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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, June 21 • 10:30 AM • Rehoboth, Stony Plain (3920-49th Avenue)

The Board of Directors invites the membership of Rehoboth Christian Ministries to attend this important Annual Membership meeting of the association.

Agenda items will include:

- Presentation of the Annual Audited Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2003
- Presentation of the proposed Annual Operating Budget for the fiscal year 2003/04
- Nomination/Election of new Board members
- Recognition of retiring Board members
- Presentation of employee length of service awards

- Highlights of Rehoboth's programs

Luncheon will be served and ample opportunity will be given for questions and for tours of the facility for those who are interested.



Rehoboth Christian Ministries Board of Directors for 2002 - 2003

Call for Nominations

The following Board members are eligible for, and have accepted, re-nomination for a second term of service:

Walter Noot – St. Albert
Otto Salomons – Lethbridge

Elly VanAlten – Edmonton, has completed two three-year terms and is not eligible for re-nomination.

Nominations will be accepted from the

Membership for the above positions, either by mail or on the floor of the AGM, provided the nominee has provided written confirmation of willingness to accept the nomination. Written nominations should arrive at the Rehoboth Administration Office, 3920 - 49th Avenue, Stony Plain, Alberta, T7Z 2J7, no later than May 16 in order to be included on the mail out ballot.



"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths."

Isaiah 2:3



*In loving memory of
Victor Pierik*



Victor became involved with Rehoboth first as a camper at our Gull Lake camp and then in February 1994 he made our Brightbank residence his home. Victor also attended our day program where he brought much joy to the hearts of others. In August 2001 Victor moved to Red Deer. Prior to this move, he had lived in our Garden Valley residence where he was sorely missed by his roommates and friends at Rehoboth. It was a sad day in February 2003 when we received the news of Victor's death. He will live long in the hearts and memories of his friends at Rehoboth. We were truly blessed to have Victor in our lives. He will be long remembered for his fantastic smile, his gentle manner, and his ability to help others see the bright side of the world!

Board Goals – 2002

The Board of Directors and Management Team set a series of twelve Five-Year Goals for Rehoboth at a Retreat held in February 2002. We are pleased to report that we are well on the way to completing many of these goals within the time frame established. Three of these goals were:

Recruitment of "first time" committee and Board member volunteers.

We currently have four Board members and nine committee members on local Advisory Committees serving for the first time. Our goal is to have at least six members of the Board and at least two Advisory Committee members in each region serving

Rehoboth in this capacity for the first time.

Planned debt reduction.

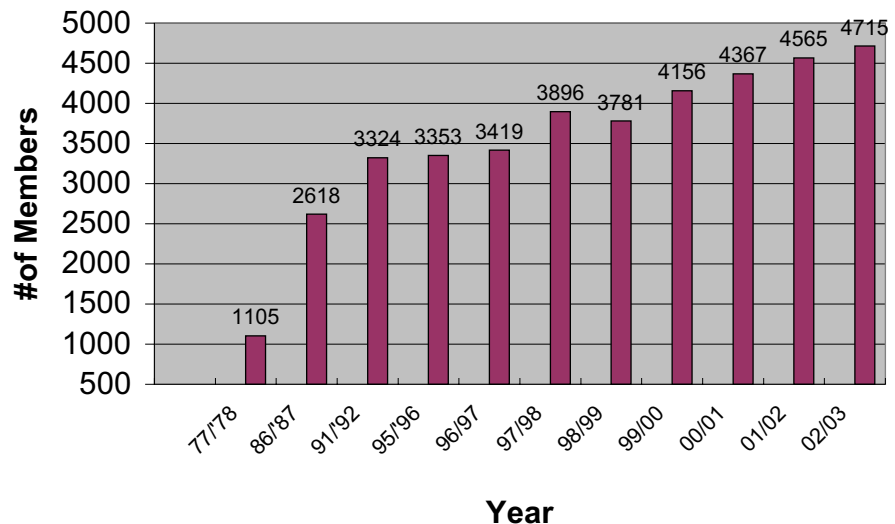
The target set was to reduce Rehoboth's indebtedness by 10% annually. Thanks to the generous response to our annual Membership Campaign, as well as many generous individual and corporate donations received throughout the year, in addition to receipt of estate gifts, we were able to repay over \$330,000.00 in loans this year. We also incurred additional debt of approximately \$230,000.00 in the form of a mortgage on a duplex in Calgary. When added to the regular debt payments of \$71,000.00 annually, were able to repay a net total of \$171,000.00, or nearly 11%. With your help, we hope to

be able to sustain this level of debt reduction annually.

