



Monthly Newsletter



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

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Did you Know?

People are like birds. You've seen the signs. Do not feed the birds. Think of that favorite Canadian geese and/or duck location and see in your mind the sign that says "do not feed the birds". If you visit one time per year and feed them you are not sustaining them. You may be temporarily increasing their population and then they starve and die when the people stop coming to feed them. They are no longer self-sustainable.

In the spirit of the holiday season, if you are struck by generosity and ideas of volunteering or sharing what you take for granted that others do not have, just remember, that it is a very nice time of year to give and it is a very nice thing to do, but it is also important to think of the longevity of that action. Even if you choose something small to commit to for a long time, it will make a bigger impact over the long term, than a one time, or once a year, decision to be overly generous.

Whatever your cause or whatever your action, just remember 'it all counts' and committing to that one thing over a significantly longer sustainable period of time will make a larger impact.

Volunteer Opportunity with *children without poverty*

I am looking for caring community minded individuals interested in mentoring a parent of one of the families we are helping in the Sustain a Family Program.

10 year plan to end homelessness in Calgary – gave 2 years to end Family homelessness – Is it working?

Calgary's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness is a bold and innovative plan designed to shift our focus from managing or coping with homelessness, to a community-wide effort to end it.

For details on the progress of the homeless plan in Calgary:
<http://www.calgaryhomeless.com/default.asp?FolderID=2932>. Some highlights you will see here are:

Premier Announces \$1.179 Million Investment to House and Support 360 homeless Calgarians 10/6/2009

Participants Impacted by Recession at Calgary's Project Homeless Connect 6 9/21/2009

"The initial numbers from today's event show the recession is hitting working Calgarians, as we're seeing individuals who are homeless for the first time and more people at risk of becoming homeless," said Tim Richter, President and CEO of the Calgary Homeless Foundation.

Making Progress: Calgary's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness 9/8/2009

Strong Start in First Quarter of Second Year

Alice Bissett Place Official Opening and Dedication in Calgary 6/29/2009

The Alice Bissett Place in Inglewood will provide 114 units of affordable and supported housing for low-income Calgarians.

Canada-Alberta Agreement Boosts Affordable Housing Funding 6/29/2009

Both levels of government officially signed an amendment to the Canada-Alberta Affordable Housing Program Agreement and announced \$386 million over the next two years in Alberta.

'Housing first' initiative helps homeless families in Calgary 6/7/2009

Province provides funding to create 80 homes

Housing A Priority For The City of Calgary: City Grants Calgary Homeless Foundation \$5.96 Million 5/29/2009

Recession Impacts Participants at Calgary's Fifth Project Homeless Connect

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