

Volunteer Corner

As 2011 draws to a close we have begun reflecting on the past year and how fortunate we have remained in terms of volunteer support. Not a day passes when Inn volunteers aren't a part of our striving towards, a community where no family is homeless. We are grateful in particular for the breadth of volunteers who support the Inn. Families, service clubs, school groups, faith-based organizations, corporate teams and countless individuals form a like-minded community committed to supporting Inn from the Cold and our guests. And for that, we thank you.

As mentioned, volunteers are relied upon throughout the year and the holiday season is no exception. We still have a number of shifts available for gift wrapping at Southcentre Mall. This cheerful, unique opportunity will have volunteers offering their gift wrapping skills with proceeds providing direct support to the Inn. Please contact Devon at devon@innfromthecold.org to schedule your shift.

Our evening dinner service opportunity at the Emergency Family Shelter continues to be one of our most popular, often being filled many months in advance. That said our weekend breakfast service opportunity is an equally engaging and rewarding occasion that is in need of additional volunteers. As a part of our breakfast service, volunteers not only serve the meal but are our chefs as well! Gather your family, a few friends or colleagues and join us getting our families' day off to a great start. Please contact Volunteer Resources for more information at stefica@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.

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.



Community Inns

Winter and cold weather may be here, but our Community Inns remain a safe and warm place for men, women and families to stay. As family shelters reach capacity throughout the city, our community has pulled together, worked extra hours and given generously of their resources and time to ensure that no family is left without a place to go. We at the Inn want to say thank you for your support.

In an effort to support the Community Inns we will try to recruit volunteers to support your Inn. Please let us know if this would be of benefit to you and your Inn. Contact information is below.

Currently we have a need for a Community Inn to host on the first Saturday of every month. Currently there is no Community Inns for that night. If you are an existing Inn interested in hosting or someone who is interested in starting a Community Inn in your area please contact Mike at mike@innfromthecold.org or by phone at 403-463-3509.

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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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

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