

children without poverty (CWP) monthly newsletter: May 2008, ed. 25

Working locally (Calgary, Alberta) to stop the cycle of poverty for the children.
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“What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal.”
Albert Pine

Did you know?

***children without poverty* is looking for caring business community members who want to make a difference and become involved with a ‘homeless’ or ‘at risk’ family in Calgary.** We are looking for volunteers to mentor a family by working with the parents. Your time commitment is less than 2 hours per week; **your impact is priceless.**

children without poverty by Richelle Wilson

Richelle Wilson, President and CEO along with the assistance of Carla Mohler Specht have been running *children without poverty’s* newsletter for 2 years.

In November of 2007, Darlene Witcher casually said to me, let’s create a non profit organization. In the next week, I knew exactly what we should be working on because I had already been doing it for over a year. Darlene, as Managing Director, headed getting our organization off the ground. And we are now starting to fly.

We have created the ***children without poverty***, Sustain a Family Program. We have a board of directors and are currently working on our non profit designation, screening program, mentor training program and finding mentors for adding 2 new families through referrals from Inn From the Cold.

Do you like our new logo? Thank you to **nonfiction** for our corporate image.



CHILDREN WITHOUT POVERTY is not a registered charity. Please donate to the charity of your choice. Our aim is to educate people with facts and information so that they can make informed decisions around their own personal philanthropy.

The **children without poverty** Sustain a Family Program provides ongoing (1-2 yr.) mentoring, support and assistance to families moving from homelessness and poverty to a desired sustainable lifestyle. We provide mentoring to family head(s); coordination of second hand household goods and discretionary funding.

Bottom line – we focus on building the families’ resilience.

The Calgary Committee to End Homelessness’ ten-year plan talks about housing first. This is important - to give the families a chance to move forward and deal with poverty they first need to have housing.

Once the families have some form of stable residence, we are able to assist the family along with their outreach/care worker, by providing the parent(s) business mentors.

If you are interested in assisting us in building the program; volunteering as a mentor; have money to donate; or would like more information about the program, please contact us at: info@childrenwithoutpoverty.com or 1-866-424-0109. We would love to hear from you.

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

If you do not have time or money, then consider your role in the underlying principles of protecting and securing a future for those less fortunate. We are all world citizens. And you can stand up for your neighbor’s rights as identified in the 1948 United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

- the right to life, liberty and security;
- the right to equal recognition before the law and equal protection, including public hearings by independent tribunals;
- the rights to freedom of movement, thought, conscience, religion, opinion, expression and assembly;
- economic, social and cultural rights “indispensable for his dignity and the free development of his personality”; and
- the right to property and the right to an ‘adequate’ standard of living and to education and equal pay for equal work.

If we agree that basic universal rights exist, then our responsibility as world citizens is to act to guarantee people everywhere enjoy these rights. Think about how this applies in terms of the people in our society who bully others - not only are children affected at school, but these people continue to bully as adults either subtly or through physical abuse. Are you supporting the victim and saying NO to the bully?

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