

# Father's Day Campaign Aims to Open Vancouver's First Men's Centre

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- In celebration of Father's Day, the Canadian Association for Equality is announcing a fundraising drive to open the first Men's Centre in Vancouver, BC. The charity currently operates Canadian Centre for Men and Families facilities in Toronto, Ottawa and Calgary.



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Although it seems to rub against the grain, in many ways boys, men and fathers are in crisis. Males account for 75% of suicides in Canada, and 85% of all opioid-related overdoses. As more couples divorce or separate, children increasingly suffer the consequences of father-absence.

The Campaign is active on the crowd-funding platform Patreon, where a leading philanthropist is matching contributions for a limited time. For details, visit

<https://www.patreon.com/ccmfvancover>.

The charity has been responding to COVID-19 by offering a wide variety of online support groups. Even in the best of times, men suffer from a lack of strong social networks, with serious effects on their health and well-being. In our current social crisis, there is a heightened need for men to have a safe place to connect. "We aim to encourage healthy masculinity," said Roger Challis, CCMF Vancouver co-Director.

Earlier this year, the first Canadian Centre for Men and Families opened in Alberta. "We are excited to be in a position now to expand to the West Coast," said Justin Trottier, CCMF National Executive Director. "The more we respond to the silent suffering of boys and men, the more benefit we can bring to the entire family and to the larger community."

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