To continue to increase the membership base.

The goal set was to increase our membership base annually for the next five years. We are pleased to report an increase of 150 members over last year. The following graph illustrates the growth in our supporting membership base over the past 27 years. This base of support is instrumental in helping Rehoboth Christian Ministries meet the challenges of providing quality programs, transportation services, affordable housing, and Rehoboth Camp Ministry each year. Thank you for your continued faithful support.

Membership History





**Rehoboth Camp Ministry 2003
Join the Volunteer Team**

Rehoboth Christian Ministries offers a variety of camp experiences for persons with disabilities. The camps have changed slightly this year: Youth Week will accommodate Campers between the ages of 8 - 18; followed by two adult weeks for Campers age 18 and older. RCM I has been introduced this season and was created for 'Independent Persons with Disabilities'. This camp has a higher level of activities and allows Campers more independence. RCM I includes three feature days of water-sliding, golfing, and trail riding on horseback.

- Each of the four weeks is staffed with volunteers.
- All volunteers are trained before the campers arrive.
- The first three weeks of camp have a one-to-one camper to volunteer ratio.
- RCM I is staffed three or five to one and requires mature individuals, 18 years or older, who have attended at least two years of Rehoboth Camp to be Counsellors.

This year's camps:

Youth week: July 5 - 11, 2003
Adult weeks: July 12 - 18, July 19 - 25, 2003
RCM I: July 26 - August 1, 2003

Join the team! Call Pete Ages for more information at (780) 963-4044 or Email at pete.ages@rehoboth.ab.ca

Submit your volunteer application online or download a printable version @ www.rehoboth.ab.ca

Calendar of Events

Saturday, May 10
Annual Spring Sale
Coaldale - 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 24
Stony Plain Spring Sale
Stony Plain Office

Saturday, June 21
Rehoboth's Annual General Meeting
Stony Plain - 10:30 a.m.

Friday, November 7
Joyful Noise 25th Anniversary Concert
watch for details in your church bulletin!!





Your Donations at Work

Rehoboth Christian Ministries received donations and memberships totalling \$363,745.00 through December 31, 2002. A significant portion of these donations are used to subsidize Rehoboth's transportation services, housing for residents enrolled in the programs, interest and principal on mortgage payments, the cost of utilities and maintenance for our facilities, Rehoboth's Camp Ministry and Rehoboth Gull Lake Camp.

regions in which we offer support programs for persons who live with disabilities. Most of these vehicles are used in our Residential support programs to transport individuals from their home to daily vocational programs, recreational activities, shopping, church activities, and medical appointments. Others are used as work related vehicles for our mobile work crews and to transport materials and products produced in our Vocational



Stony Plain vans

Following is a brief summary indicating how Rehoboth Christian Ministries uses your donations to help cover costs not funded by provincial government or user fees associated with support services provided to individuals in our care. Your donations are also used to purchase vehicles, equipment, and as down payments on purchased properties.

Transportation

Rehoboth Christian Ministries operates twelve vehicles in four of the five

Services programs. The cost associated with purchasing and operating these vehicles is partially recovered from transportation fees contributed monthly by the individuals using this service. Meeting the remainder of the operating costs is dependant on donation revenue.

