



Sardis
Doorway

Report Covering Covid-19

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SARDIS DOORWAY

Who are they?

Sardis Doorway is a non-profit organization situated in Chilliwack that works with single mothers. In 1987 Doorway began with six families and twelve volunteers. Since then, they have expanded and now support forty families.

Who is involved?

Doorway is made up of a board of directors and volunteers from the community who together support single parenting mothers.

Who is the director of Doorway?

Karen Rempel has been the Sardis Doorway director since 2014, but she has been involved since the beginning of the ministry. Although, she was not a Doorway mom, she cares deeply about the emotional and spiritual well-being of each of the mothers.

How does Doorway help?

Doorway supports women by running parenting classes, creating workout sessions, building relationships, and helping women find safe housing. Doorway's ultimate goal though is to love people unconditionally.

Sardis Doorway and Pandemic Relief work

Because of Covid restricting Sardis Doorway's in-person activities, the organization has gotten creative with different ways of supporting their single-parenting mothers

The Governments Relief Grants

Grants helping with Food Security and Abuse prevention programs

End Abuse Programs

Covid Response grant funds allowed Sardis Doorway to hire a support worker who has been able to connect individually with the Doorway women. These funds have also supported programs like **When Love Hurts** and **Home Improvement**.

Home Improvements

Program continued through Covid with a mix of in-person and zoom. The men, especially, struggled with the zoom platform, so it took almost a year to finish the 15 week program.



Food Security

60% of Sardis Doorway family's income is spent on housing. This leaves very little for healthy food.



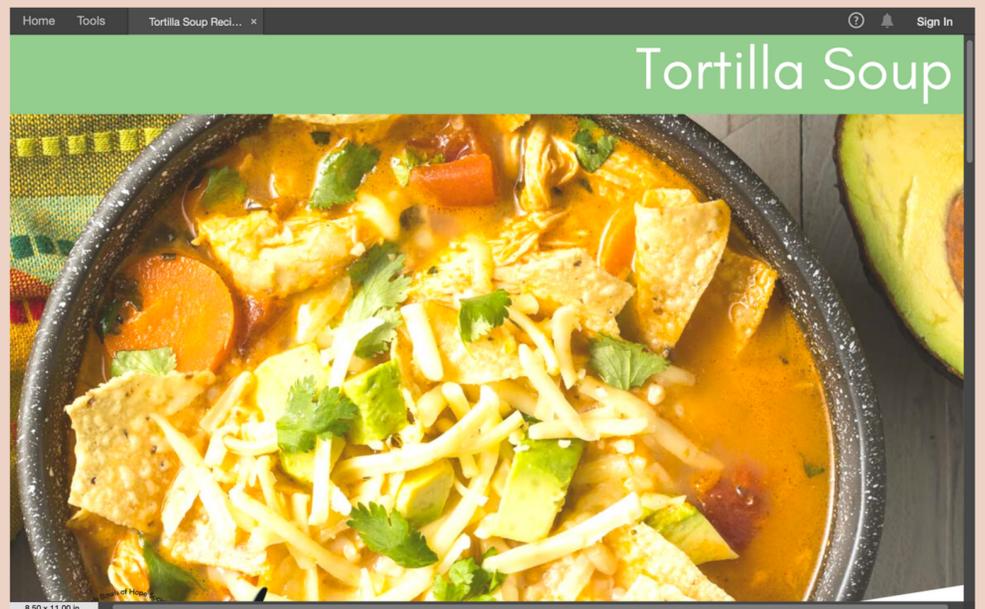
When Love Hurts

Facilitating groups for women who have experienced abuse. Throughout Covid we have been able to Continue to offer groups. Sometimes in person, but frequently over zoom.



COOKING HAMPER INITIATIVE

The food hampers bring food and community to women by providing them with simple recipes made with affordable food that they and their kids can learn. Each hamper comes with all the ingredients as well as video instructions explaining each recipe.



Cooking and Caring

Following Covid-19 procedures, hampers are a chance for Sardis Doorway Volunteers to see the women in person. According to the director of Sardis Doorway, this gives them an opportunity for personal interactions, which everyone is craving and to see how individuals are coping in the midst of this global pandemic.

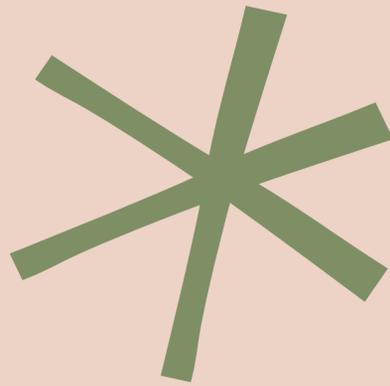


Cooking and Community

Recipes are sourced by local Engineering office and costs approx. \$8 to feed a family of four. Some hampers provide recipes specifically to get moms and kids in the kitchen together and provide fellowship around cooking.

Results of Global Pandemic

The residual effect of a global pandemic on some of the Sardis Doorway women has been devastating. Many of the women feel isolated in small living spaces with their children, and missing the reprieve from their kids that Sardis Doorway provided.



The loss of employment and isolation, felt by all, resulted in some Sardis Doorway women returning to their drug abuse problems, as well as others losing their children to the foster system. These heart breaking realities are felt by the whole of the Sardis Doorway families.

Faith In the Midst of a Pandemic

"The mission of Sardis Doorway is love people unconditionally and encourage them to change because of that love" -Karin Rempel



As a Christian organization, Sardis Doorway desires to show the love of God and feed people's tummies, but does not preface their generosity with preaching. They acknowledge that it is the church's job to preach and theirs to share the gospel through love and action.

Post-Covid Doorway

What is next?



As Covid-19 restrictions lessen, Doorway wants to continue in-person events.



The need for these in-person events is more than ever, as women are longing for community.



When safe, Doorway wants to provide day care for the kids, while thier moms are in the workshops.



The grants helping with food security will hopefully continue to be prioritized to reduce food in-security.



The Doorway community waits for the day when they can all reunite together!

How Can you help



1

Educate yourself on poverty in your area



Give money to organizations like Sardis Doorway

2

Volunteer where there is need for helping hands

3

Understanding that Covid impacts those in need

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Use your ballot to to vote those into office who want to help