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# Streets Alive

Poverty is real in Lethbridge.

Poverty is not a “topic”. It is real people in real trouble.

Yes! There is poverty in Lethbridge, and it is affecting people you know, right now.

People are choosing between paying rent and buying lunch for their kids because they can't do both.

People are couch surfing, sleeping “rough” out in the elements, or worse, because they can't afford a room of their own for even one night.

People walk kilometre after kilometre, everywhere they go, through wind and rain and snow, because they cannot afford bus fare.

These aren't just any people. These are OUR people – people of Lethbridge!

There is a face (and a name, and a story) for every person served at Streets Alive Mission. These faces matter!



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## P.I.N. Bank

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The P.I.N. Bank (which stands for People In Need) not only supplies clothing to people in need, it provides another tool where we can get to know people.

The PIN is the workhorse of the Mission it gives our clients a much needed sanctuary to briefly escape life on the streets and have the opportunity to relax. They can also find clothes that not only will suit their needs, but their personality as well.

## Feedin' Them Hope

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Streets Alive Mission offers a safe and welcoming location for individuals to come in to get warm or cool down, have refreshments, or a change of clothes. A place where they are treated with dignity and respect and can build relationships. A much needed sanctuary to briefly escape life on the streets and have hope fed into their life. With no appointments required anyone in need of support can access Streets Alive Mission for support, resources and referrals.

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## Trusteeship

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Helping people grow in their financial stability by serving as their Financial Guardian. The Trusteeship Program grows client's dignity by enabling them to find financial stability, which helps to move them gradually out of poverty and into a place where they can maintain their own financial future.

All funds are deposited in a trust account. Each individual works with our trustee officer to develop a budget to ensure the client's funds sustain them throughout the month. This budget ensures that critical expenses are looked after (rent, telephone, utilities) to protect the client and keep them safe.

The financial counselling clients receive will help them develop the skills necessary to manage their finances independently. This is mandatory for all residents of Streets Alive Mission's supportive housing facilities.

## Takin' It To The Streets

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The outreach team provides nourishment to the mind, body and soul for individuals on the street. They also assist in cleaning up our community to keep it beautiful. Streets Alive Mission Outreach Team take to the streets in the areas of our city that they are most needed. They adjust the work they do based on the community needs.

## Foot Friday

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Nearly every Friday evening we have volunteers who help care for tired, sore feet in need of some TLC.

A warm foot wash, nail clippings, and some fresh socks will make a huge difference in foot health.

Even the regional health care system has noticed how Foot Friday has reduced the foot problems seen by emergency and clinic staff!

People who have no fixed address often suffer from a condition called "Street Feet", which is painful and unhealthy. Foot Fridays at Streets Alive is a program where volunteers (including a couple of doctors) offer foot care - warm foot soak, trimmed nails, treatment of mild foot ailments, plus a pair of clean socks and good shoes.

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