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VOICES AGAINST POVERTY



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Please do your part.

The millennium campaign was created in 2000 by the United Nations to eradicate extreme poverty & hunger by 2015.

Please help. Please read on to help and wear a white band to show your support. White bands are available for \$1 from www.millenniumcampaign.org or by emailing childrenwithoutpoverty@yahoo.ca.

“It is too easy simply to talk or concern ourselves with the poor who are far away. It is much harder and, perhaps, more challenging to turn our attention and concern toward the poor who live right next door to us.” – Mother Teresa.

Did you Know?

For those of you involved in the IT industry. Did you know you can leverage your skills to help those in need? www.cdics.com/inhouse/programs/clic/o_clic.html. The Calgary Drop in Centre and Rehabilitation Society run a program called CLIC – Computers for Low Income Calgarians. Check out the website to get more information or see how you can help below:

- Software & licensing fees
- Hardware through the Electronic Recycling Association
- Helpdesk or Technical Support
- Volunteering during class time
- One-on-one training
- Sponsor continuing education for a participant

Habitat for Humanity (Learn more www.habitatcalgary.ca)

Habitat for Humanity Calgary, in 2006, finished a 27 townhouse complex, started a 12 townhouse complex, and two bungalows. Habitat Calgary works in partnership with low-income families and the community to build hope through the construction of simple, decent and affordable homes for Calgary's families in need.

If you have quality items to donate (see list below), it is accepted at their ReStore location – where they retail sell these goods (this covers the Habitat for Humanities administrative costs). This means that when you donate \$s, you are not covering their administrative costs and all of the money goes to building homes. Items you can purchase or donate are, quality:

-doors	-windows	-hardware	-tile & flooring
-lighting	-furniture & décor	-appliances	-kitchen cabinets
-electrical products	-plumbing & fixtures		

They have no United Way funding and no government funding.

They accept donations of \$s, time and materials for their homebuilding.

CHILDREN WITHOUT POVERTY is not a registered charity. Please donate to the charity of your choice. We recommend: www.millenniumpromise.org (not a registered Canadian charity), www.tear.org (not a registered Canadian charity), www.calgaryfoodbank.com.

In the year 2006, they have built a high percentage of their homes through corporate donations and corporate volunteers to show up for a blitz day. Blitz day means that the organization has donated the funds for the home, the company staff of 25 – 40 come to raise the house (it is not finished), but it goes up and the family is there on that day. After the house is finished it gives employees/staff a place to come back to and see the finished product later on. It is a great team building day and gives great satisfaction in giving back to your community. Sometimes the companies partner together with as many as 10 other companies. Contact Diane Reid for information on this: diane@habitatcalgary.ca.

Habitat for Humanity is very much a children's organization, because the biggest impact is for the children to have secure housing, they don't move, they have stability in their schooling, they have a community, the success rate for children is higher, they stay in school longer, they make better neighbors, they vote and participate in schools.

How do families get chosen to have a Habitat home?

- Families must meet a set of basic criteria and are selected based on greatest need.
- Families become homeowners through no-interest, no-downpayment mortgages.
- Families volunteer hundred of 'sweat equity' hours building their home and other Habitat homes; they also volunteer in our Habitat Stores.

Criteria for families:

- Calgary residents
- Families must have children
- One family member employed full time
- Earning at or below Canada low Income Level*
- Prepared for mortgage payments, property taxes, house insurance and all utilities

*The current low-income cutoffs are:

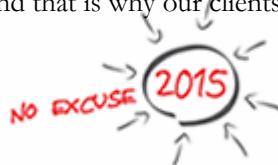
2 persons	\$25,332
3 persons	\$31,504
4 persons	\$38,136
5 persons	\$42,629
6 persons	\$47,123
7 or more persons	\$51,616

Tired, just plain tired of the 'hands in your pockets' wanting your money, and the people at your door wanting your time? Electronic Recycling Association is a non-for profit organization working with the public and private sector helping companies and the public deal with unwanted electronic items.

ERA collects old computers for donation and recycling in Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, Toronto, and across Canada. Why not put your old computer equipment to good work in our community?

Not only will we collect your old computers and electronics, sometimes same day, but we also donate a large portion to communities in Calgary, Edmonton and Alberta wide, in British Columbia, and with partners across Canada.

We are the only non profit organization that actually donates computers at no charge to local schools, charities, non profit groups, libraries, elderly homes, and other community based organizations. Unlike other groups that charge charitable organizations for computers, we donate computers at no charge to these agencies. We understand that our local community needs a lot of support, and that is why our clients prefer to donate to us.



Check out this link for drop off locations all over Calgary: <http://www.era.ca/donations/recycling/calgary.html> . Including many Zellers locations. There are also locations in Vancouver and Edmonton.

One of the organizations to benefit from this is the Calgary Drop in & Rehabilitation Centre Society.

- **Carla Mohler-Specht** is working with teachers in Calgary schools to integrate the grade 3 curriculum, where children in Alberta are already discussing geopolitics around Poverty, with the United Nations Millennium Campaign. If you know a teacher interested, get them in touch with Carla: childrenwithoutpoverty@yahoo.ca.
- **Richelle Wilson** is focussed on education, writing, personal coaching and research of the fundamentals of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and their structures to find the root cause to assist in making the world a better place for hungry – poverty stricken children. She is creating an extensive library and research base to draw from, providing a base of knowledge for the newsletters to draw from. She is interested in doubling the circulation of the newsletter in 2007 – send in your recommendations of who needs to see this newsletter. She is interested in working both locally and internationally. She has a passion to arm your desires with education to help with the knowledge you will require in order to make the personal impact that you are looking for to be fulfilled in your own life. She has been personally actively searching for over one year, and has not yet found the resting place or root cause she wishes to contribute, although there are tertiary beneficiaries along the way. When I do find something I am interested in, I find it often difficult as a layman to contribute. I want to open those doors for people, who do not have the time to invest, to make your impact in your own way (without adding a burden to your lifestyle and passion). I want to remove that burden of education/information finding from your quest. The information you need may be related to finding the right cause or place to put your time or money. Making that personal impact in your own life. Giving back to you, to feel satisfied and fulfilled in how you are choosing to live your life. Or helping you find that value that is buried deep, and bringing it to the surface to help you be a better world citizen. Some of our tertiary benefactors to date are: 1. The Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank 2. The Block Parent Association 3. The School & Grade 3 Program 4. The Inn From the Cold 5. The Christian Children's Fund 6. CentrePoint 7. Millennium Promise 8. World Vision 9. Girl Guides 10. Samaritan's Purse 11. Make Poverty History.

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