Calgarians have a can do attitude, and we can end homelessness together! This was the message delivered to over 425 people representing more than 150 organizations in attendance March 3 at the community summit and launch of Calgary’s Updated Plan to End Homelessness. Collective impact and collective leadership were key messages of the day as a new community website was launched housing the Updated Plan and a community map for organizations, individuals and stakeholders to join the movement. To learn more and sign up to be a part of ending homelessness in Calgary click here. To watch the video click here.
Building on up!

We are thrilled to have received two more development permits for exciting new projects in Crescent Heights and Hillhurst Sunnyside! Two 25-30 unit purpose built fully accessible apartment buildings will be going up in Crescent Heights and Hillhurst Sunnyside over the next 18 months, with a kick off celebration slated for the beginning of summer! To learn more about these projects click here.

2014 Arthur R. Smith Awards

On March 10, 2015, the recipients of the Arthur R. Smith awards gathered to be honoured at a special luncheon. The Arthur R. Smith Awards were created in the name of our founder as a way to recognize and honour innovative, committed and caring front-line employees and volunteers within the homeless-serving system. Mr. James Stanford is generously sponsoring the awards (2012 to 2017). This year’s recipients are Sharon Robertson, volunteer with The Alex–Pathways, Gabriel Chen, front-line employee with Calgary Legal Guidance, and The Infinity Project Team, front-line team with Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary. For more information on this year’s awards click here.
Community Partner Events

ENMAX Lighting Up Alberta

Thank you ENMAX Corporation for shining your light and making the world brighter!

Through the Lighting Up Alberta Campaign, over $30,000 was raised through social media likes, follows and retweets for the Calgary Homeless Foundation and Habitat for Humanity Edmonton! Thank you to all Albertans for taking part in raising money for these two organizations and a huge thank you to our community partner ENMAX for spearheading this initiative!
Coldest Night of the Year

The Coldest Night of the Year is a fantastically fun, family-friendly walking fundraiser that raises money for the hungry, homeless and hurting in 80+ communities across Canada. The second annual Calgary event took place on Saturday, February 21st, 2015 with over 450 participants raising an amazing $128,259 to support Feed the Hungry and Acadia Place, which is an affordable housing complex owned by the Calgary Homeless Foundation that provides housing and supports for 58 formerly homeless families and families at risk of homelessness. KAIROS Calgary, an ecumenical Social Justice initiative in Calgary, is currently fundraising to pay down the mortgage on Acadia Place through the RESOLVE Campaign. To learn more click here.

2015 Housing First Conference

Brought to you by the 7 Cities on Housing and Homelessness, the 2015 Housing First Conference in Edmonton will celebrate the achievements made in our efforts to end homelessness in the province of Alberta. At this point in time, we are already six years into the provincial 10 year plan to end homelessness. This conference is an opportunity for Housing First practitioners as well as leaders in the sector to assemble, create dialogue, and collaboratively focus our efforts on being as effective and efficient as possible to end homelessness in our communities. To register click here.