

A YEARLY
UPDATE ON
HORIZON
HOUSING
SOCIETY

On the Horizon

Warming Hearts and Hands this Holiday Season

Mittens distributed to Horizon tenants and those still in need of a home

Spreading holiday cheer can come in many ways. You can wish someone a Merry Christmas, buy a gift for an unsuspecting friend or spend the day with family. Holiday cheer comes in all forms, and this year we are spreading our own cheer through helping keep hands warm.

"In early December, we launched a mitten campaign. Mittens were delivered to all of our tenants as a way to show that we care about their safety, security and, of course their warmth this holiday season," said Kim O'Brien, Executive Director with Horizon Housing Society.

The mittens were distributed as part of Horizon Housing Society's annual safety and security program and helped to spread a message of warmth and joy.

"All of us are getting older and our friends pass on or move. Knowing that there are folks like Horizon Housing Society out there who care, helps light up the trees of our life," says Ed Penny, tenant with Horizon Housing Society. "This is especially true of people with social challenges caused by life altering events that, for some reason or another are shunned by society, friends and family. These kind gestures have long lasting and far reaching effects."

Ed has made a Horizon Housing Society property home for over 15 years. Being able to brighten the holiday season for Ed and many other people like him is a tremendous feeling, and we are extremely grateful for all of the tenants who make their home with us.

While we are proud of the homes we have been able to create for over 700 individuals, we recognize that there are still many Calgarians without a place to call home this winter season. It is because of this that we have partnered with the Mustard Seed to provide mittens to the individuals who utilize their shelter services. This is our small way of showing that we care.

"These mittens meet a practical need and also demonstrate to our guests that they are part of a community who cares about them," says Deb Runnalls, Street Level Manager with the Mustard Seed. "Horizon Housing Society is a wonderful partner, and we are so grateful for their generosity and support."

The holidays can be a difficult time for those experiencing homelessness, but by working together, Horizon Housing Society and the Mustard Seed hope to spread a little extra holiday cheer to those in need.



Amy Eagleson providing Ed Penny with a pair of Horizon mittens

Warmest Wishes from Horizon Housing Society

The warmth of the season is upon us. You can see it through the warm hearts who serve those in need, the warm hands who prepare the festive feasts and the warm homes that help create a sense of belonging. The warmth of the season is what helps make this time of year memorable.

For us at Horizon Housing Society, it has been a year filled with individuals finding a place to live, families creating a home and tenants building a sense of community. Horizon Housing Society hopes to have warmed the hearts and hands of those we serve, of those we partner with and those who share in our vision of home.

From all of us at Horizon Housing Society, we wish you a warm and joyful holiday season.

Kim O'Brien
Executive Director
Horizon Housing Society




Generosity of Spirit Awards

Small Business Philanthropist Recipient: Hamilton + Partners

On November 15th Hamilton + Partners was presented with a Generosity of Spirit Award in recognition of their support and dedication to the Fish & Chips Golf Tournament & Fly-Fishing Derby. Since the inception of Fish & Chips seven years ago, the event has raised over \$800,000 towards providing affordable, integrated and supported homes and support programs to promote independent living for individuals with mental illness. Horizon Housing Society together with Canadian Mental Health Association - Calgary Region nominated Hamilton + Partners in the category of Small Business Philanthropist.

“At Hamilton + Partners we are grateful for the opportunity to operate a business and raise our families in a city as vibrant and exciting as Calgary,” says Rick Green, Principal with Hamilton + Partners. “We believe that everyone has a right to joy and happiness and accept it as our responsibility to help build understanding and acceptance towards the issues faced by many of our citizens and do what we can to help put them in a position to overcome those issues and thrive in our great community.”

Horizon Housing Society and CMHA - Calgary Region would like to thank Hamilton + Partners for their outstanding involvement in reducing the stigma associated with affordable housing and mental health support programs. We are truly grateful, as are our tenants, for the generosity of Hamilton + Partners.



Principles of Hamilton + Partners attending the Generosity of Spirit Awards luncheon

(left to right) Ian Farrer, Rick Green, Craig Robillard, Kelly Little, Darol Hamilton and John Guderyan

Community Support

Donor Profile: Calgary Co-op

Horizon Housing Society is honoured to have the support of the Calgary Co-operative Association this year. Their contributions have allowed us to provide food, drinks and prizes for a number of our tenant events, including the Tenant Christmas Parties and the Tenant Appreciation Stampede BBQ.

We were also one of the benefactors of the annual Calgary Co-op Golf Tournament, receiving over \$19,000 towards our next affordable housing initiative.

We want to thank Calgary Co-op for their continued support.



Calgary Co-operative Association cheque presentation with (left to right) Cindy Drummond, Kim O'Brien and Karen Allan

Sutton Charity Golf Classic

Third Year for Community Partnership

For the third year running, Horizon Housing Society was privileged to be the beneficiary of the Sutton Charity Golf Classic.

This annual event is spearheaded by a group of dedicated Sutton Realtors from across Calgary who combine their efforts to organize a fun day of golf and camaraderie, while also raising funds to support Horizon Housing Society's next affordable housing initiative.

Since both Horizon Housing Society and Sutton are focused on providing individuals with homes that suit their specific needs, the partnership between our two groups comes naturally, as we both take pride in providing our clients with a sense of home.

Horizon Housing Society would like to thank Sutton, as well as all of the tournament volunteers, for selecting Horizon Housing Society as the beneficiary and for making this tournament a success.