Affordable Housing

Rehoboth Christian Ministries owns seven homes throughout the province in order to provide our residents safe and affordable housing. While some residents live in privately



Cozy Cabins at Gull Lake Camp

owned homes for which they pay a landlord a monthly rent, many of our residents cannot find affordable rental accommodation in a safe neighbourhood. A monthly "room and board" fee covers a portion of the mortgage payments, insurance, and utilities on these Rehoboth homes, but a portion of the operating costs of owning these homes is subsidized by your donation dollars.

Rehoboth Camp Ministry and Rehoboth Gull Lake Camp

Each year Rehoboth Christian Ministries provides a summer camp experience to over 200 individuals

from across Alberta at our Gull Lake Camp facilities. Over 200 volunteers serving as counsellors, cooks, music coordinators, craft coordinators, nurses, or directors, make this experience a truly enjoyable one for all campers. They also keep the individual registration fee affordable for each camper. However the cost of camp generally exceeds the revenue received from registrations fees.

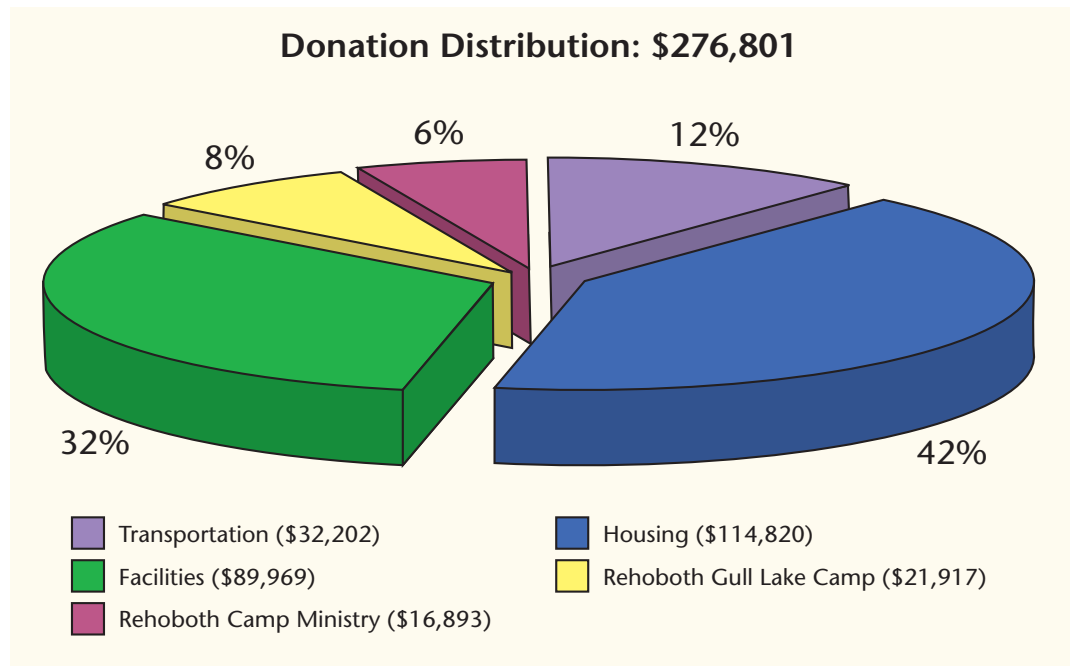
Additionally, the development and improvements to the Gull Lake Camp annually are not funded by any government source. All construction, maintenance, and operat-



Calgary Duplex

ing costs incurred by Rehoboth Gull Lake Camp depend on a combination of rental revenue from groups using the camp facilities during the summer and through donations from our supporting community.

Summary of Your Donation Dollars at Work: "Making Room"



The Rehoboth Christian Ministries Foundation



The Rehoboth Christian Ministries Foundation was established in 1997 to serve as a partner to Rehoboth Christian Ministries in "sustaining quality and securing the future" for the programs offered by Rehoboth throughout the province.

As we focus on "Strength" in this issue of the Newsletter,

it seems fitting to provide some greater detail on the role the Foundation can and will play in establishing financial stability for Rehoboth in times of insecure and fluctuating program funding.

