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Working locally (Calgary, Alberta) to stop the cycle of poverty for the children.
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“When a certain community is destroyed, in reality it destroys a part of all of us. Any conflict within humanity should be considered a family conflict.”

The Dalai Lama, Interview 2006

Did you know?

In a September 2006 report to the United Nations on the study on violence against children, it is noted that:

- “World Health Organization estimates 150 million girls and 73 million boys under 18 experienced forced sexual intercourse or other forms of sexual violence during 2002.”
- “Reporting on a wide range of developing countries, the Global School-based Health Survey recently found that between 20 and 65 per cent of school-aged children reported having been verbally or physically bullied in the past 30 days. Bullying is also frequent in industrialized countries.”
- “Recent ILO estimates indicate that, in 2004, 218 million children were involved in child labor, 126 million were in hazardous work. Estimates from 2000 suggest that 5.7 million were in forced or bonded labor, 1.8 million in prostitution and pornography, and 1.2 million were victims of trafficking. However, compared with estimates published in 2002, the incidence of child labour has diminished by 11 per cent and 25 per cent fewer children were found working in hazardous occupations.”
- “According to a World Health Organization estimate, between 100 and 140 million girls and women in the world have undergone some form of female genital mutilation/cutting. Estimates from UNICEF published in 2005 suggest that in sub-Saharan Africa, Egypt and the Sudan, 3 million girls and women are subjected to genital mutilation/cutting every year.”

Calgary Women’s Emergency Shelter

The Calgary Women’s Emergency Shelter was established in 1973. The shelter’s mission is: to respond to the need for comprehensive solutions to end the cycle of family violence for individuals and families in our community.

The shelter now helps more than 12,000 Calgarians each year.

CHILDREN WITHOUT POVERTY A Foundation of Alberta will soon be a registered charity. The newsletter is aimed to educate people with facts and information so that they can make informed decisions around their own personal philanthropy.

Most people know of the shelter's role in providing emergency accommodations for women in need. Today, the shelter provides a number of programs including:

- Residential Services provides safe and secure accommodations, life necessities, referral services and counseling for women and children fleeing an abusive situation.
- A 24-hour Domestic Violence Helpline is available 24 hours a day 365 days per year to provide counseling, information and referral services.
- Child and Adolescent Services are provided in partnership with the Calgary school boards to meet emotional and educational needs of children.
- Outreach Services support women and children in the community for up to 6 months after a shelter stay.
- The Community Crisis Counseling program is in collaboration with other agencies to provide assistance with housing resources, schools, medical services and legal/court systems for women when all the shelters are full.
- The Men's Crisis Service provides counseling to help men plan for a non-abusive lifestyle.
- A Healthy Relationships Program is a prevention based program providing group counseling to adolescents aged 13 to 18 – the program is school and community based.
- An Older Women's Long Term Survival program provides group support for women 50 years and older dealing with the effects of domestic violence.

Further information on the Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter can be found at www.calgarywomensshelter.com or by calling 403-234-SAFE.

Tired, just plain tired of the 'hands in your pockets' wanting your money, and the people at your door wanting your time?

Activities that you incorporate into your lifestyle and align with your values will become automatic and not feel like they are taking your time, energy or money. Think of the things in your life that will align with your values and assist with: the environment, feeding the world's population, population control, better food, better economics for those who do not have enough, supporting the victim not the bully or protection of children. They will make you feel better, contribute to a better world, create a role model for others and our children, and maybe even create a 'tipping point'.

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