

HOPE report



2023



Streets Alive



Our Vision

To Bring Hope to the Hopeless

Our Mission

Streets Alive Mission exists to provide for the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs of the poor, to empower them to change their lives through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our Core Values

Streets Alive Mission flourishes through our passion for God and good works towards people in need. By conducting our lives in accord with the values of compassion, respect, integrity, stewardship and excellence we promote and demonstrate that Streets Alive Mission is an organization of good character.

Our Goals and Objectives

For those people lacking hope and in need, Streets Alive Mission will:

- Go out into the community and meet their basic physical requirements.
- Establish meaningful relationships with them.
- Develop mutual understanding of their issues.
- Mentor, teach, and train them.
- Empower them to achieve productive, hope-filled lives.



For the community in which we serve, Streets Alive Mission will:

- Foster and promote community support and involvement in the organization.
- Work with and promote unity among agencies involved in supplying services to those in need and lacking hope.
- Raise awareness and advocate on behalf of those in need and lacking hope.
- Provide volunteer opportunities to individuals who desire to have a more active role in assisting the community in looking after the at-risk population.



Spiritual Leadership

Freedom Church

- Biblical World view
- God's work
- Matthew 25:35



Poverty

Mission Services

- PIN Clothing Bank
- Care Cuts
- Foot Friday
- Feeding 'em hope
- Takin' it to the Streets
- RePurpose Donation Centre



Recovery

Life Recovery Programs

- Daniels
- Exodus
- Segue Women's Home
- Libertas Men's Home

Streets Alive Mission has been sustainable for more than 30 years. In that time, Streets Alive Mission has created and delivered programs and services that empower and support the marginalized population in three major areas of focus: Spiritual Leadership, Poverty and Recovery.



Legacy

What a challenging year it has been, mostly because growth is and always will be challenging. As we have grappled with new legislation from the province, extreme pushback from our neighbours, and political agendas that seem to change with every new government, it has been a challenge at times to remember why we are here.

As I ponder the story of the Good Samaritan, I think of the 3 parties mentioned.

The ones who walk by and don't see it, or the ones who see it and don't care.

The ones who stop and minister, from their own resources that we know as the Samaritans.

The one who was robbed and beaten and left on the side of the road, in the dirt.

When we think of this story we can focus on who we think is important but the reality is... the most important figure in this parable is.... the man in the dirt. If there was no man in the dirt, there would be no need for a Samaritan and no one to ignore. BUT, in our city, province, country... there are many to be found in the dirt.

What are we to do? The very best we can do to minister to those who are broken down, by the side of the road. Regardless of politics, behaviours, agendas, we have to do the best we can for the ones in the dirt, the ones most broken, the ones that Jesus called "the least of these"

God Bless.

Ken & Julie Kissick

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Streets Alive Mission is grateful for the gift of time that these people make to the organization. They are all dedicated and passionate about the work being done.

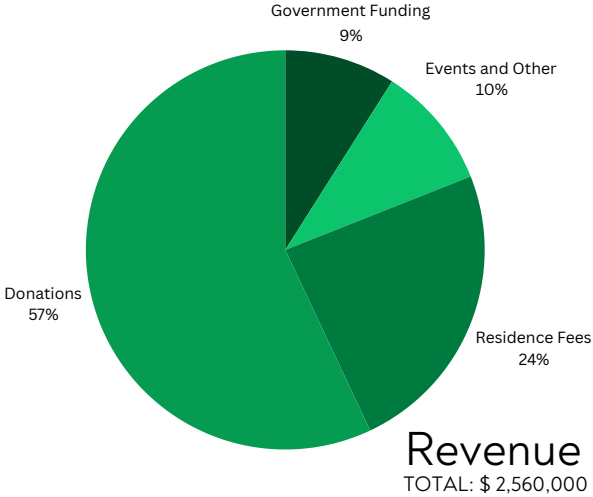
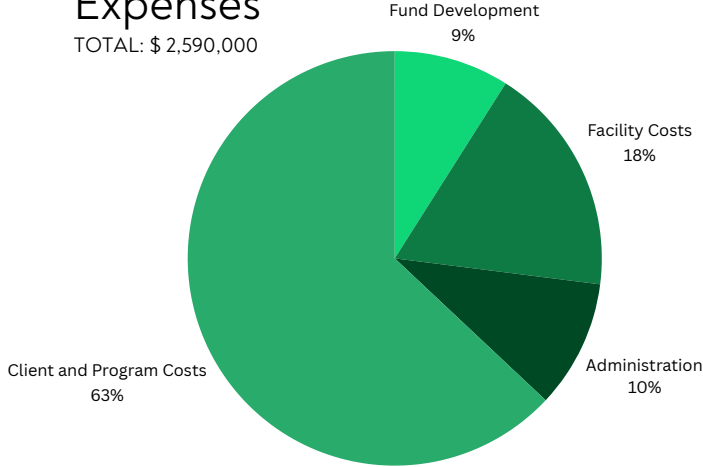
On behalf of the people we serve,
THANK YOU!