The Foundation consists of a six member Board of Directors, three of whom also serve on the Board of Rehoboth. Wally Mulder, CEO/Executive Director of Rehoboth Christian Ministries also serves as the Executive Director for the Foundation. Object 1 of the Memorandum of Association states, in part, "The objects for which the Foundation is established are to carry on all activities dedicated to advance the well-being of persons with disabilities and their families and all other purposes of a charitable nature beneficial to Rehoboth, a Christian Association for the Mentally Handicapped of Alberta...". The sole purpose of the exist-

tence of the Foundation is to assist Rehoboth in its mandate to support individuals who live with disabilities.

The Foundation is a registered charity, (Charity or Business No.: 87143 3561 RR0001). Donations of any size are most gratefully received and will be receipted for tax purposes. The Foundation encourages support through wills and estate planning, gifts of property, as beneficiary of a life insurance policy, or any other form of contribution. The Foundation currently has assets totalling \$170,916.10, including a donated condominium unit occupied by two individuals in Rehoboth's Calgary program. The Foundation, by virtue of a designated gift, will be contributing \$5,000.00 annually to Rehoboth's staff development budget.

By working together with Rehoboth, the Foundation aims to strengthen

Rehoboth's position of financial security by committing to assisting Rehoboth in retiring \$1,500,000.00 in long term debt through the solicitation of designated donations for this purpose, and to build a sufficiently significant financial base to allow for future capital projects with out the need to borrow funds. This may seem like a very lofty goal, but we believe that "strength in unity" between Rehoboth, the Foundation, and our faithful supporting community will insure the financial stability of this ministry to individuals in Rehoboth's care.

"Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

Ecclesiastes 4:12 NIV

The Rehoboth Christian Ministries Foundation
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CALGARY

What happens with the donation dollars that generous Calgarians give to Rehoboth Christian Ministries during our Annual Membership Campaign?

Recently the money raised throughout our annual membership campaign has gone to assisting the Calgary region in purchasing the Duplex in NW Calgary. This duplex replaced two separate residential homes, and has allowed Rehoboth Calgary to offer clients housing that they are able to afford, which is becoming increasingly more challenging in the city of Calgary as the cost of rental

properties keeps increasing. Plans are also underway to use donation dollars to purchase the Calgary Vocational Centre a van in which they can use to start a Community Work Crew. This work crew will enable our clients to become more active and visible in the community and provide a viable work service to Calgarians.

Without the generosity of those who support

Rehoboth year after year, we would not be able to afford items like the ones mentioned above. The money we receive by way of donations, allows those that we serve to have a more enriched life. Thank you to all of you who have supported, and continue to support Rehoboth Christian Ministries.

*Submitted by
Stephanie Martinell*

THREE HILLS

Fundraising Dinner a Great Success

"Brightly shining, tiny lights hung from the ceiling in large clumps, with wide, white ribbon strung along gracefully in waves amongst the beautiful lighting. The sight was breathtaking. Warmth flooded from the room. Maybe it was the heat rising from the delicious food, or maybe the hundreds of warm, happy bodies busy visiting with strangers and friends alike, while taking in

the wonderful hand bell show provided by clients of the Rehoboth program (featuring a solo by Brenda Rashleigh) as well as dinner

entertainment provided by the amazingly talented classical guitar player, Daniel Enns, from Prairie Bible College. All this was organized by the devoted Advisory Committee assisted by many volunteers." (Quoted from the Three Hills Capital, February 12 edition).

The focus of the fundraiser - a new van, long needed for use in the day and residential programs.

Through the generosity of the crowd, \$5500 was raised just in that evening and donations continue to come in, designated for the van fund. Thus far this project has reached a total of \$7,105.17 toward the projected \$24000 needed to purchase the 15 passenger van.

Up until now transportation could only be provided by staff in their vehicles or by guardians when they were available. The new van will provide the opportunity to have an accessible vehicle to reach distant work sites, to provide transportation when weather is extreme, and to provide access to recreational activities outside of Three Hills where the 15 passenger van will replace taking 2 or 3 staff vehicles.



