

2024

IMPACT REPORT



TRANSFORMING OUR
COMMUNITY WITH HOPE



A YEAR CENTRED ON HOPE



As I reflect on another transformative year at the Calgary Dream Centre, I am filled with gratitude to the Lord for His gracious blessings and for the incredible community that makes our mission possible.

This year has been remarkable. Every day, we witness individuals overcoming addiction, reconnecting with family, finding meaningful work, and building futures they once thought impossible.

To our supporters—whether you give financially, volunteer your time, or remember us in prayer, know your generosity creates ripples of hope that reach far beyond what numbers alone can capture. I am equally grateful to our remarkable staff. Their dedication, creativity, and heart make this not just a place where important work happens, but truly a great place to work where purpose meets passion. This year, their commitment was recognized with Great Place to Work® Canada certification, based on direct feedback from our team.

Looking ahead, we are committed to leading with innovative approaches that create a true continuum of care. We're developing comprehensive program solutions alongside our housing initiatives and embracing social enterprise as a strategic pathway to sustainability. We are creating vocational opportunities for those we serve and generating new revenue streams to reduce our reliance on traditional funding.

One of the most exciting steps in this journey is the launch of Erlton House: our new supportive, affordable housing initiative for women and mothers with children.

Together, we are creating pathways to dreams fulfilled, lives restored, and a community where everyone has the opportunity to experience a life worth living.

Your continued partnership makes all the difference. Because no one is beyond hope.

With gratitude,

R. Craig Hill

CEO

Calgary Dream Centre

EVERYONE HOPE

Every day, men and women from all walks of life face challenges that are unimaginable to those who haven't experienced the cycle of addiction and homelessness. While their stories are each unique, they all need the same essentials: hope, freedom, and the life transformation that comes from a supportive community.

NEEDS

In Canada, it is estimated that approx. 21% of the population will meet the criteria for addiction in their lifetime.

Over 3,100 people are homeless in Calgary on any given night.

Over 115,000 people in Calgary, including children, are at risk of homelessness every day.

In Canada, 22 people die every day of overdoses. More of those deaths happen in Alberta than anywhere else.

**BUT WE BELIEVE THAT
NO ONE IS BEYOND HOPE.**

CALGARY DREAM CENTRE: A LIGHTHOUSE OF HOPE



Compelled by the love of Jesus, the Calgary Dream Centre exists to see lasting change across generations by breaking the cycles of poverty, homelessness, and addiction in our communities. Because no one is beyond hope.

Our Mission

is to provide recovery programs, supportive housing, and vocational training to people in the pursuit of a life worth living.

Core Values

Compassion
Integrity
Connection
Innovation
Hope

PROGRAMS

A CONTINUUM OF CARE

CDC provides support to people who are working hard to break free from cycles of addiction, homelessness, and despair. Our programs are designed to support them from when they first join us, through the critical and courageous early stages of making life changes, and then in an ongoing capacity through our alumni community and the power of connection.

MEN'S ADDICTION RECOVERY

Our holistic 90-day recovery program addresses the mind, body, and spirit through a variety of recovery-focused classes, group sessions, physical activity, and personalized support from Case Managers. Classes explore topics such as mindfulness, emotional regulation, distress tolerance, interpersonal effectiveness, and spirituality from a Christian faith-based perspective.

Transformation happens within a compassionate community, where clients experience a sense of belonging, discover hope and freedom, and are empowered to build a meaningful life.

This year we provided:

200

hours of faith-based programming

130

hours of journaling time

150

hours of group sessions

300

hours of psychoeducational programming

300

mutual help groups such as AA, NA, Celebrate Recovery, etc.

"I LOST MY FAMILY, I LOST MY CHILDREN, I LOST MY FREEDOM. THE DREAM CENTRE TAUGHT ME THAT IF I HAVE HOPE FOR MYSELF, I CAN SHARE IT WITH OTHERS."

– Chris

PROGRAMS

HOUSING SOLUTIONS

A safe and supportive home provides a place for men and women to recover, find stability, and face the challenges of life with confidence. With 49 properties* across communities in Calgary and 371 individuals housed at any time, we are helping people rediscover hope and rebuild their lives as they pursue a life worth living.

*Community Housing has been accredited through the Canadian Accreditation Council (CAC) since 2015.

"MY TIME AT THE CALGARY DREAM CENTRE ABSOLUTELY TRANSFORMED MY LIFE. BUT THE ONGOING SUPPORT OF THE FRIENDS I MADE, AND THE COMMUNITY I STAY IN TOUCH WITH, IS WHAT KEEPS ME GOING WHENEVER I FEEL DISCOURAGED."

– Mike

ALUMNI PROGRAM

Our Alumni Program promotes long-term support and connection, and is a critical part of our continuum of care that provides support to our clients long after they have re-engaged in careers, family life, and community on their unique life journey.

"I WAS A WEEK OUT FROM LOSING MY HOME WHEN THE DREAM CENTRE CALLED TO SAY THEY HAD A BED AVAILABLE AND I COULD MOVE IN RIGHT AWAY. I STARTED CRYING ON THE PHONE. IT WAS THE BIGGEST RELIEF BECAUSE I FINALLY FELT SAFE."

