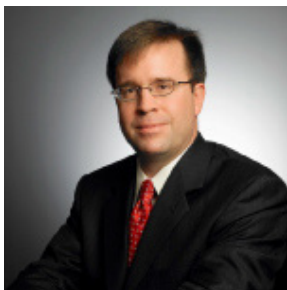


Message From Our Board Chair

Christmas is a time of year when people want to be together with their families - and it is the same at Inn from the Cold, where families are able to stay together as they make the transition from homelessness to housing.

Yet the contrasts between being homeless and having affordable housing can be particularly startling at this time of year. According to recent news stories, the number one gift that children are asking their parents for this Christmas is an iPad. The main thing that children staying at the Inn from the Cold want is a warm bed, a nourishing meal, and a roof over their heads.

Imagine not having a home at all over Christmas - but for many of the residents of the Inn from the Cold, this is their reality. Fortunately we are here for them, because of what you do to help us. The work of the Inn from the Cold is all made possible due to your donations, and the generosity of our volunteers that help out in many ways. A special mention as well to the Inn's employees, who are like angels in their help for our guests. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your generosity and your love that makes what we do possible - because of you, our families will be able to have Happy Holidays - which is also my wish for you.



Chris Moser
Board Chair

Upcoming Events

- Come down to Southcentre Mall this Christmas from December 1st - 25th for all your gift wrapping needs. For more information go to www.southcentremall.com. Be sure to check out their Share the Love Facebook page.
- Husky Energy Children's Giving Tree
- London Drugs is INN
- Give a Child a Wish
- Advocis Christmas Luncheon

Thank You to Our Supporters

- Delectable's art show
- Crescent Point Energy Open House
- Northridge Energy Development Group Open House
- Tri Arts/ Art show
- Domain, Design Fashion Show
- Mur-Mur shopping event

Now is the Time for the Littlest Things

The littlest things really do make the biggest difference. Since launching our awareness and fundraising campaign, Littlest Things, in September, we have seen a tremendous response from Calgarians. To date, \$175,000 has been raised, but there is still work to do. **Inn from the Cold continues to see an unprecedented number of homeless families seeking shelter, help and hope.** Every story is different but the harsh reality is **there are children who will not have a place to call home tonight.**

Since August, our Emergency Family Shelter has been at- or over-capacity. **The number of guests we are serving is at its highest peak since we opened the Emergency Family Shelter in 2008.** Our community emergency shelter, operated through the generous support of the faith community and community groups, is also seeing families and vulnerable singles seeking a warm, safe place to stay. **Our programs and supports are stretched to the limit as we work hard to meet the extra demands placed on our resources.**

During this Holiday Season, we need your help more than ever before. Every donation will assist us in meeting the needs of homeless families in our community. By donating to the Littlest Things campaign, you are sending a powerful message that family homelessness is not acceptable. You are joining our vision of a city where no family is homeless. Your gift is important - it will help families create brighter futures for their children. **Your donation will change lives. Please get INN to the Littlest Things today.**



Please visit www.innfromthecold.org/give to donate or call (403)263-8384.



Playing for Change

Inn from the Cold's Family Day Charity Concert

Inn from the Cold is thrilled to announce the return of Playing for Change (PFC) to Calgary for the only Canadian stop on their 2012 winter tour! Join us as we celebrate the inspired sounds of this world-renowned band with family and friends on February 19 at U of C's MacEwan Hall Ballroom, on Family Day Weekend 2012. Help us give voice and a face to the thousands of children living in poverty as we share a message of hope with homeless families and children in Calgary.

Most recognized for their amazing rendition of Stand by Me, PFC has performed for sold out audiences around the globe and have performed with musical legends like Bono and Ziggy Marley. In the summer of 2011, PFC partnered with the United Nations to create a song that would unite all nations to join together to increase awareness of the plight of underprivileged children everywhere. Now Calgarians are invited to add their voice to this powerful movement., PFC's soulful music transcends genres, race, religion and economic backgrounds to unite humanity on an inspirational journey of celebration and CHANGE.

We encourage you to share this inspirational gift this Christmas. Give friends and family an unforgettable concert experience and help CHANGE the lives of families and children who are living in poverty and homeless in Calgary. Join us Family Day Weekend on our journey to build a community where no family is homeless!



"Chances are we are our best chance for a better world, the future is in our hands, as it always was."

Mark Johnson, Founder, Playing for Change

Concert gift cards are available for \$35 per ticket exclusively through IFTC! Contact jess@innfromthecold.org

Please Support the Christmas Fund

Inn from the Cold is honoured to be a recipient charity for this year's Calgary Herald Christmas Fund. Throughout the month, you will find many inspiring stories of our work, along with 12 other local charities who are working to serve the most vulnerable in our community. Please watch for Inn articles in the Herald and help support this very worthy cause.

London Drugs is Inn

Help provide families with the basic necessities they need to have a safe, secure place to call home this Holiday Season. For the month of December, make donations as small as \$2 at any London Drugs in Calgary. Even the littlest things can make a big difference.

Redeem this coupon at London Drugs to purchase an essential item for homeless families and donate it to Inn from the Cold.

Save \$1
Munchkin Diapers
27s - 50s



Retailer's coupon redeemable only at London Drugs. Limit one coupon per item purchased. Not to be used in conjunction with any other coupon(s). Not redeemable for cash. While quantities last. Coupon valid December 7 - December 22, 2011

Adopt-A-Family 2011

Get INN to Our Adopt-A-Family Celebration

Thank you for getting INN to the holiday spirit by adopting an Inn from the Cold family. Your gifts and generosity will spread the joy and love of the holiday season to our families during a very difficult time in their lives.

Join us for some holiday cheer and stop by the Inn with your Adopt a Family gifts and hampers!

Hot chocolate, candy canes and carolers are part of the festivities. Check out INNspiration House and take a tour of the shelter at 10am, 12pm or 2pm! See how you are making a difference in the lives of homeless families.

Thank you for being INN!

When: Friday December 9th, 10am-4pm

Where: Inn from the Cold, 110 - 11 Ave SE

RSVP: Jessica at jess@innfromthecold.org

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