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**GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW PANDORA STREET THRIFT SHOP:
SAVE MONEY, GIVE BACK, GAIN SKILLS, GO GREEN**

VICTORIA – Beacon Community Services and Victoria Cool Aid Society have partnered to offer a new Thrift Shop at 715 Pandora Street. Join us for our Grand Opening celebration this Friday, October 16th at 11am. Come by for cake and grand opening specials, and see the newest addition to the Downtown Business Community.

This Thrift Shop does more than just offer quality, affordable goods for the downtown community. It offers an opportunity for people to contribute to positive social change by supporting local charitable services. This store will generate significant funding to local community programs that benefit those in need in our community, including the Out of the Rain youth shelter, the Crossing Guard Program for School District 61, REES mental health and addictions services, and supportive housing at Desmond House.

The Thrift Shop will also provide valuable volunteer experience both for people looking for a meaningful way to stay connected and give back to their community as well as those seeking to sharpen their employment skills in order to enter the job market.

But the benefits don't stop there. By recycling donated goods, we are cutting down on waste, which is always a good thing. Surplus goods are donated to the Compassionate Resource Warehouse, Mustard Seed Co-op and Sidney Food Bank – so nothing goes to waste.

Come by and see all that we have to offer. We're more than just a store.

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