

Empowering People

Did you know...

Streets Alive Mission provides a variety of services and supports to those in the community struggling with poverty and addiction. Our Mission Services provides support to more than 1500 individuals and our Life Recovery Programs provide 59 abstinence based recovery beds.

As Christmas approaches, we ask that you remember Streets Alive Mission in your holiday plans. While preparing for joyous holiday celebrations with your friends and family, it's important to stop and reflect on the joy and blessings in your own life while also being aware that not everyone is so fortunate.

The work at Streets Alive Mission has a powerful impact not only on the people that we work with directly, but also on the community as a whole. We are a community funded organizations and rely on donations to provide these services.

It is our community that brings hope.

the best gift **was, is**
and **always** will be

Jesus



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CURRENT NEEDS

mitts
gloves
hoodies
jeans
new underwear
small hygiene items
warm socks
furniture
appliances
any household items

non-perishable food items
for our emergency food bank
financial support

Mission services include:

- connection
- warmth
- hot coffee
- hair washing/cutting
- a bathroom
- foot care
- food and food hampers
- clean socks, underwear
- change of clothes
- resources
- household items
- trusteeship services
- prayer
- hope

We have a prayer team that meets on Monday mornings from 9:00am until 10:30am at Streets Alive Mission.

This devoted team prays over each prayer request received. Send us your prayer requests.

*Merry Christmas!
from All of us at
Streets Alive Mission*

faith

A story to tell...

We all have a story, each one of us unique, although there often many threads of life we share. This is a piece of Jesse's story, a life that was changed because of the generous gifts from our community

Jesse has been clean and sober for more than one year. He works full time at Streets Alive Mission. He is truly a blessing to others.

Jesse is one of the most kind people, he is always thinking of and doing for others.



"I have nothing to hide. It's nothing I'm shameful for. It was the way my life was meant. My name is Jesse Tabor, that's who I am."

My story so far... I was born in Calgary. I was about 13 years old when my parents got divorced, I moved to Kelowna for a few years, and then to Port Hardy for a few years. I just kept getting passed back and forth between my parents. At 16 I went out on my own.

I've always been around drugs and alcohol; it was just something that was always there. I started drinking heavy when I was 13. I was doing heavier drugs by the time I was 20. I always classified myself as a functional alcoholic because I always worked hard, I worked in the oil patch for 12 years and lots of other jobs when the rigs were shut down. I owned my own house when I was 23, I had a wife and kids in my life, I was a good dad. I was a good person – but I was a drug addict.

With the addiction, my life spiraled. My family saw me as a failure, I was the black sheep. The following years were foggy, I used drugs and alcohol for many years. I was in and out of jail, I was on the streets, I have seen so many people overdose. I have seen so many dead – so many. When in the addiction I experienced horrific acts of violence towards myself and others. I got caught up in all the wrong things. I ran drugs for many years until I got caught. I tried to commit suicide many times and others tried to kill me too. I have been kidnapped, been stabbed multiple times and I never died. I always knew that God had a purpose for me. I had finally had enough and decided I needed to change my life. I was tired of being forgotten, alone, feeling like I was good for nothing a waste of time.

I came to Streets Alive Mission, Exodus Men's Life Recovery Program - I fit in here. My whole life has switched for the better. I quit everything. I don't smoke cigarettes. I don't take pills. I don't do drugs. I don't drink. I'm back in touch with my kids. I talked to my mother and father and brothers. I enjoy my life. My life is worth a lot more than I used to think it was, and it's been changed ever since I'm a different person. Well, same person, just different choices now.

Streets Alive Mission Life Recovery Programs bring hope to people like Jesse, and change lives.

The needs in our community are greater than they have ever been. Your donations of food, clothing, household items, time, money and prayers are much needed and very much appreciated. Each item, minute, dollar and prayer goes to helping those in need and connects us as human beings looking out for each other.

bring hope today by donating at streetsalive.ca



Advent of Hope

Most Advent Calendars present us with a gift each day leading up to Christmas. This year consider doing an Advent of HOPE Calendar, a Gratitude and Giving countdown to Christmas. The purpose of the Advent of HOPE is two-fold:

- to remind us of the gifts we already have - the simplest things in life that bring us little bits of HOPE every day, which we often take for granted.
- to encourage us to take positive action - in this case, to collect a small gift - to help bring HOPE to our neighbours in need who do not have access to many of these simple things.

Give the gift of time.

Are you looking for volunteer opportunities as a way to give back to your community?

Email volunteer@streetsalive.ca or call 403-320-1159 for more information



Visit our website to give online.



Stuff A Bag for Streets

Each year we stuff the turkey, stuff gifts under the tree, and stuff ourselves with a variety of food during the holidays. This year consider **Stuffing a Bag for Streets Alive Mission.**

You can stuff them with food, hygiene items, gently used clothes, hats, mitts, socks, and more.

Pick up a bag from any of the Starbucks locations in Lethbridge and once the bag is full drop it off at Streets Alive Mission. You will be bringing hope.



Merry Christmas

AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR

