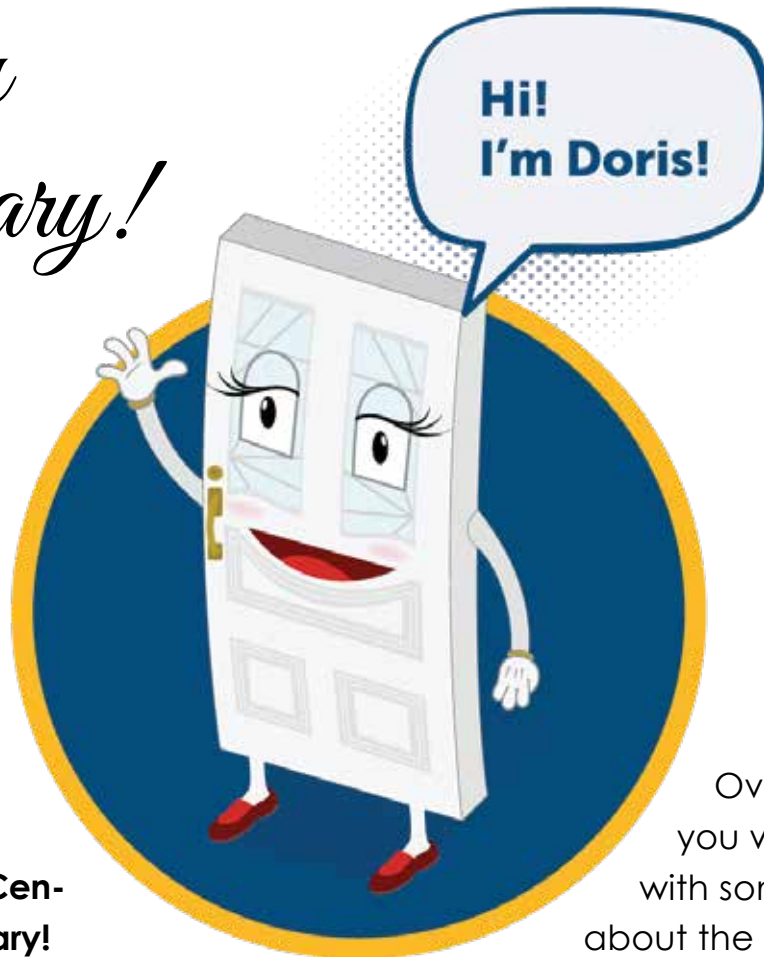




*Happy
Anniversary!*



Are you ready to
CELEBRATE with us?
**2023 is The Cridge Cen-
tre's 150th anniversary!**

Who else do you know that is 150 years old?? Let me introduce myself – my name is Doris, and I have been a part of The Cridge Centre almost since the beginning. You have probably seen me hundreds of times and not realized that I am a very important part of the organization – I am the front door that has welcomed children and families, staff and volunteers and people just like you!

Over the next year, you will hear from me with some of the stories about the people who have been a part of The Cridge Centre – both in the past and present. I have so many stories about the past 150 years, and I hope you will enjoy hearing from me now and then. We have all kinds of fun things planned for this year, and we look forward to your involvement! Because, after all, 150 years of service is worth celebrating! Keep reading to learn more...

An Excerpt from The Home: How it all Began



Seldom along the roads that mark the human journey do we find a resting place built by one person alone. That is true of the British Columbia Protestant Orphans' Home, though its story recounts the efforts of individuals marked by purpose and determination. Most often, the names of Edward and Mary Cridge have been associated with the Home, which they and close friends began, and later with the Society that now bears their family name. It is a story of determination, a story of trial and error, a story of endurance and above all, a story of human response to the human conditions that surrounded these pioneers and those who followed them.

Since the early days of the colony (Fort Victoria), many children bereft of care had begun to appear on Vancouver Island. The growing population of orphans must have affected Edward and Mary Cridge deeply. They had known sorrows in their own lives, they were deeply engaged with the community, and by profession, both stood close to human life, one as a minister, the other as a teacher. In the summer of 1872, both the Cridge and (Senator) McDonald families took abandoned children into their homes.

Later the same year, a conversation among Edward Cridge, Reverend W. Pollard and Reverend McGregor turned to current matters regarding orphans. All three men agreed that the Protestant Church should be contributing more solidly to the needs of the street children. The British Columbia Protestant Orphans' Home was verbally established that very afternoon. The Home was officially opened on November 8, 1873, and an appeal went out to the community to support the new orphanage with gifts, clothing, food, and subscriptions.

The purpose of the British Columbia Protestant Orphans' Home was clear. The Constitution of 1873 stated that 'the object of this Institution is to receive and to provide a Home for Orphan, destitute and other children, requiring such care; and to educate them in the Protestant Faith, and instruct them in the elements of secular knowledge.'

The number of children in the care of the Home soon increased. By the end of 1874, there were 21 residents. During those early years, on many occasions, a single mother, or perhaps grandparents unable to care for young children left to them, applied for their children's admission to the Home.

Among all the donations the Home received, none would match that of John George Taylor. After Taylor's death in May 1891, the British Columbia Orphans' Home received the entire proceeds of his substantial estate (\$32,500), enough money to purchase a large site and construct the three-story red brick building that still stands today.

From *The Home: Orphans' Home to Family Centre 1873 to 1998* by Vernon Storey, Terry Worobetz & Henry Kennedy

Generational Care at The Cridge Centre

Joanne Linka, Manager of Communication and Fund Development



Wendy's mom, Joyce, and her knitting.

As an organization, you know you are doing something right when families keep returning for more. Throughout the past 150 years, we have seen numerous families who have been engaged with our work and services for generations.

The most obvious family is the Cridge family itself. When Edward and Mary Cridge started the organization, they likely had no idea that 150 years later, their great great grandson would be on the board. Mike Cridge has served as a board member for the past ten years, helping to guide the organization through important years of growth and service. Likewise, Gregory Cran, a great great grandson, served as a board member for many years. We see the legacy of their support and personal investment as a great gift to the organization and the people we serve.

Wendy McLeod is another individual who accessed The Cridge Centre over a number of years for several family members. Her son, Miller, attended our Child Care program for 12 years. When Wendy's marriage dissolved and she was left without financial support, she and Miller moved into our housing and accessed important support services to help them regain their stability. Years later, Wendy's mom, Joyce, moved into our Seniors' Assisted Living and loved the year she

spent here, starting a knitting group with the children in our School Age Care program. Wendy became a donor and supporter of our programs, advocating with her colleagues to support families with our Christmas hamper program.

As families access our programs, it is not unusual for us to meet them again later in life when they are in a place of stability and safety, wanting to give back through financial support, volunteering and employment. It is such a blessing to know that these families have reached a place of security and can now give back to their community – and that they choose to give back through The Cridge Centre. When a woman who was served by our Transition House at the lowest point of her life, dealing with trauma, violence and homelessness, now becomes a monthly donor – we are so honoured and blessed! Her gift means so much to us – it is so much more than money. It is a sign of her gratitude for what she received from The Cridge Centre.

As an organization, we have touched hundreds of thousands of lives – while we don't know the stories of every one of those journeys, we are grateful that we have walked alongside them for a while, giving hope and support along the way.

A TIMELINE OF THE CRIDGE



On **April 1st, 1855** Edward and Mary Cridge arrived at Fort Victoria after Edward Cridge was hired as chaplain by the Hudson's Bay Company. Their voyage from England took over six months.

June 24th, 1893

The construction began on the British Columbia Protestant Orphans' Home. The new building was formally opened on

November 18, 1893



1960s marked the change from being an orphanage to becoming a centre that supported families with a variety of services.