Streets Alive Mission a community funded organization. It is **YOU**, the community, that is impacting lives.

Expenses

TOTAL: \$ 2,590,000



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 here, 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 – Lethbridge People!

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



Feedin' Them Hope

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. It's a place where they are treated with dignity and respect, and can build relationships. It's



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 the Streets Alive Mission for support, resources and referrals.

In December, 2022 Streets Alive Mission opened a “warming centre”, at the request of the City. In this time we saw on average 80 individuals per day that would have frozen had they not had a warm place to be. The need for the “warming centre” was due to the shortage of space at the shelter. Although we faced many challenges, Streets Alive Mission stepped up to help save lives.

P.I.N. Bank

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

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

The PIN Bank sees an average of 50 people per day utilizing this service, with more than 500 unique clients.



Our community supplies those in need with clothing, underwear, socks and shoes, and hygiene supplies

Takin' It To The Streets

The Streets Alive Mission 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. Our outreach team takes to the streets in the areas of our city where they are most needed. They adjust the work they do based on the season, and the community needs.



The Streets Alive Mission Outreach Team has assisted the City with encampment response, ensuring those in need, have their basic needs met. We even staffed two City buses that brought refuge to those in the cold in February and March of 2023.

This team also provides housing referrals and transportation to detox/treatment facilities, and non-emergent rides to medical care. In January 2023, the team assisted 13 individuals in getting into treatment programs, as of June 2023, eleven of those individuals were still sober.



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 offer foot care – warm foot soak, trimmed nails, treatment of mild foot ailments, plus a pair of clean socks and good shoes.

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

A warm foot wash, nail care, and some fresh socks makes 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!

Foot Fridays sees a number of regular clients, including people who are unhoused, seniors and those accessing mental health services.



Trusteeship Program

We help 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 client's funds are deposited in a trust account with Streets Alive Mission. Each individual works with our trustee officer to develop a budget to ensure that their 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.

Streets Alive Mission has between 120 and 150 Trusteeship clients.





The Care Cuts Salon is a program that helps to restore dignity to those in need. This is a salon where our clients can not only get their hair washed and cut by professional volunteer stylists, but they also receive much needed contact, care, and the knowledge that they are worthy of such treatment.

We are so grateful for the many volunteers that gift their time to our Restoration of Dignity programming. These volunteers are willing to go beyond societal stigmas and provide service to those in our community who are often forgotten or ignored. The impact these programs have on people is immeasurable.



Streets Alive Mission's RePurpose Donation Centre provides clothing and household items to those in need, at no cost. Streets Alive accepts donations from the community, sorts through all items and distributes them. We also provide community pick ups for those unable to bring their donations in, and work collaboratively with several community organizations. Our RePurpose Donation Centre assists more than 20 families per week.

Our food bank shares this location and provides food hampers for those that need a little help making ends meet. We distribute approx. 50 individual food hampers and 20 family food hampers weekly.

RePurpose Donation Centre



219 12 'B' Street North
(drop off in back alley)
403-635-9362



Redemption

Recovery

Community

safe, faith-based recovery for women

Genesis Women's Life Recovery Program is a multi-tiered program that assists vulnerable women who want to recover their lives.

Streets Alive Mission operates **Genesis Connect for Women**, a facility offering programming specifically designed to help women reconnect emotionally and spiritually. We also offer a supervised residency program.

Key programming is Christ-centered and includes emotional counselling and post-addiction support.

The Genesis program has seen some women move on to post-secondary education, jobs and families and go on to happy, healthy, productive lives, still under the guidance of the Genesis support team.

In 2022, we supported 33 women who achieved 120 days sobriety and recovered their lives.



Genesis
Women's Life Recovery Program

EXODUS Men's Life Recovery Program



Exodus Men's Recovery Program is about leaving the past behind and finding new healthy relationships with family, peers, mentors, and, most importantly, with God. Our Exodus program is a faith-centered, abstinence-based program which walks with men through the process to change their lives. Programming concentrates on group therapy, accessing counselling, work skills, literacy upgrading, and financial stability. *It is designed to heal the brokenness of their lives.*

Libertas (Parkside) Home is a secure men's home which offers a caring and affordable Christian environment designed to change the direction of men's lives. Through our program of counselling and accountability, our Parkside Home helps men overcome the life issues that have hindered them from achieving their destiny. By providing a safe and secure living environment, the men can work through the life issues that have previously seemed undefeatable.

