



Monthly Newsletter



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

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Do your own mini philanthropist project

I invite you to think of ideas for how you can shape an impact on your local world, by creating your own mini philanthropist project.

On the Oprah show, one lady collects sheets that are being disposed of from hotels, cleans them and provides them to homeless shelters. Another couple who own a hotel, reserve a percentage of their rooms to help those who have no place to live. What struck me is the creativity of how dozens of Oprah show guests came up with ingenious ways that could be incorporated into their lifestyle to help those less fortunate.

Just this week I noticed the Food Bank Donation bag on my door. Of interest is that it's sponsored/driven by a faith organization to collect door to door donations for the food bank.

Grab a group at work, get your family involved, your neighbors? Find a team and pick a mini goal. Take control of how you want our world to look and make a contribution to it. It is the small things that add up and make an impact on the world. The small things can also create the momentum to create the tidal wave. Get on board and do it your way.

Some ideas that are more conventional – but don't let this list stop you – dream and be creative well before you look at this, only you will find that right and interesting perspective to your contribution:

- Get a group together and volunteer to make sandwiches at Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids one morning per week. Better yet, get a group of moms together and call the office to find out if you can take over lunch making for a school where you live. Be creative, figure out what works for you.

- Find your team and collect items needed at your preferred shelter to support. (Inn From The Cold; Drop Inn Centre; Mustard Seed, Calgary Women's Shelter). Volunteer at your church to host Inn From The Cold for a night.
- Have a great time out with your team and support the Inn From The Cold: **"Inn Pursuit of Happyness: An Evening with Chris Gardner" Tuesday, October 6th at 7:00 p.m.** at the Jack Singer Concert Hall, with tickets available at Ticketmaster. Hope in tough times! Inn From The Cold is pleased to present Chris Gardner, the inspiration behind the blockbuster movie The Pursuit of Happyness. Hear his amazing story of his journey from homelessness to unimaginable success, and help Calgary's homeless families.
- Get a jump on Christmas volunteering December 24th, 25th & 26th, by emailing Mark Powers at Calgary Drop-In and Rehab Centre to see how you can help. markp@thedi.ca
- Get your group to pull together donations for Calgary Drop-In (DI) and Rehab Centre. These are their current high priority needed items: The CLIC Lab (Computers for Low Income Calgarians) has no computers to fix up and send to low income families/ individuals! If you have an old computer, or your company is getting rid of old computers please call 403-699-8281 and talk to Rufo. Our next biggest need at the moment is Shampoo (small hotel sized bottles or Economy size BOTH can be used), razors, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products (tampons specifically) and Walkers (For people with limited mobility). School groups are also welcome at the DI.
- Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids has received a very generous offer from a long time supporter. Eric and Kathy Prosser from the Prosser Charitable Foundation have agreed to match every donation from September 15th to October 31st, 2009 up to a total of \$60,000. To have your donation doubled, you can donate online at www.canadahelps.org - just type Brown Bagging into the charity name box and follow the instructions. Donations are also welcome through the mail and if your envelope is postmarked before October 31, 2009, it is eligible for the matching program. Please make cheques payable to; Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids, 223 12 Avenue SW, Calgary, AB T2R 0G9.

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