



STREETS ALIVE  
MISSION

empowering people

SUMMER  
2023

# a living legacy



## our anchor

**“Seize the Day”. “Live in the Now”.  
“Take life day by day”. “The best  
preparation for the future is to live  
as if there were none”.**

That last quote is from Albert Einstein. I'm definitely about to disagree with one of the smartest people who ever lived, but here at Streets Alive Mission, we're big fans of preparing for the future by actually, you know... preparing for the future.

We've seen a lot of change over our 30 years here in Lethbridge. We've had programs come and go, as we always try to meet the needs that we see in our community. Those needs have changed too, as have our clientele. We've had to say a lot of goodbyes, and each goodbye

remains difficult. We've changed our fair share of locations, as well.

What has and will always remain constant is our steadfast and firm hope in Jesus Christ. We have hope for our future, hope that we share with our clients, hope that we give them each day through our recovery programming or a haircut or a sandwich. We know that the only secure anchor for this hope is always in Christ.

**As we move into the next few years, we're building from the foundation that's been laid over the past 30 years to create a legacy that will last well into the future.**

We want to make sure the people we serve will continue to have a safe place to come where they can feel welcome, find dignity, and fulfill their higher purpose.

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JESUS *is the* ANCHOR  
*of my soul.*

Hebrews 6:19





## upcoming events

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### WING DING:

**Saturday, June 24**

A free, family-friendly festival of fun at Nicholas Sheran Park! Take the Save-On-Foods Wing Ding Wing Eating Challenge!



### GOLF TOURNAMENT:

**Friday, July 21**

Golf for a great cause! Register your team today to support **Exodus Men's Life Recovery Program!**



### RIDE 4 REFUGE:

**Saturday, Sept. 23**

**NEW!** Our family-friendly fundraising bike ride and walk is in support of our men's and women's **Life Recovery Programs**. Get your team together and join us!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO REGISTER, VISIT [STREETSALIVE.CA](http://STREETSALIVE.CA)

psst.. we have a secret!

Mark your calendars for November 3 - 4, 2023, our **FIRST Women's Conference!** You'll love our lineup of inspiring speakers! Stay tuned for details...



## chat with cam kissick

**Streets Alive: How long have you been working at Streets Alive Mission?**

**Cam Kissick:** I have been working in my role at Streets Alive for 5 years.

**SA: What drew you to this work?**

**CK:** "Family business"? My parents started this organization 30 some years ago; I volunteered here as a kid, I worked here briefly during the early 2000's, then went off on my own, but always stayed close to the organization. I felt a real call to come back, put a request in to my parents when there was a job opening available, went through the process, and took the job.

**SA: What is the most notable change you've noticed over that time?**

**CK:** Everything! I think [Streets Alive's] expansion to fill the need, because the need has gotten a lot larger as well. Streets Alive constantly has to expand and grow with that need, and to date, we have very successfully done that.

**SA: Why do you think the need has expanded?**

**CK:** I think the mixture of addiction and mental health, combined with external forces, all added up to a population that no longer values themselves. In such, that has recreated a higher need both inside the population and inside the community.

**SA: What do you think is the biggest misconception about what we do at Streets Alive Mission?**

**CK:** I think oftentimes people think we're just a bunch of do-gooders handing out water and sandwiches, when the fact is we are much more than that. I also think that there's a lack of understanding of how complicated the issues we face are. The time frame to actually look at repairing some of that is much longer than people realize, too.

**SA: What is the most rewarding part of your work here?**

**CK:** It can depend on the day. Sometimes it's just the matter of a quiet conversation



with somebody, other times it is watching individuals who you saw live rough in addiction get clean, get sober, get years behind them; you see them get jobs, get their families back.. Being able to see all of that is probably the most rewarding.

**SA: What lasting lesson have you learned from watching Ken & Julie at Streets Alive Mission?**

**CK:** Patience! It takes a lot of patience, and it takes a lot of doing the same thing over, and over, *and over again*, until it works.

**SA: Favorite piece of scripture?**

*"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" - John 10:10*

**CK:** John 10:10. I think it highlights the fact that while there are external forces that are looking to take away from you, Jesus is always there to provide you not only a good life, but an abundantly-filled life.

**SA: If you could send a message into the community, what would it be?**

**CK:** I would say that "Jesus saves", and that that includes the people, the community and everybody involved.





# moving and shaking...

## DID YOU KNOW...

**323 4th St S has been our home since 2003?**

Since that time, we've grown and expanded our programs to keep up with the everchanging needs of our community. We have expanded to the point where we've outgrown our current location. Although it's hard to say goodbye to the place we've lived and loved for the last twenty years, we know that it's time!

We have begun the process of purchasing a suitable location, outside of the downtown core, that will be our new Mission home. A space with room for all of the programs and services that we provide to the community.

As you know, a big move takes time and comes with big expenses. We will be reaching out to our supporters and sponsors to help us with this transition!

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Pieter van Ewijk at 403-942-5645 or [pieter@streetsalive.ca](mailto:pieter@streetsalive.ca).

**Together, we can continue to do great things, and change more lives!**



**Streets Alive Mission collects pre-loved items from the community to provide for those in need. Can you help with anything on our wish list?**

- backpacks
- hoodies
- jeans (sizes 28 - 32)
- sweat pants/joggers
- new men's and women's underwear
- hygiene items
- furniture
- appliances
- any household items
- .....
- water
- non-perishable food items
- .....
- financial donations to purchase most needed items



**can  
you help?**

**Donations accepted at our RePurpose Donation Centre: 219 12B St. N. (back alley)  
Monday to Saturday, 9 am - 12 pm, 1 pm - 4 pm. Thank you!**

Streets Alive Mission is planning to raise an estimated \$1,500,000 this year via fundraising campaigns. It will cost the organization an estimated \$149,000 to accomplish this. 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.**