



Support Families At Risk Of or Experiencing Homelessness

KAIROS Calgary represents 10 Christian denominations and about 130 churches in Calgary.

The Calgary Homeless Foundation oversees implementation of the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness in Calgary.

Together their goal is to raise \$1.5 million to pay down the \$3 million mortgage at Acadia Place. Reducing the financing costs will allow Acadia Place to be sustainable on a long-term basis and will continue to make rents affordable for families.

Homeless Count Down 11% Since 2008

The Calgary Homeless Foundation reports **the 2012 homeless count shows an 11.4% decrease in the number of people experiencing homelessness since 2008.** "These results show the 10 Year Plan is working," said Tim Richter, CHF President and CEO. "The hard work of front-line agencies, as well as government and donor support has turned the tide of homelessness in Calgary."

Wellness Workshop Series

The first Wellness Workshop Series, *Healthy Eating on a Tight Budget*, was held on February 1st. A total of seven tenants learned about:

- the foods our bodies really crave;
- the barriers and solutions to healthy eating;
- new recipes, as well as a weekly meal planning template; and,
- the Good Food Box program.

You Can Help Alleviate The Lack Of Affordable Family Housing

Family shelter use remains very high in Calgary. The shelters are operating at 95% capacity. Trends indicate that families are getting permanent housing more quickly, but that may be changing. There are more Aboriginal and immigrant families moving to Calgary in need of housing and support. At the same time, there is a lack of affordable housing for families. Acadia Place is one of the few apartment complexes with two and three bedroom units that are affordable for these families. Continued support and funding for Acadia Place are essential to meeting the family housing crisis. Families at Acadia Place are paying rents that are, on average, far below market.

The rents are affordable. The goal of this project "A Place to Call Home: Acadia Place" is to make sure that the rents are always affordable for families who need them.

Paying down the mortgage on Acadia Place will make long term affordability possible. We have fundraised over \$170,000 toward that goal so far. You can help meet our target of \$1.5 million by contributing to Acadia Place through your church or directly to the Calgary Homeless Foundation – Acadia Place.

We Can Reach Our Goal!

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Christmas Party At Acadia Place

The Christmas Party at Acadia Place on December 22nd was truly a magical evening. A mountain of gifts wrapped in beautiful bows surrounded the tree and the children were so eager to hear their name called out by Santa Claus who distributed all of the gifts.



Arashi-Do Martial Arts

This January, 19 students from Acadia Place registered at Arashi-Do Martial Arts; that means 13 new students have joined the club. Fortunately, over \$5,000.00 was donated towards the Acadia Place Activity Fund, which covered the gear for the 13 new students and lessons for January and February. Further funding initiatives are under way.



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

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