



Lloydminster Interval Home Society

Summer 2023 Newsletter

COMMUNITY BUILDERS

Sometimes the journey can seem impossible, we hear that a lot from clients. What we do at the Lloydminster Interval Home is make that impossible journey possible. But we do not do it alone. It is you, the event sponsors, it is you, the donors in the community and it is people like you who help us make the impossible possible. It takes a team to help someone make a change and you are part of our team. With your donations, whether it be monetary, time-based, or product based, you are part of the team that makes change possible. We have had clients who come to the shelter in need, transition to second stage and begin standing on their own two feet, and then graduate from there to securing work, housing and gaining independence. We could not be prouder of our clients and we could not be prouder of the donors who help us help our clients.

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"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness"-John Steinbeck

seeds of hope

Join a passionate group of monthly trailblazers on a mission to end family violence and create healthy relationships for all.

visit intervalhome.org or call 780-808-5282 ext 2003.

join us- plant a seed of hope

\$15 monthly givīng

Cab vouchers for transporting clients to appointments

\$25 monthly givīng

Provide the basic necessities for a nights stay in shelter

\$43 monthly givīng

Celebrate 43 years of LIHS serving the community!

your choice

You choose the amount of your monthly gift and we will make sure it is put to great use everyday!



Giving Hope a Space to Grow

2023 REGIMENTAL BALL

This year, we had the opportunity to partner with the Lloydminster RCMP and co-host the Regimental Ball. What a fantastic night! While we frequently liaise with the RCMP through our organization, working with them on this fun event was a nice change!

The evening started off with Constable Kamal Jeha as our MC, (He did a great job by the way!), a land acknowledgement from a representative of SIGA, and a beautifully sung rendition of O' Canada by Monique Reinhart.

As supper approached, the games began and Cst. Jeha made the members work for the supper, literally! Between bringing items up to him (yes cash was one of the items) or doing push ups, everyone had a great time getting in line for supper. The Lloydminster Exhibition did a great job of the meal, all the food was fantastic!

The evening continued on with a silent auction and we had the fabulous crew from Scribner Auctions out to help us with the live auction. What an amazing group of people! They did a fantastic job and really sold the prizes for us. Once that was over the evening continued on with a performance by the RCMP Regimental Pipe and Drums of Alberta. They are a volunteer group that performs at RCMP events and we were lucky to have the whole crew in attendance, they did an amazing job of performing and dancing. We finished off the evening with The Chevelles rocking the night away for us.

Finally a big kudos, to our volunteers for helping make this evening a success as well as the crew from Rotary Lloydminster for tending the bar for us.

Through this event, we were able to raise \$30,000 for the Lloydminster Interval Home. WOW!



**WANT TO PICK UP A PIECE OF THESE CHALLENGE COINS ARE A
MEMORABILIA FROM THE GREAT KEEPSAKE AND CAN STILL
REGIMENTAL BALL? BE PURCHASED ONLINE!**



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COINS**



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Purchase online at the LIHS website, with all
proceeds going to the Interval Home
WWW.INTERVALHOME.ORG

"For the Interval" Store & The Impact Depot

I really enjoy being able to provide these updates to our valued donors – in fact, one of my favorite articles to write is to YOU!

As donors to LIHS, firstly, I want to thank you! Your donations of money are very much valued and appreciated!!

I am going to provide you with a story here – a story about the treasures we receive from many donors throughout our community and surrounding area AND a story about donors of time. What do these two types of donors have in common with each other? What about with donors of money to our organization? Well, let me share a bit about how all three intersect to create a trifecta of donor support!!

When treasures arrive through our donation drive-through lane at the Impact Depot, our staff are working hard to provide a car-side service – to meet our donors of treasures at their vehicle, engage in some brief discussion related to what items they are dropping off, any specific instructions for the donations (does the donor want to direct them to a specific program or site within our organization?) and then our staff thank our donors of treasures for supporting us in this way. We wouldn't be here without our donors of treasures!!

What happens next to these treasures?

They are quick-sorted by our staff and volunteers to check them for quality, cleanliness and whether or not the parts are all there! Yes, we do receive items that are missing parts more often than you might think! These items are then put into bins that will be sent to that specific department area within the Impact Depot. Volunteers and staff work in these departments pricing, quality checking, testing, hanging and other tasks to get items ready for our retail floors - these items are then transported to "For the Interval" Store ready to be merchandised.



Finally, to get these items onto the retail floors, we rely on volunteer merchandisers – what a FUN role! This is where creativity and artistic license come in. Our displays are frequently changing and are always different – one of the bonuses of thrift stores! These items are then purchased by gift card (if a current client or a client of one of our community partners) or purchased with money.

So, who are our shoppers anyway? Well, anybody and everybody! We see shoppers from all demographics of our community – people that need to shop with us, people looking for that one of a kind item, people that upcycle items, people that buy items from us to sell online, people looking for items that are different than in the big box stores and on and on. Do you shop with us? If so, thank you!! If not, why not? We've got the best stuff for the best prices and your support helps us support others!

Now that you know the ropes, here is what we would like you to do – tell everyone you know! That's it! We need donors of time to help support our operations in every way! We have been seriously impacted by the pandemic and the shifts in volunteerism (people are volunteering differently than they used to). So, as an advocate and supporter of LIHS, we need you to spread the word of what we do and how we need help. Volunteering with Social Enterprise is EASY! Apply through our LIHS website, attend an orientation and training session, and then you can select your own shifts to volunteer – whenever fits your schedule. We offer opportunities 7 days/week and have opportunities for all abilities!

Thank you for being involved with us and for all of your support!

Christa
Director of Social Enterprise



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

Summer has arrived and it has given us a wonderful mix of hot days as well as rainy days. Summer can feel short around here, but it is wonderful to see our clients and their families enjoying the outdoor spaces at our facilities.

The Impact Depot has been in full swing, with their retail expansion offering many great items and allowing the store to also expand with additional space for more items to be added to the floor!

This year we were graciously asked by the RCMP to co-host their Regimental Ball. We were honored to be a part of this event and work with one of our community partners. It was an enjoyable event that allowed us to partner with members from the local detachment and helped us to get to know them better outside of our typical work relationship. This event helped us to raise \$30,000 through the contributions of sponsors and event attendees. We couldn't be more grateful for all the support from the community we received for this event. It was a wonderful evening of dining, dancing and visiting.

This past month we helped out with the Ultimate Block Party with Skyline Refrigeration, To The Core Pilates and Nutrition, Reynold's Plumbing and M.I.T. Appraisals. It was a fantastic evening with lots of entertainment and booths for shopping!

We have an exciting year ahead of us with some great initiatives coming out for our organization. We have the Autumn Leaves Charity Golf Tournament coming up in August that our organization benefits from and volunteers at. Our Chef's Got Your Back will be coming around again this fall as well to help bring awareness to the Lloydminster Community Youth Centre. We will be participating again this year in the H.O.G Toy run along with some other local charities in the community, this is always a great event with a pancake breakfast and a steak supper, watch for more details!

Finally, we are looking forward to the future and continuing to build an organization of trust for women and children fleeing family violence, homelessness and other life crisis's.

Thank you for all you do for us and those most vulnerable in our community.

Angela Rooks-Trotzke

In normal times, our organization serves more than 3000 individuals annually through programming, crisis support, public education, and residential services. Although we do have some funding for core services we are responsible for a great deal of the fundraising.

Thanks to generous donors like you, we can make this happen.



You inspire us!
What has inspired you to give to us?

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