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THE VANCOUVER NATIVE HEALTH CENTRE

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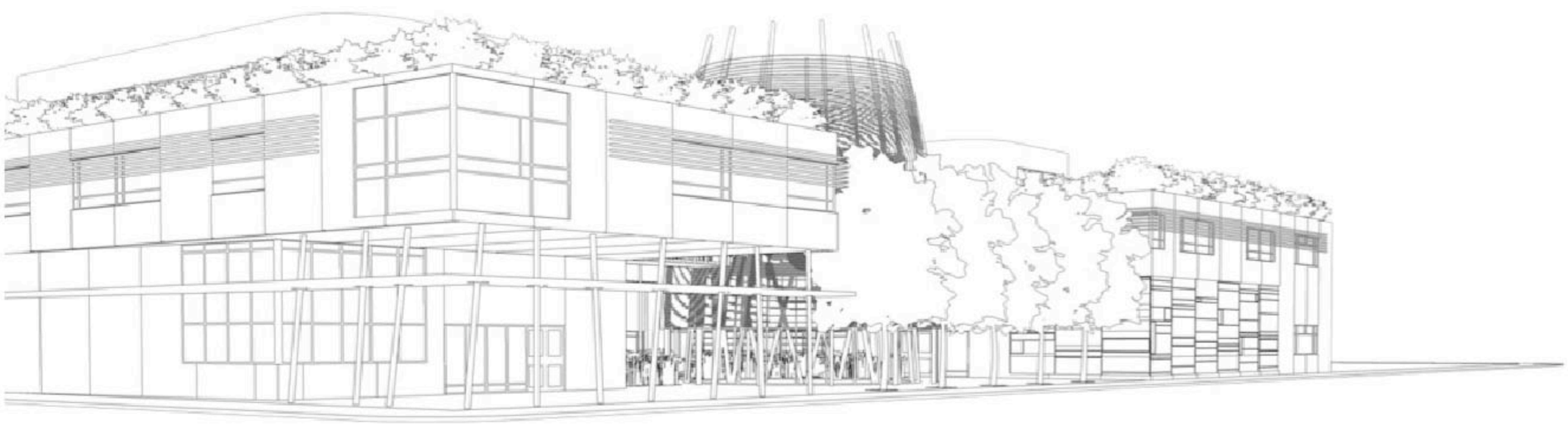

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positive change

VANCOUVER NATIVE HEALTH SOCIETY

HEART OF THE DOWNTOWN EAST SIDE (DTES)

INTRODUCTION

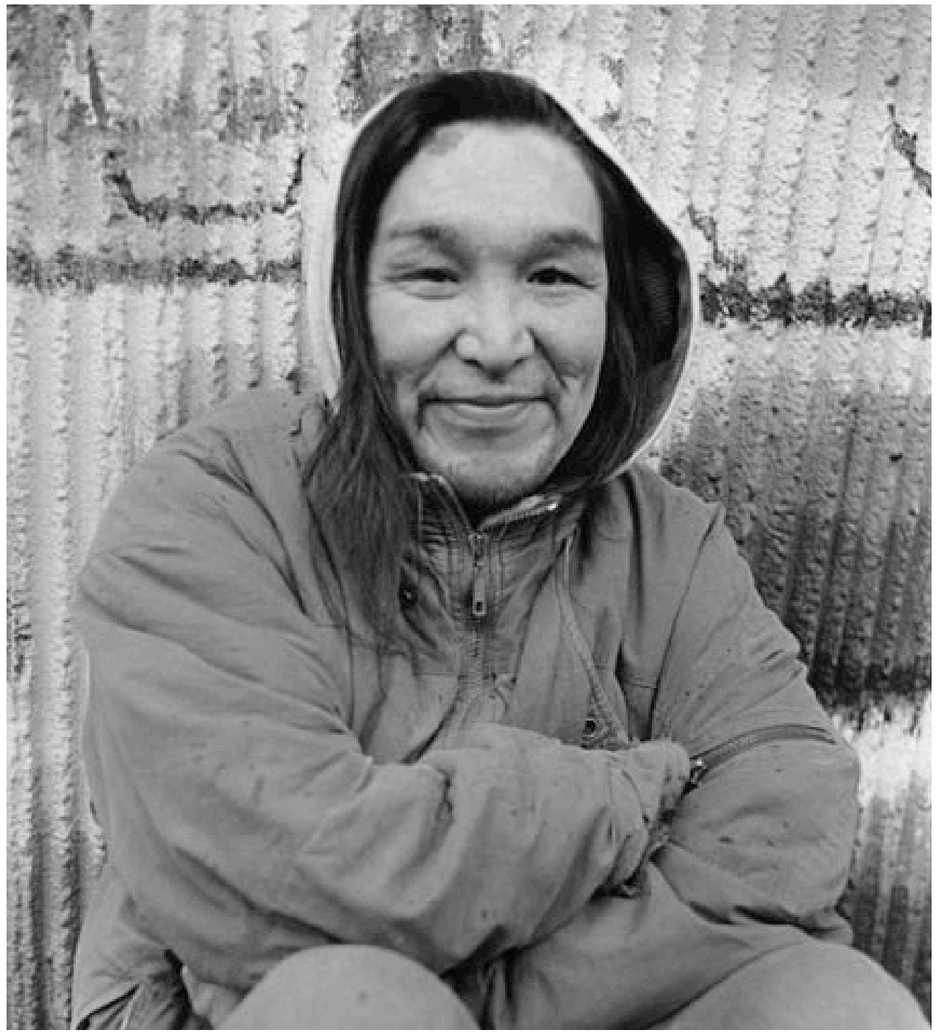
For more than 17 years, Vancouver Native Health Society has been serving the downtown east side.

