Research Partnership Opportunity

Men to women-focused substance abuse recovery

Opportunity
The Mustard Seed Street Church is looking to re-open Hope Farm Healing Centre, an addiction healing centre which connects people in recovery with the land while offering healing counselling services. The Mustard Seed is considering switching to a women-focused recovery program and are looking to gather evidence about gaps in service for recovery programming. This research will support decision-making on whether The Mustard Seed should move to a women-focused program.

The Mustard Seed Street Church is seeking a UVic researcher(s) to explore:
- What is the need for women’s recovery homes compared to men’s recovery homes, and are these needs met or unmet on southern Vancouver Island?

Timeline & deliverables
- Research starting as soon as possible with completion by early 2021 (approx.).
- Timeline and deliverables to be determined in partnership with The Mustard Seed and the researcher(s).

Compensation
There is currently no funding by The Mustard Seed; however, the Mustard Seed is willing to partner with UVic to seek funding to support this research.

Expressions of interest
Please reach out to Jen Kyffin communityresearch@uvic.ca by September 14th if you would like to learn more about this opportunity. Our office will respond to interested parties about next steps in late September.

**Please note, graduate students are welcome to apply to this opportunity if a faculty member agrees to supervise their work.

Background
About organization
The Mustard Seed Street Church is a non-profit organization fighting hunger and restoring faith in people living in poverty in greater Victoria since 1975. The Mustard Seed operations are nearly 100 percent community funded including Vancouver Island’s largest Food Bank, a Family Center, Hospitality programs, and addictions recovery at Hope Farm Healing Centre as well as more traditional Church services.

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