a great way to keep everyone updated, post your Eva's related pictures and share your stories!

Third Party Events

Third Party Fundraising Events help provide essential funding needed to deliver the innovative programs and services at Eva's Initiatives. Fundraising events can range from hosting a dinner for friends and asking for donations in lieu of host gifts to organizing a golf tournament that benefits Eva's Initiatives.

All third party events need to be approved by Eva's Initiatives. Once approved, we will work with you to ensure that your event is a success. We will send you our Third Party Event kit, which has guidelines and tips that will ensure your fundraiser is a success. We can also provide brochures and donation forms, upon approval

of your fundraising event by Eva's Initiatives.

You Can Make a Difference!

To request a copy of our Third Party Event kit, please contact:

Volunteer Services
(416) 977-4497 ext. 141
volunteer@evas.ca

Home for Life Sale

Every spring Eva's Initiatives holds our signature **Home for Life Auction**. The main features of the event are live and silent auctions, in which guests can bid on household items to make their homes more stylish. These household items include furniture, house wares, home improvement and garden services. Why not build on our Home for Life Auction with having you own Home for Life Sale?

Almost anyone can organize a garage sale because it requires

little in the way of specialized expertise or equipment. The procedure is simple: the group solicits donations from members and friends, as well as from private garage sales. Groups may organize and staff the event themselves, or enlist the support of a sponsor. The event itself is very relaxed and casual; customers and volunteers simply negotiate until they arrive at a mutually agreeable price. Funds are also raised through donation boxes, button sales, and the

sale of refreshments. For a festive touch, include face-painting, and kids' games.

Please remember that people who purchase items at the sale are not eligible for tax receipts.

If you are interested in organizing a **Home for Life Sale**, please contact us for our Third Party Events Kit and Home for Life Sale Guide (416-977-4497 ext 141 or volunteer@evas.ca).



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Home for Life Auction

Eva's hosted our 10th annual Spring Auction on Wednesday May 28th. This year the auction was re-branded as the **Home for Life Auction**. The building next to Eva's Phoenix was transformed from an unused warehouse to a virtual home. Seven up-and-coming designers were given the challenge of designing rooms that captured the imagination of the guests. There was a silent auction, a live auction and of

course live music.

Approximately 350 guests attended to help make this the most successful auction to date. Over 50 volunteers gave their time and energy to ensure that the event was a success.

Pat Gloudon and Ettie Dawkins were recognized for their dedication to Eva's. Both Pat and Ettie have played key roles at each of the 10 auc-

tions and have helped the auction grow.

We do not have a date for next year's event yet, but we will let you know as soon as we do, so you can save the date.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped at the Auction!



Several of the excellent Home for Life volunteers .

Buzz Hargrove Tribute Dinner

Staff and volunteers of Eva's Initiatives are over-achievers. It was not enough to have the Home for Life Auction this past spring. Two weeks after the Auction on June 11th, Eva's Initiatives was busy with the Buzz Hargrove Tribute Dinner. Buzz agreed to have a tribute dinner on the condition that proceeds would be donated to

Eva's Initiatives.

Over 1700 guests attended the dinner. There were almost 100 volunteers present to ensure that the evening was a success. Many of these volunteers were also at the Home for Life Auction.

Money raised at the Tribute Dinner has been allocated to

help with the Phoenix expansion.

This event was a huge success because of the all of the great volunteers.



Taste Matters 2008 — Save the Date

Taste Matters is a spectacular fundraising event for Eva's Initiatives that brings together the financial and business communities in support of our innovative work – work that touches the lives of over 2000 homeless and at-risk youth in Toronto each year.

During the evening, three hundred guests sample vintage wines and gourmet food and participate in spirited bidding

on wine and food themed auction items, while being entertained by accomplished musicians.

This year's Taste Matters is on Wednesday November 12th at the Design Exchange. Taste Matters expands this year to feature twelve wineries, each pouring up to four vintage selections. The tastings on offer

will be a fantastic array of exceptional culinary creations from top chefs (including Toronto's favorite, Jamie Kennedy), caterers and restaurants from around the city.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Lesley at 416-977-4497 ext 141 or email volunteer@evas.ca



Home Starter and Personal Needs Kits Program

Youth moving out of Eva's Phoenix on their own need a basic home kit of linens, dishes, pot & pans, utensils, toiletries and personal care items. Buying these items new adds up to a lot and when combined with first and last month's rent and basic furnishings the cost could be prohibitive. A home starter kit containing the basic house wares is put together in a box for distribution to youth as they prepare to leave Eva's Phoenix and move into their own home.

Youth at Eva's Satellite and Eva's Place also need travel size personal care items:

soap, shampoo, tooth brushes, etc. A personal needs kit will be pre-packaged and distributed to youth as they start their stay at Eva's Place or Eva's Satellite.

By providing these kits Eva's gives youth access to necessary items that can be costly for them. Youth will no longer need to take shelter house wares and so the replacement cost of these items to the shelters goes down.

Businesses, unions and community groups are being approached to donate necessary items. A list detailing items needed in order of current priority and

with quantities will be provided to donors. Priority items will change depending on the level of stock items. Donors can contact the Head Office of Eva's Initiatives for more details about the program.

You can organize a drive at your work, community group or with family and friends. Does your co-workers and/or family and friends travel and stay in hotels? Ask people to save the complimentary shampoo, conditioner etc. and donate it to Eva's. Contact us to find out how to organize a drive and to get a copy of our needed priority items.

Not sure what to do with all your *Shoppers Drug Mart Optimum Points*? Why not donate them to Eva's Initiatives? Go to www.shoppersdrugmart.ca and click on the "Donate Points" button on the left side of the page. Follow the links for another way to help Eva's offset the costs of providing necessity items to our youth.

Special Event Volunteers



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Contact Information

Thank you so much for your support – we greatly appreciate your ongoing dedication to helping create long-term solutions for homeless and at-risk youth.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact:

Volunteer Resources
416-977-4497 ext 141

Has your contact information changed? Please keep your mailing address, email and phone number up to date so we can contact you when volunteer opportunities are available.

Do you have friends who want to volunteer? Ask them to contact us today at volunteer@evas.ca and let us know what kind of volunteer jobs they are interested in.