

### Volunteers Needed:

- to respond to potential donors by telephoning them and making arrangements for pick-ups and deliveries.
- to do pick-ups and deliveries.
- to advertize the project's needs amongst friends.
- to help sort household items, and to fill orders for clients.

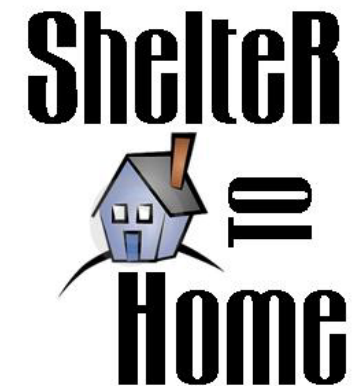
All volunteering will be done under the direction of the core team.



*Always ready to lend a helping hand: Ken, Geoff and volunteer, Bob.*

### Shelter to Home Contact Information

Currently, call Ruth Kershaw  
604-929-0421  
(or Highland's Church office  
at 604-980-6071)



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that provides furniture and household  
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transitioning from homelessness  
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## Shelter to Home Ministry Highlands United Church North Vancouver, BC

### Mission

The mission of **Shelter to Home** is to provide furniture and household items, normally, to North Shore people transitioning from homelessness to independent living .

### Brief History of who we help



Ruth Kershaw

Ruth Kershaw, a member of Highlands United Church, who was serving as the Volunteer Coordinator for the North Shore Lookout Shelter, was approached by the Shelter's outreach worker, to help find furniture and household items for a client who had moved to a rooming house and had

absolutely nothing and no money to buy items needed to make his room into a home. Ruth appealed to the Spirit Singers Choir and left the church with promises for everything "Tom" needed.



*Pictured above with Ruth Kershaw are Ken and Geoff, Outreach Workers at the Lookout Shelter.*

The next day she delivered a bed and bedding, an easy chair, a dresser, a bookshelf, coffee pot, toaster, kettle, dishes, pots and pans and some food. Thus, the Shelter to Home Project was born. Two years later, 150 people have been helped to furnish their rooms or apartments. Most of these folks have not returned to the Shelter. A few recipients have been referred by Canadian Mental Health Association, Harvest Project, and Goodman House.

*We, as a community of people who believe that acts of compassion in crucial circumstances really do change lives, will try to respond to every person who asks for help.*

### How can you help?

**Donate items** in good condition, including beds, dressers, bedside tables, couches, loveseats, chairs, coffee tables, end tables, kitchen tables and chairs, TVs and stands, lamps, linens, pillows, dishes, cutlery, coffee pots, kettles, toasters, pots and pans, hotplates, kitchen utensils, towels, wastebaskets ~anything needed to set up an apartment.



**Donate money** to help cover the cost of storage and moving. Cheques are payable to Highlands United Church and designated Shelter to Home.

**Donate storage space**—the programme has a real need for space to store furniture and household items. The ideal space would be a small warehouse that is heated and dry or alternately a double or single garage.