Remembering veterans, particularly those at risk of or experiencing homelessness
As Remembrance Day nears, the Foundation is proud to report that 49 formerly homeless veterans are being housed with support by CHF-funded agencies. Fifteen of these veterans live at Madison Place an apartment owned by CHF and operated by Alpha House. Veterans Affairs Minister Julian Fantino spent an hour chatting and touring the veterans apartment building. To read about the Minister’s visit and to view the photos, click HERE.

Providing housing with support saves money!
At the Foundation’s annual general meeting, President and Chief Executive Officer, Dr. John Rook shared data showing that when 759 adults were housed, police interactions, incarcerations, hospital stays, EMS use and ER visits reduced dramatically. Annual cost savings of $2.5 million were seen amongst 72 high acuity clients who were housed for a year. Read the summary HERE.

Community consultation – please add your voice to the 10 Year Plan!
The 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness in Calgary was launched in January 2008 and updated in January 2011. CHF will revisit the 10 Year Plan for the third time, resulting in publishing an update in June 2014. This a community Plan so your participation is needed! Sign up HERE for one of two community consultations on the evenings of November 18 and 19

Listening to clients’ views about agencies and housing
In a recent survey, 486 people who were formerly at risk of or experiencing homelessness voluntarily completed surveys about their housing and support experience. Sixty-one per cent said they were confident they will not return to homelessness and 85% indicated they were satisfied with their current housing. Read more HERE.

Thank you Calgary for being a caring community – please think of the vulnerable this holiday season
Our annual fundraiser, hosted by Premier Redford, raised over $180,000 this year. Many thanks to Champion Sponsor Devon Energy. To see the photos and read more, click HERE. Canadian Natural Resources Limited helped the Foundation with flood-related funding and the Royal Bank of Canada Foundation supported 750 front-line agency staff attend training. Over 300 Calgarians turned up to support Homeless Awareness Day with Mayor Nenshi proclaiming “Homelessness Sucks” Photos HERE. During the holiday season, please support those in need of housing with support by making a donation at HERE.