

Connections and the Cost of Living

This fall, [Abbotsford Connect 2010](#) helped alleviate poverty by connecting over 200 low income people with clothing, counselling services, foot care, haircuts, eye exams, income assistance, mental health information and referrals, with the help of [Vibrant Abbotsford](#) and over twenty-seven service agencies.

Vibrant Abbotsford is also working to reduce poverty by demonstrating the need for wages based on the costs of living in a specific community. A living wage, also known as an affordability index, is the minimum amount a person needs to be paid per hour in order to pay compulsory expenses and feel like an equal member of society. Vibrant Abbotsford will create awareness of the cost of basic needs for low income people as well as offer information to employers.

Read more about Living Wages, including how employer benefits affect them, at BC's [Living Wage for Families](#), or join Vibrant Communities' [Living Wage Community of Practice](#).

