



Acadia Place Program Update from Natalie St. Denis

Several new programs have come to Acadia Place this spring. The Boys and Girls Club of Calgary is hosting a 9-week pilot program to see if they can offer a longer program this coming fall. Activities have revolved around world cultures and respect for one another. The movie and pizza night every other Monday has been a great hit with the kids, attracting between 12 and 16 youth each time.

The Better Choices Better Health program offered by Alberta Health Services is also offering its 6-week program at Acadia's Resource Centre. Participants are taught how to deal with negative emotions, manage symptoms from chronic health conditions, improve their communication skills and engage in effective problem solving techniques.

Finally, a number of activities in the last few months have also focused on Aboriginal culture and healing – we made dream-catchers with youth, an elder performed a healing circle with tenants, and later in May, we will have a drumming activity with Acadia's youth.

Fundraising total now over \$221,000!

Since our February Newsletter we have increased our fundraised total by over \$50,000! That is very good news. We thank churches and individuals for contributing to our "Acadia Place Sunday" campaign and for their Easter Offerings! Every dollar we can contribute makes the rent subsidies more sustainable for the families living in Acadia Place. We will be entering a new phase in fundraising effort as part of a Collaborative Capital Campaign with the Calgary Homeless Foundation. We will keep you informed of upcoming fundraising opportunities.

But you don't need to wait for new initiatives to support the "A Place to Call Home – Acadia Place" capital campaign that continues to enable low rents for families that need them. You can make donations through your church – just designate your donation to "Acadia Place". Donations may also be made directly to the Calgary Homeless Foundation designated to Acadia Place.

Volunteer Opportunities at Acadia Place

Spring Clean Up June 9th, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Sweeping the driveway, cleaning entrances, planting flowers, checking the playground and other outside maintenance as assigned. No special skills are required. Specify job you prefer. Call Doreen Kot 403 289 3191 or doreen.michael@telus.net.

July 1st Canada Day Party

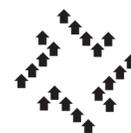
Volunteers and donations for games and food are needed for a BBQ with games. Email: Lutheran Church of Our Saviour: office@oursaviourchurch.ca or Doreen Kot: doreen.michael@telus.net if you can help out.

A proposed upgrading of the successful **Community Garden** implemented last year is also being planned. Stay tuned for details!

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"... you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings." (Isaiah 58:12)

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