



Monthly Newsletter



Working locally (Calgary, Alberta) to stop the cycle of poverty for the children

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Bridge My Community.org

This organization was started in Calgary and is now serving locations in Calgary and Kenya. Bridge My Community is a nonprofit program that encourages people to help each other by sharing resources at the community level. A local couple created the website and network of community drop off locations and dedicated volunteers who help to facilitate the Bridge My Community program. Visit www.bridgemycommunity.org and search through the help requests to see if you can help someone. Each help request is posted for 10 days, or until someone makes a commitment to help. Requests are moderated. People must drop off / pick up their own items. Those who receive help must promise to help someone else when they can. If you would like to service a help request, the website will help you do just that. Other ways to help: Volunteer to help Bridge My Community set up the program in your community - Call Lisa Gallagher at (403)471-4795 or email lisa@bridgemycommunity.org for more details.

Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids goes cool with You Tube video

This is a great testimonial to the good work that this organization does to feed hungry children in Calgary. It will also give you an idea of how fun it can be to volunteer and help make sandwiches in their kitchen. Take a look!

http://ca.youtube.com/watch?v=HBaXWeg_hrQ

If you have trouble with this link, try:

http://ca.youtube.com/results?search_query=brown+bagging+for+calgarys+kids&search_type=&aq=f

Rapid Exit Housing program – In need of Landlords

Organization: CUPS–Calgary Urban Projects Society

The Rapid Exit program is a response to the growing number of homeless families in Calgary. CUPS has recently celebrated their placement of 60 families in 9 months, well before their year goal. Wow! That's something to celebrate. They have received 415 referrals from 43 agencies. It takes approximately 20 days from intake to a family receiving housing. Some facts about the 60 families: There are 78 adults and 126 children; 70% of the families are headed by single parents; 25% of the families have parents who have pursued post secondary education; and almost 30% of the families they have housed are from family violence shelters.

If you are a landlord or know of someone who is looking to rent out housing, the Rapid Exit program is always looking for landlords whom want to provide housing at fair market value. To find out what that means or to get involved email cups.housingfamilies@shaw.ca or check out www.lowcostrent.org.

Feed a Need

Feed-A-Need was established in Calgary in 2006 by Al Mohammed and Al Dhalla. It is built on the basic principles of abundance. There is enough for everyone. Caring and Sharing are the cornerstones of this organization.

They accept all gently used household items, and some clothing. Examples: Bedroom Furniture, Living Room Furniture, Dining Room Tables and Chairs, All Kitchen Items and Utensils, Vacuums, Microwaves, Washers and Dryers, Refrigerators, Stoves, Dishwashers, Lawn Mowers, Bicycles, Baby Crib, Baby car seats, Toys, Lamps/ Lighting, Books, Ironing Boards, TV's, Stereo's, CD/DVD Players.

Contact them: feedaneed@feedaneed.ca or go to their website: www.feedaneed.ca

Volunteer Opportunity with *children without poverty*

I am looking for a 'kick ass' executive assistant. Someone with excellent administrative skills, 8-20 hours per week, who has vision to assist in building the Sustain a Family Program. See job description appended on the third page.

Hands in your pocket

Tired of people wanting your time, and people at the door wanting your money. This section looks to find other ways that you can help, apply your passion, and integrate your help into your lifestyle so it doesn't take extra time. **Got a Brilliant Idea to help millions?** Try out www.project10tothe100.com. Google is sponsoring a contest to come up with ideas from every corner of the globe. The question is: what would help? And help most?

"At Google, they don't believe they have the answers, but they do believe the answers are out there. Maybe in a lab, or a company, or a university -- but maybe not.

Maybe the answer that helps somebody is in your head, in something you've observed, some notion that you've been fiddling with, some small connection you've noticed, some old thing you have seen with new eyes.

If you have an idea that you believe would help somebody, we want to hear about it. We're looking for ideas that help as many people as possible, in any way, and we're committing the funding to launch them. You can [submit your ideas](#) and help vote on ideas from others. Final idea selections will be made by an advisory board.

Good luck, and may those who help the most win."

To have people added/removed from the distribution list or to provide comments, please respond to:

Richelle@childrenwithoutpoverty.com.



Volunteer Position Required

Organization: *children without poverty (CWP)* builds Family Resilience through mentoring at risk / homeless families toward a sustainable lifestyle.

Contact Name: Richelle

Phone: 1-866-424-0109

Main Address: Calgary

Email Address: info@childrenwithoutpoverty.com

Web Site: www.childrenwithoutpoverty.com

Title Executive Assistant

Description: A mature, qualified executive assistant with excellent computer skills required to assist the Executive Director and Founder build the organization. This person will be able to work independently and is a self starter.

How to Apply: Send your resume to info@childrenwithoutpoverty.com

Work Location: To be determined / flexible.

General Requirements: Looking for someone with excellent executive administrative skills in place. Looking for someone with passion around alleviating poverty for children and wants to give back to the community. No experience as an executive admin required, but having the skills to do the job is extremely important and the understanding of what the position entails. The successful candidate will want the opportunity to sink their teeth into challenging work. We are looking for someone who is interested in expanding his or her skill-set. Must have excellent computer abilities, executive communication abilities, coordination skills and positive attitude.

Benefits: Excellent opportunity to put your mark onto the creation of the organization, great opportunity to expand skills and take ownership/responsibility to expand the organization. Letters of reference available and it's a great opportunity to build the resume.

A Background Check is required: If the candidate plans to work with the families', a background check is required.

Training provided? No

Orientation provided? Yes

Vehicle Required? No

English Level Required? High level required.

Hours: 8 to 20 hours per week.

