



Children Without Poverty (CWP) monthly newsletter: January 2008, ed 21. Please do your part.

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

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Did you know?

- ✓ It's a brand new year. A clean slate - a fresh start. It's the year of the Rat.
- ✓ 'The **Rat** was welcomed in ancient times as a protector and bringer of material prosperity. It is an animal associated with aggression, wealth, charm, and order, yet also associated with death, war, the occult, pestilence, and atrocities.' Wikipedia Remember to play nice and to share your prosperity.
- ✓ This is Children without Poverty's (CWP) 21st newsletter.
- ✓ CWP 2008 newsletters will focus on the charities & volunteerism that can be achieved locally.
- ✓ As a way of creating caring values in our children, some parents' tithe their children's allowance with them. The child knows that 10% of their allowance must be allocated to a charity of their choice. The 10% is removed from their allowance throughout the year and when, once per year, the parents add up the charity portion, the child chooses the charity to give their money to. For more information, search the web with keywords like: tithe children's allowance.
- ✓ Over the past two years we have learned:
 - ✓ About the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs):
 - ✓ Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
 - ✓ Provide universal primary education
 - ✓ Improve maternal health
 - ✓ Reduce infant mortality
 - ✓ Fight HIV, Aids and other diseases
 - ✓ Create gender equality
 - ✓ Create environmental sustainability
 - ✓ Global Partnerships
 - ✓ We have learned how we are measuring against achieving these goals.
 - ✓ What 'Make Poverty History', the Canadian organization, is doing to work toward the MDGs.
 - ✓ Local Calgary Non-Profit and Charity organizations related to this cause: Habitat for Humanity, Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank, Cornerstone Youth Centre, Sheriff King Home, Community

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.

Kitchen, Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids, Calgary Catholic Immigration Society's – Host program.

- ✓ We learned about volunteering in Calgary.
- ✓ We learned how Solar cookers can be a great aid in refugee camps - not only by providing food that may not be available due to limited supply of firewood, but also reducing the risk of physical abuse to young girls and women while scavenging for firewood to cook a meal.
- ✓ We learned an example of how a family in Calgary with 3 children can become homeless.
- ✓ We talked about Leadership, Truth and being congruent in your life. Walk your talk.
- ✓ We talked about how global citizenship and the convention on the rights of the child are important.
- ✓ We talked about the Power of One and how Grass Roots organizations are what make the impact to change the rules that we live by.
- ✓ We featured Jared Diamond's book, The End of Poverty Economic Possibilities of Our Time - Where he explains what you can do as an individual.
- ✓ We talked of Microfinance, the Grameen bank and the latest craze on the web for microfinance - Kiva.com. After my September 2007 newsletter about KIVA.com, the Kiva founders were featured on Oprah. They were a delight to listen to and see how honestly these people want to reach out to other countries and provide working capital to start small businesses.

What is Richelle working on for 2008?

Darlene Witcher and Richelle Wilson are working on a program for CWP called Sustain a Family Program. The basic concept is to provide year long mentoring and assistance for families learning to integrate in the community. The approach is to 'give em a break', reduce the likelihood of dependence upon public services, and break the cycle of poverty in Calgary – for those willing to 'do what it takes' – for the Children.

We are taking our private sector experience to the not for profit world, and intend to run it like a business.

We are working on a Q2 release. So stay tuned for sponsorship and donation opportunities. We will also be providing the Calgary Business Community with 'high value-added' meaningful volunteer opportunities.

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