



Surrey Urban Mission News Release

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The Surrey Urban Mission is excited to announce the creation of the 'North Surrey Health and Wellness Clinic' at the Mission. The City of Surrey has given the Mission a permit to develop a trailer on site for this purpose for a two year period of time.

Due to health care cutbacks and the fact that many people who live in poverty are and have been unable to access health care in a timely fashion we created weekly 'Health and Wellness Clinics' with practicum students from the Nursing programs of Kwantlen Polytechnic University and Douglas College. They have run weekly for the past year and a half.

The purpose of this Endeavour is to provide immediate assistance to people with a range of simple medical health issues but even more to provide opportunities for people to learn about healthy living to prevent the degree of illness that often we see amongst our friends who come to the Mission.

In speaking with instructors from Kwantlen we came up with a model to provide health care and information in what we believe will be a unique and cost effective model – utilizing students, practicum supervisors, a nurse practitioner who will be on site to supervise the students, and a community doctor who will provide guidance and support for our project.

Fraser Health community nurses will participate once a month by providing a clinic on 'how to have good health.' The clinics might range from heart health to living with diabetes, blood pressure testing, mammograms, foot care etc. etc.