



## **Identifying a Need**

Homelessness is a reality in Abbotsford. The lack of shower facilities affects hygiene and can cause health issues. This creates a barrier to finding employment and transition out of the homelessness, because Self-esteem and mental health are severely impacted.

## **Our solution**

We believe that the Refresh Mobile Showers Project is benefiting the homeless people in the City of Abbotsford because everyone in a community benefits when its members are healthy. The shower trailer provides the opportunity for us to connect with people who are homeless and living out of tents or cars. Our aim is to provide free showers to those who are part of the homeless population. Dignity and respect for all people is our value. The Refresh Mobile Showers Initiative has widespread support in the community

## **What we are doing**

Our Refresh Mobile Showers trailer has two compartments; each one has its own private entrance for our guests to access the free showers. A 225 gallon onboard fresh water tank provides the water for up to 20 people. Our guests are all given free socks and underwear. An On-demand propane water-heater supplies the warm water for a comfortable shower. The grey-water flows into the 350 gallon holding tank under the unit. Our trailer is heated by a propane furnace. The trailer has also been used at an Extreme Cold Weather Shelter in the winter months. Heating elements in the tanks keep the water from freezing in the winter.

## **Partners**

We have reached another significant milestone. In May 2019, we provided our first shower. On October 2020, we provided our 1000<sup>th</sup> shower. Please watch our video:

<https://youtu.be/Mh4bDD-E7TY>

Going forward, we welcome like-minded individuals and churches to come alongside us in making this Ministry a continued reality in our Community. Your support whether through volunteering, praying or through your generous financial giving is greatly appreciated.

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