The Exodus Men's Life Recovery Program has implemented a Rapid Relapse Response Pilot Project. In the first 3 months of this project, 14 men were able to continue of their recovery journey and stay sober.

In 2022, 77 men reclaimed their lives and celebrated 120 days of sobriety. This program sees more than 30 applications per month.

“Recovery is a process of change through which people improve their health and wellness, live self-directed lives, and strive to reach their full potential.”

How the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) defines recovery.

**REDEMPTION
RECOVERY
BROTHERHOOD**

Freedom

Sunday Church Service

Jesus told us the poor would always be with us. He was talking about the distressed peoples of our society. We feel very strongly that those of us who *have* must help those who *have not*, with every available tool that we can offer, and with a heart of compassion for every hurting soul.

Freedom Church provides a safe non-judgmental worship community for anyone wanting to grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus Christ. The music, teaching and unconditional love experienced in our worship center creates a healing, God-centered community where everyone is welcome.



Streets Alive Mission is always seeking those who have a desire to give of themselves to serve others.

Volunteers are key to the work that we do at the Mission, and we wish to make it as easy as possible for you to engage and help in areas where you feel comfortable and confident.

We offer a variety of opportunities, training, and support for those who want to join the cause of *“Bringing Hope to the Hopeless.”*

Volunteer opportunities at Streets Alive are available for individuals AND for groups.

*For more information on volunteering at Streets Alive Mission visit: streetsalive.ca,
email: volunteer@streetsalive.ca or
call us at: 403-320-1159*

**IF SOMEONE LISTENS,
OR STRETCHES
OUT A HAND,
OR WHISPERS
A KIND WORD
OF ENCOURAGEMENT,
OR ATTEMPTS
TO UNDERSTAND
A LONELY PERSON,
EXTRAORDINARY
THINGS BEGIN
TO HAPPEN.**

It was cold, so cold. There were a group of us huddled together in the bushes. It was a really bad day. Suddenly the Outreach van pulled up, we saw the streets Alive sign on it, I started to cry. We were not forgotten.



I ended up in jail for things I did to support my habit. Upon my release I was very fortunate to end up in a sober living house and have been there for almost a year sponsored by Streets Alive Mission. Their program is what I really needed. I was kept accountable, they kept me very busy with classes like life skills, getting to know Jesus and we also had some recreation activities and the sisterhood and the community is just awesome. So, by the grace and mercy of God I have been free from my addiction. For me, the Lord is the only one who's keeping me alive and drug free, and I'm very grateful. Thank you Jesus! - Tia



My first time here I was kind of embarrassed and scared to come through, but I was able to come in and not feel weird or anything. There was an overwhelming sense of safety in this place.

I would be dead if it weren't for Streets Alive. I relied on the snacks and water from the Mission, just to stay alive. This is where I heard about the Recovery Programs. - This is why I am alive!

Streets Alive

HOW CAN YOU HELP?



Please pray – for our clients, our staff, our volunteers, and our civic, provincial, and federal leaders.

Please give – an Emergency Response Fund has been activated. Streets Alive Mission's resources are stretched to the limits as we work to cope with increased demand on our services.



Please continue to **drop off essential items** for our clients at our RePurpose Donation Centre - **219 12 B St. N. (drop off in back alley)**



\$3M

Mission Services

Home for Mission Services: PIN Clothing Bank, Trusteeship, Foot Friday, Comfort, Care & Connectivity, Food Bank, RePurpose Donation Centre & Community Partnerships



\$3.5M

Affordable Recovery Housing

Providing 60 beds for those in Recovery Programming, Exodus Men's Life Recovery Program and affordable recovery housing



\$1M

Life Recovery Centre

Life Recovery Programming Centre for Exodus Men's Life Recovery and Genesis Women's Life Recovery

For more information on the *Coming Home Capital Campaign*, please contact Pieter van Ewijk 403-942-5645 pieter@streetsalive.ca

Total *Coming Home Capital Campaign*: \$7,500,000

This includes all costs of property purchases and required renovations.

Coming HOME Campaign

Fundraising

January

Supports the work of the Mission



February

Supports Takin' It To The Streets



June

Supports Trusteeship, PIN Bank, Feedin' Them Hope



July

Supports Exodus Men's Life Recovery Programs



September

Supports Life Recovery Programs



November

Supports Genesis Women's Life Recovery Programs



November

Supports Genesis Women's Life Recovery Programs





Donors give
through us,
not to us.



*Thank
you!*

for bringing hope to your community!

“Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about
making a difference.”

-- Kathy Calvin

Streets Alive

bringing hope

SUPPORT THE POOR IN OUR COMMUNITY BY
PROVIDING LIFE-SAVING ESSENTIALS AND HOPE

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