– Kristyna

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Job skills and career training are an important part of the support our clients receive at the Calgary Dream Centre. These skills ignite purpose and increase hope as our clients develop the skills necessary to work and be empowered to create change in their lives. Our social enterprise programs allow our clients an opportunity to put these skills to work.

Change is Good

Our curated vintage consignment store, located in the community of Inglewood, provides a place for our clients to put their skills to work. It is a social enterprise where all the proceeds from the store go directly to our recovery program at the CDC.

changeisgoodyyc.com | [@changeisgoodyyc](https://www.instagram.com/changeisgoodyyc)

THIS YEAR BY THE NUMBERS

97%

occupancy
rate in the
90-day
recovery
program

174

clients in
our recovery
program
*(this equals 10,664
days of recovery
programming!)*

92%

occupancy
rate in our
housing
program

294

individuals
accessed our
transitional
housing

92

graduates from
the 90-day
recovery program



**FISCAL YEAR ENDING
MARCH 31, 2025**

49% ● Govt & Grant Funding
23% ● Rent Income
12% ● Donations
9% ● Fundraising
7% ● Other Income



49% ● Client Services
34% ● Support Services
9% ● Fundraising
8% ● Administration

COMMUNITY UPDATE

We are so grateful for our incredible community, full of hope and light for our city. Along with some of our fantastic annual events, such as our Golf Tournament and Stampede Breakfast, here are a few exciting things that have happened this year:

Second Harvest Frontline Impact Food Rescue Award

This year the Calgary Dream Centre won the Second Harvest Frontline Impact Food Rescue Award for Alberta. The food we rescued this year has an average national retail value of \$386,579.39, and has diverted tons of healthy, quality food from being thrown out. Instead of being wasted, it provided more than 106,000 meals to people in our community.

Wellness Event Highlight

This year we gathered 20 community partners together to host a wellness event for our community members, the general public, and some of the most vulnerable members of our city. Gifts and services such as: hygiene packs, love packs, immunizations, and health screening were practical offerings to help bring hope and support to people who need it.

Smile Cookie Campaign

Thanks to Tim Hortons and Dollar a Day Foundation, the Calgary Dream Centre received a generous donation of \$25,000 designated to the area of greatest need.

RECOGNITION



“WE STRONGLY BELIEVE IN THE STRATEGIC DIRECTION THE CDC IS NOW FOLLOWING IN PROVIDING A CONTINUUM OF CARE AND A CONTINUUM OF HOUSING FOR THE CLIENTS TO HELP ENHANCE AND ENSURE THEIR CONTINUED RECOVERY AND SUCCESS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT CHAPTER OF THE CDC IN FULFILLING ITS GOD-GIVEN PURPOSE.”

– Robert Nash, CDC Board Chair

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOU!

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

We are also grateful for incredible community partners who share our vision of bringing hope to our city. These organizations provide essential services to our clients — whether it's before our clients find their way to CDC, while they are with us, or after they have graduated from our programs.

- The Calgary Homeless Foundation
- Alpha House Detox
- Renfrew Detox
- The Alex
- Access Mental Health
- The Distress Centre
- CUPS
- Bowline Health
- The Drop-In Centre
- Becarrian Correctional Care
- Pharmedic Pharmacy
- Garden Counselling
- Masters Counselling
- 12 Step Fellowships
- Student Legal Aid
- Momentum
- Pneuma
- Government of Alberta

VOLUNTEERS

We are humbled by the incredible work of Calgary Dream Centre volunteers. As you show up to surround our clients and staff with love, compassion, and support, you are creating change through community.

Interested in volunteering at CDC?

[Visit us at calgarydreamcentre.com/volunteer](https://calgarydreamcentre.com/volunteer)

DONORS

Finally, our heartfelt thanks to Calgary Dream Centre donors, who make it possible for CDC to be a lighthouse of hope for the city of Calgary. Your generosity leads to transformed lives. Every day.

You can bring hope to our city today!

***Donate to
Calgary Dream Centre.
calgarydreamcentre.com/donate***

“VOLUNTEERING AT THE CALGARY DREAM CENTRE HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST REWARDING EXPERIENCES OF MY LIFE. I’VE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF WITNESSING FIRSTHAND THE INCREDIBLE TRANSFORMATIONS THAT HAPPEN HERE EVERY DAY.”

– Emily





**BECAUSE
NO ONE IS
BEYOND
HOPE**

"I LOST A DEAR FRIEND TO ADDICTION. HE WAS A CHILDHOOD BUDDY. HE WAS IN AND OUT OF SHELTERS FOR MANY YEARS BUT I'LL NEVER FORGET WHEN HE LANDED AT THE DREAM CENTRE. HE SAID IT WAS THE BEST PLACE IN TOWN. SINCE THEN, I'VE SEEN WITH MY OWN EYES LIVES TRANSFORMED. THE STAFF HAVE SERVANT HEARTS AND WORK TO GIVE EVERY CLIENT A CHANCE TO TRULY TURN THEIR LIVES AROUND. THE SAD REALITY IS THAT OUR CITY HAS MORE ADDICTS THAN CAN BE TREATED BUT WITH EVERY GRADUATION THE DREAM CENTRE MAKES OUR CITY A LITTLE BETTER. THIS WORK IS VITAL. I AM THANKFUL TO BE ABLE TO PARTNER WITH THE TEAM AT THE CDC."

- Ian Schafer