We provide accessible medical, counseling and holistic social services to native and non-native people alike - free of charge.

We are an integral part of this community.

Each member of our hard working staff and board of directors seeks to better the community through transformative change and true health care.

In 17 years of service we've been operating without a centre to call our own.



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community transformation

OUR CURRRENT INITIATIVES

With a staff of 90, we're working at the heart of initiatives that have decreased rates of HIV and co-infections, drastically reduced the amount of chemically-effected babies born, and increased the health and quality of life of all people in the downtown east side.

MEDICAL CLINIC

The clinic provides a starting point for people who want to change their lives. Here, we provide non-discriminatory medical services to residents of the east side. We often refer patients to holistic programs that get them back on their feet. Experience has shown that providing integrated, innovative and comprehensive health care can improve patient acceptance of care and compliance with treatment. Since 1997 the total visits to the VNHS Medical Walk-in Clinic have increased by 94%, to 21,366 visits.

POSITIVE OUTLOOK

The Positive Outlook Program provides care treatment and support services to people living with HIV/AIDS. The program addresses physical, spiritual/traditional, mental and emotional needs. In 2002/03, Positive Outlook had a 35% increase in total annual visits and served more than 59,000 meals.

SHEWAY

Sheway provides health and social services to pre and post natal mothers. In the early 1990's, more than half of the babies born in the east side were chemically affected. This is unacceptable. The goal of Sheway is to reduce the rate to zero by providing comprehensive support to mothers, including counseling, education, housing, and healthy food. Since the programs inception, the number of chemically affected babies born in the east side has been dramatically reduced to less than 10%.

ABORIGINAL EARLY CHILDHOOD SUPPORT

The childhood support program addresses the gaps in services for the Aboriginal community by providing culturally appropriate early childhood support programs. The program works in partnership with parents and caregivers to provide services to the family such as peer support, advocacy, parenting skill development, life skills training and links to community-based activities and services.

DENTAL CLINIC

RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL HEALING CENTRE

CUSP/PREP PROGRAMS

THE URBAN ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY KITCHEN

INNER-CITY FOSTER PARENTS

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTRE

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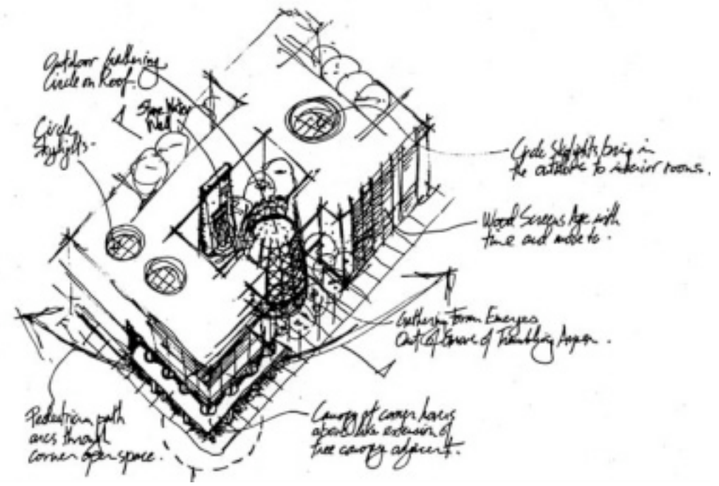
OUR NEW CENTRE

Since 1991, the Vancouver Native Health Society has been at the heart of revitalization in the east side. Much has been done with little. Throughout the years of victories and successes, the society has operated without a home of its own.

Today, the dream of the Society owning its own facility remains very much alive.

The proposed Aboriginal Wellness Centre will be the hub of VNHS's health care delivery and partner programs in the Downtown Eastside community of Vancouver.



surviving is a
great victory

OUR NEW HEALTH CENTRE
WILL BE GUIDED BY OUR VISION AND
FOUNDED ON OUR SUCCESS

The idea of an Aboriginal Wellness Centre was the main outcome of a Board retreat in 2001, although the vision was already alive at community meetings in the 1980's. Continued growth in demand for our services, an expanding list of programs, and our long-term organizational objectives all point to one logical conclusion; the time for the new centre is now.

CURRENT AND PLANNED SERVICES

+ Medical Clinic
+ Dental Clinic
+ Positive Outlook Program
+ Residential School Healing Centre
+ Sheway
+ CUSP/PREP Programs
+ Administration
+ The Urban Aboriginal Community Kitchen
+ Inner-city Foster Parents
+ Early Childhood Education
+ Pharmacy
+ Dental Clinic
+ Medical Resource Centre
+ Community Meeting Space
+ Staff Support
+ Childcare
+ Leasable/Future Space

It will combine the focused, holistic aspects of aboriginal culture and healing with contemporary, conventional, primary health care of the highest quality.

healing

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The new facility will have 3 times the current working space - approximately 48,000 sq. feet compared to approximately 14,000 sq. feet of presently leased space. Estimated costs of the new facility are as follows: site acquisition $2.4 million; construction costs $6.7 million, and soft costs $1.4 million.

2ND LEVEL PLAN

THIRD LEVEL / ROOF PLAN

VHNS NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT
TO MAKE THE DREAM OF A WELLNESS CENTRE A REALITY

Much of the groundwork has already been laid. With the support of our partners, we've engaged a world-class architect to design a facility that will be as welcoming as it is functional. Now, we need to raise $10.5 million to purchase a site and build the dream.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Be a Partner
Partners provide support in excess of $1 million

Be a Supporter
Supporters provide amounts ranging from $500,000 to $1 million

Be an Associate
Associates provide amounts ranging from $250,000 to $500,000

Be a Friend
Friends provide any amount up to $250,000

Your support will be recognized in our promotional material, as well as on a commemorative plaque to be placed prominently in the foyer of the new facility.

Thank you