



# Empowering People

## It's the Most *Wonderful Time* of the Year!

I left my Christmas decorations up for a long time last year. Far longer than what is considered normal. You might have walked into my house in mid-March and thought to yourself, "Wow, she is lazy," and ... you're not wrong. However, there was another reason. They brought comfort. I went to take them down in January and found myself sad that I had to put away these little pieces of joy, these tokens of warmth and nostalgia that end up living in plastic bins for eleven months of the year. So, I left them up, spending each evening with the soft lighting and glittery reassurance they gave.

I am so fortunate to have the privilege of a home to decorate. I have decorations to put up, and I find comfort in those decorations. My Christmases are filled with family and food and movies and joy. Every Christmas, I see two things: I see people who don't have these things, and I see people who are experiencing these things for the first time in years, or even ever, because of generous gifts from people like you.

Our recovery programs allow men and women to have visitation with their children again. **Men and women who have been trapped in addiction for years will spend Christmas with their parents and siblings again.** The men and women in our houses have Christmas parties, decorate the homes, and experience that warmth and encouragement that is so special at Christmas. Our Stuff A Bag program allows us to take gifts to people who otherwise would receive nothing for Christmas and watch their faces light up. It's all such a privilege. This is what giving through us looks like.

IN THIS NEWSLETTER,  
YOU WILL DISCOVER:

our latest initiatives, the impact  
we're making, and how you can  
join us in our mission.

*Merry Christmas*

We served over 1,000  
people in 2024.

Join us as we bring *hope* in 2025.



**God bless us,  
every one.**





## Join us by Stuffing A Bag for Streets Alive Mission!

This holiday season, help us support those in need with our **Stuff-A-Bag For Streets Alive Mission!** Fill a bag with non-perishable food items, personal hygiene products, and warm clothing.

It's Easy:

- Pick up a bag from one of our partners.
- Collect items and pack them into your bag.
- Bring your stuffed bags back to us (323 4th St. S.).
- We distribute the contents to those who need them most!



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

### Why do you support Streets Alive Mission?

*This is what one of our loyal monthly donors said:*

I was the second oldest in a Catholic Family of seven children. Our father was an alcoholic who struggled to hold down a job, while our mother worked full-time while trying to raise her children as best she could with very few resources. Hand-me-downs from neighbours and friends were the norm; food was stretched as far as it would go but was always fresh and delicious (especially the baked treats); and opportunities to take music lessons or play sports were non-existent, unless they were offered through school.

Our mother instilled in us a strong work ethic that would enable us to achieve what we set our minds to. Some of us continued on to university thanks to grants and loans, but even those who didn't worked hard to achieve success in their chosen careers. All of us have had happy marriages and loving families of our own.

Unfortunately, by the time the youngest was born, our mom was exhausted and unhappy with her hard life and had little energy to raise her. Despite having a family herself, our sister went down a path filled with alcohol and drug abuse. She lost her own children and ended up on the streets. She has not contacted any of us and we have no idea where she is or even if she is alive.

For this reason, I feel that Streets Alive Mission is a charity that helps others who also struggle with addiction and living a good life. I am so grateful to have the opportunity to donate every month to them in that endeavour.

***Donors give through us, not to us.***

For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given; and  
the government shall be  
upon his shoulder, and his  
name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting  
Father, Prince of Peace.

*Isaiah 9:6*

### Upcoming Events

**COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR  
FEBRUARY 22, 2025**

Sign up your team for this fundraising walk to support people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness in our city.

**BROKEN BUTTERFLIES  
MAY 31, 2025**

Ladies, join us for an inspiring afternoon celebrating the Genesis Women's Life Recovery program and supporting women changing their lives.

**To learn more, visit [StreetsAlive.ca](https://StreetsAlive.ca)**

Streets Alive Mission plans 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!**



# Serving Our Community HOPE

At Streets Alive Mission, we're dedicated to supporting those in need. Here's how we're making a difference:

**FEEDING 'EM HOPE:** Our welcoming space offers warmth, refreshments, and security to anyone seeking support.

**TAKIN' IT TO THE STREETS:** Our outreach team hits the streets, providing nourishment for body and soul while helping keep our community clean.

**TRUSTEESHIP:** We assist clients in managing their finances, helping them build stability and independence.

**FOOT FRIDAYS:** Skilled volunteers offer free foot care, providing relief and comfort to both body and soul.

**PEOPLE IN NEED (P.I.N.) BANK:** More than just a clothing bank, it's a place where relationships are built and personalities shine.

**REPURPOSE DONATION CENTRE :** This hub collects and distributes essential items to those in need, giving new life to donated goods.

**FOOD BANK:** We provide food to individuals and families in need of that extra help.

**FREEDOM CHURCH:** Our worship community welcomes anyone seeking to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ.

**CARE CUTS:** Professional volunteer stylists offer haircuts, restoring dignity and providing much-needed care.

**GENESIS WOMEN'S LIFE RECOVERY & EXODUS MEN'S LIFE RECOVERY:** These programs offer faith-based and abstinence-based recovery support, helping individuals rebuild their lives.

## WE WANT TO KEEP YOU INFORMED ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS AND EVENTS.

If you've recently changed your address, email, or phone number, please let us know!

Contact us with your updates at [zandria@streetsalive.ca](mailto:zandria@streetsalive.ca) or 403-320-1159.

## WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF MOVING TO A NEW HOME!

To ease our transition, you'll see our new return address on many of our mail-outs:

**P.O. Box 1474  
Lethbridge, AB  
T1J 4K2**

## WE ARE ADDING EMAIL TAX RECEIPTS IN 2025!

If you would like to receive your tax receipts via email, please let us know!

Contact us to make the change to email tax receipts.



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