The Sutton Charity Golf Classic Committee presenting Kim O'Brien with a cheque in the amount of \$7,500

Partner Recognition Evening

Honouring Our Partners

On April 19th we hosted 100 guests at the Cantos Music Foundation for Horizon Housing Society's 3rd Annual Partner Recognition Evening. Attendees from our various partners, donors and supporters, gathered to celebrate the success of these partnerships and the contributions made to Horizon Housing Society over the past year.

Chris Wallace, Board President, provided remarks and thanked everyone for their continued contribution to the Society. Kim O'Brien, Executive Director shared her thoughts on the impact our partnerships have on the lives of our tenants and welcomed Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Jonathan Denis, who we were honoured to have as the guest speaker.

Randy Stef provided musical entertainment for the evening, while Fireworks Cooperative, a social enterprise in support of Servants Anonymous catered the event.

We were privileged to have, at the time MLA and Progressive Conservative leadership candidate, now Premier Alison Redford, Minister Jonathan Denis, Aldermen Andre Chabot, Brian Pincott and Peter Demong attend the event.



Guests at the Partner Recognition Evening



Minister Jonathan Denis addressing the guests



Amanda St. Laurent and Robert Perry from Calgary Urban Project Society (CUPS)

Annual General Meeting

Judy Martin and Hamilton + Partners Recognized

Horizon Housing Society's Annual General Meeting was held on June 21st. The AGM is an opportunity to update our stakeholders on our past years accomplishments and on the priorities of the coming year.

A significant part of this evening is dedicated to celebrating the contributions of both an individual and an organization to the Society. This year's recipients were Judy Martin and Hamilton + Partners.

Horizon Housing Society's Board President, Chris Wallace presented the Individual Award of Appreciation to Judy Martin, former Executive Director of Canadian Mental Health Association - Calgary Region. Judy was recognized for her contribution in fostering an exceptional partnership between CMHA - Calgary Region and Horizon Housing Society, and for her ongoing role as a voice for the advancement of mental health in the social serving community, particularly in respect to the provision of stable housing for some of Calgary's most vulnerable. Judy now serves as Director, Community Investments and Collaborations at the United Way of Calgary and Area.

The Organization Award of Appreciation was presented to Hamilton + Partners by Board Secretary, Wayne Thrush. The partnership between Hamilton + Partners and Horizon Housing Society began at the Society's inception in 1976, when Darol Hamilton and Jim Rice started the Society, then known as HaRi Housing. Darol also founded Hamilton + Partners, an organization that develops plans for retirement and succession strategies, employee benefits, disability concepts and medical access insurance.

Since its inception in 2005, Hamilton + Partners has been the Presenting Sponsor of Fish & Chips Golf Tournament & Fly-Fishing Derby, our annual fundraiser along with CMHA - Calgary Region. For the past two years, Hamilton + Partners has also hosted a Winemaker's Dinner to compliment the fundraising efforts of Fish & Chips.

The evening concluded by thanking outgoing Board Member, Jerry Rukavina for his commitment and dedication throughout his years of service to the Board.



Chris Wallace (left) and Kim O'Brien (right) present Judy Martin with the Individual Award of Appreciation



Chris Wallace (left) and Kim O'Brien (right) present Hamilton + Partners' Rick Green and John Guderyan with the Organization Award of Appreciation

3rd Annual Tenant Appreciation Stampede BBQ

Showing Appreciation for our Tenants

Horizon Housing Society's 3rd Annual Tenant Appreciation Stampede BBQ was held on July 12th at Horizon West. Over 140 tenants and guests shared in the stampede spirit with food, music and door prizes. Entertainment was generously donated by Bryson Waind and Aldo Aguirre, as well as JumpUp Entertainment. The kids enjoyed face painting while the Tim Hortons Community Cruiser served up fresh Timmy's coffee, always a crowd favourite.

We were thrilled to have with us, at the time MLA and Progressive Conservative leadership candidate, now Premier Alison Redford, Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Jonathan Denis and MLA's Dave Taylor and Kent Hehr. Premier Redford and Minister Denis also joined in the fun by flipping burgers and serving the guests.

Horizon Housing Society would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time at the event, and the many local businesses whose donations made this day a great success.



Attendees at the Annual Tenant Appreciation Stampede BBQ



Horizon Housing Society staff enjoying the Tenant Appreciation Stampede BBQ



Premier Alison Redford and Minister Jonathan Denis flipping hamburgers

Help Build a Home

Become part of the solution to help provide affordable, integrated and supported homes for those in need. One hundred percent of donations made to Horizon Housing Society go directly towards our next affordable housing initiative.

To donate please call (403) 297-1741 or visit our website at www.horizonhousing.ab.ca

**Horizon Housing Society
Thanks You For Your Support!**

7th Annual Fish & Chips Golf Tournament and Fly-Fishing Derby

Held September 8, 2011 at Cottonwood Golf and Country Club

The 7th Annual Fish & Chips Golf Tournament & Fly-Fishing Derby benefiting Horizon Housing Society and Canadian Mental Health Association - Calgary Region raised over \$117,000.

Participants were treated to a spectacular day in the sunshine and enjoyed either a guided fly-fishing trip down the Bow River or a round of golf at Cottonwood Golf & Country Club. At the end of the day, both golfers and anglers came together for a great dinner, live and silent auction, prize presentation and a humbling speech by Bob Patrick, a resident with Horizon Housing Society and an active client with CMHA—Calgary Region.



First place golfing team (left to right) Elmer Campbell, Kathy Caron, Dennis Carmichael and Randy Jones



First place fly-fishing team (left to right) George Beasley, Jeff Purdy and Rene Hajas

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