

STREETS ALIVE MISSION - SPRING 2022

EMPOWERING PEOPLE



He is Risen

... He is Risen Indeed.

From Burial to Birth to Beauty

We are all familiar with the sight of the Easter lily, those beautiful fragrant white blooms that fill the stores at this time of year. They have an interesting story, those lilies. They are originally native to Japan and were brought to our shores by way of bulbs in the suitcase of a soldier after World War I. At first farms up and down the coasts of Oregon and California began growing the bulbs, now there are only around ten farms in that area that produce 95% of the world's Easter lily bulbs.

Easter lilies are rife with symbolism. They are known to many as the 'white robed apostles of hope' and their colour is said to represent the purity and innocence of Christ as he went to the cross for us. Their shape, resembling a trumpet, symbolizes a

trumpet sounding to announce His resurrection. Even the process of their cultivation can teach us something. It takes three years for a lily to go from a bulb to the store shelf, growing from something ugly beneath the surface to a beautiful flower above. This growth is a process that takes time and it's not always something that we can see on the surface.

Something else struck me: a bulb can be handled up to forty times before it is ready to be shipped. We are like those bulbs. We believe that too much handling damages us, that it makes us worth less. Or perhaps we feel banged around, bruised, uprooted, and disoriented. Our environment may be changed, we get moved, we feel uncomfortable, like we're in the wrong place. But in the end, it is the hand of a loving Creator that's tending to us and moving us where we need to be to allow us bloom to our most beautiful.

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Rose's story

Rose returned to Nova Scotia to care for her father, just as COVID hit. However, being isolated and alone, Rose felt trapped. To escape those feelings, drinking took over her life and destroyed her relationships with her family.

Rose knew about Streets Alive but not about the Genesis Program. One night Rose felt the Holy Spirit touched her, leading her to re-connect to Streets Alive.



She called Pastor Julie, desperate for help, and learned about Genesis. Rose bought a plane ticket but because of Covid, the flight was canceled several times. With each cancellation she was crushed so she would drink more until she felt like she had chains wrapped around her. Somehow, she remained determined to come.

Once back in Alberta she felt the chains break free. Although tough at first, she began to feel safe, loved, and at peace. Rose learned patience, forgiveness and how to cope with change.

After 6 months, God opened the door for Rose to reconnect with her daughter, and because she saw the change in her mom, she gave her a chance. Now they call or text every day and her daughter says that Rose is the mother she always wanted.

After 9 months in the house, Rose is graduating to her own home, confident that she will make it this time because she has the supports she needs to succeed.

Rose's advice to others is to turn to God and get into a Christian focused home/program.

Volunteers bring hope and leave a little sunshine everywhere they go

Thank you

Your donations of time, talents, finances, and donated items, help to make sure the ongoing needs for our most vulnerable are met.

*the generous
soul will be
made rich, and
he who waters
will also be
watered himself.*

PROVERBS 11:25

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sapphire Benefit Dinner
April 29, 2022

Wing Ding
TBD

Golf Tournament
July 22, 2022

For more information,
tickets or sponsorship
opportunities go to

streetsalive.ca

Keep Growing with Us!

The grass and flowers may have been dormant over the past few months, but we sure haven't been!

As we watch the trees come back to life, Streets Alive is continuing to branch out. Our P.I.N. (People In Need) clothing Bank is seeing a minimum of 60 people a day, and that's on our slower days. Our Exodus Men's Program is full, and our Genesis Women's Program is filling up. The RePurpose Donation Centre has moved into their new larger warehouse space and we're managing the money of around one hundred and fifty people through our Trusteeship Program.

Your careful stewardship to Streets Alive is what has allowed for this growth. We are excited about this growth. Thank you!

One thing we're very excited about is seeing our volunteers return to us. The growth in our programs allows for more openings for volunteer opportunities, and we'd love for you to join us! If you're interested, please visit our website at www.streetsalive.ca. You can also call 403-320-1159 and speak to Tracie, she would love to hear from you!

STREETS ALIVE
MISSION

Urgent Needs



hoodies
jeans (sizes 28 - 32)
sweat pants/joggers
hygiene items
warm socks
new men's and women's underwear
furniture
appliances
any household items

non-perishable food
items for our emergency food bank

financial donations to purchase most
needed items



Streets Alive Mission is planning to raise an estimated \$1,200,000 this year on fundraising campaigns. It will cost the organization an estimated \$149,000. The money raised will be used to provide services for those struggling with poverty in our community.

THANK YOU FOR BRINGING HOPE FOR THE FUTURE TO OUR COMMUNITY.