November 8th, 1873

B.C. Protestant Orphans' Home officially opened at its first location on Rae Street (now Courtney Street)



April 19, 1891

John Taylor bequeathed his entire estate of \$32,500 to the BC Protestant Orphans' Home



May 6th, 1913

Bishop Cridge passed away at the age of 96

December 18th, 1905

Mary Cridge passed away at the age of 78

1979

The Child Care program was expanded to include:

- infant care
- kindergarten classes
- afterschool care
- group home and residence for children with disabilities

1855 1873

1891 1893

1905 1913

1969 1979

CENTRE FOR THE FAMILY



1991
The Cridge Transition House for Women and The Cridge Brain Injury Program's Macdonald House were opened



2005
The Cridge Child Care building was opened

1998
The Cridge Respite program was established

2000
The Cridge Respite program was opened



2006
The Cridge Village Seniors' Centre was opened



2009
Mary Cridge Manor was established to support brain injury survivors and women escaping violence



2010
The Cridge Young Parent Outreach Program was established



2018
The Cridge Centre's Intimate Partner Violence & Brain Injury program begins



October 2016
The Royal Visit

1991 1998 2000 2005 2006 2009 2010 2016 2018

The Cridge Centre News

SAVE THE DATE!

On September 16, 2023, we will be hosting a party to celebrate 150 years of service! All of our clients, friends, families, staff and volunteers are invited! So please put it on your calendar and plan to celebrate with us!



OPEN HOUSES

Have you ever wondered exactly what happens in our programs? This year every program will be hosting an Open House, to welcome you to their program space, hear some stories about the work that is done and meet the staff. Watch for more information and dates for these Open Houses!



Chef's Corner: A Recipe from the Orphanage days: Bubble & Squeak



Ingredients

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|----------------|---|
| 1 Tbsp | duck fat, goose fat or butter |
| 4 rashers | (cut strips) of streaky bacon, chopped |
| 1 onion | finely sliced |
| 1 garlic clove | chopped |
| 15-20 | cooked Brussels sprouts, sliced or left over boiled cabbage, shredded |
| 400g | cold leftover mashed potato, or cold crushed boiled potatoes |

Method:

1. Melt 1 Tbsp duck fat, goose fat or butter in a non-stick pan, allow it to get nice and hot, then add four chopped streaky bacon rashers. Add one finely sliced onion and one chopped garlic clove as it begins to brown.
2. Add 15-20 sliced cooked Brussel sprouts or shredded boiled cabbage and let it colour slightly. All this will take 5-6 mins.
3. Add 400g of cold mashed potato. Work everything together in the pan and push it down so that the mixture covers the base of the pan.
4. Allow the mixture to catch slightly on the base of the pan before turning it over and doing the same again. The bits of potato that catch in the pan define the term 'bubble and squeak,' so be brave and let the mixture colour.
5. Cut into wedges and serve.

Donation Form

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Single gift amount: \$ _____

Cheque enclosed or Please charge my credit card

Monthly gift amount: \$ _____

Void cheque enclosed or Please charge my credit card

Gift End Date: _____ or until further notice

Please use my gift as follows:

[] Where needed most

[] With the following designation

[] Mr [] Mrs [] Ms Other _____

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Last Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

With credit card and identity fraud on the rise, we have measures in place to keep your information safe. Please choose from one of the following options:

- **Donate online at cridge.org/donate/**
- **Call 250-995-6427 to speak with our Donor Specialist**

Sign also to authorise bank withdrawals.

All monthly payments will be scheduled the first day of each month. Receipts for your charitable giving tax credit will be issued annually. Charitable Registration # 108079419RR0001

The Cridge Centre for the Family collects personal information on this form for reasonable and obvious purposes that meet with regulatory requirements. This information will never be shared, and will never be used for purposes outside of the obvious without your permission.

Please detach and mail this form to:

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1307 Hillside Ave. Victoria, BC V8T 0A2
Contact: Joanne Linka, Manager of Communication
& Fund Development 250.995.6419 Email: jlinka@cridge.org



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