Three Hills Advisory

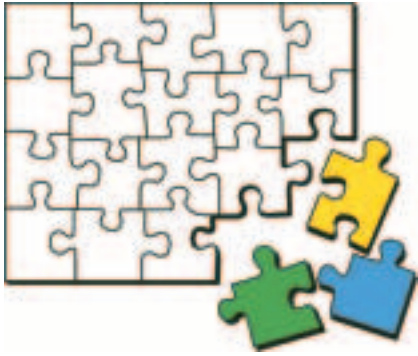
This van will provide efficiency and accessibility that Three Hills Rehoboth did not enjoy before.

Each client does pay a set fee for transportation, which helps to cover costs such as insurance, upkeep and mileage, but these fees would have to be unreachable in order to cover all costs. This is where we have great appreciation for our supporting community and of those who support us through memberships and donations. When you see that van full of happy people driving by you can delight in their success and in the fact that you have been a part of supporting their dreams.

*Submitted by
Gaylene Archibald*



Hand Bell Choir



Completely Puzzled Manufacturing

Phone (780) 936-4197 Toll Free 1-888-333-1514

*Rehoboth Christian Ministries is pleased to announce the recent acquisition of **Completely Puzzled Manufacturing**. As the name suggests, CPM produces puzzles of various sizes and piece counts for gift giving and fundraising needs of individuals, schools, sports teams, non-profit organizations, and corporations to name a few.*

We are particularly excited about the learning and developmental opportunities this business will afford those we are blessed to serve as they take part in this exciting venture.

Please visit our web site at www.completelypuzzled.ab.ca to learn more about us!

The challenge of transporting, lifting, placing and finally settling the “weighty” equipment into their new home was only possible through the generosity and support of many individuals and businesses who donated much of their time and supplies to make the move possible.



A BIG Thank You goes to:

Elaine Mulder, E Mulder Design Services
Chris Houston, Castlegore Contracting Limited
Rick Johannensen, KVR Electric Limited
Our Friends at Supreme Steel

Completely Puzzled Manufacturing has arrived in a BIG way as demonstrated in these pictures of our puzzle presses, which range in weight from 2,000 to 10,500 pounds!



FINANCIAL POLICY

Spending of funds is confined to Board approved programs and purchases. Each gift that is designated toward an approved program will be used as designated with the understanding that when any given need has been met, designated gifts will be used where most needed. All gifts are acknowledged and receipted with a tax-deductible receipt.

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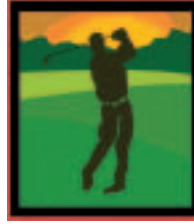
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GOLFers Beware!!

10th Annual Coaldale Rehoboth Golf Classic

Saturday, May 31 - Paradise Canyon - \$125.00/golfer
Don't be disappointed - register soon!

13th Annual Christian Credit Union Rehoboth Golf Classic

Saturday, June 7, 2003 - Stony Plain Golf Course
\$125.00/golfer - *Get your registration in soon - limited space available!*

6th Annual Calgary Rehoboth Golf Classic

Saturday, September 20 - Winter Green, Bragg Creek
\$125.00/golfer - *Help support this growing tournament!*

Gifts Gratefully Received

Memorials:

- In Memory of Mr. Matthew Van Gaalen
- In Memory of Mr. Harry Snoeyer
- In Memory of Mrs. Berna Vos
- In Memory of Rona Jean Carlin
- Estate of Gepke Tillema
- Estate of Mrs. Dorothy Dickieson

Individuals/Corporations/Groups/Clubs/Societies:

- Christian Stewardship Services
- United Way of Alberta Capital Region
- Knit A Stitch Club - Edmonton
- Individual Donations for the Three Hills Van - Proceeds from Fund Raising Dinner
- Proceeds from Dutch Gospel Hour - Kerstzangavond - Edmonton
- Granum Ladies Aid
- Parkland Bus Operators Association
- Leaders Network Club
- De Jong Printing Ltd.
- Willow Spring Construction
- The Dekker Family Shalom Foundation
- West End CRC Sunday School - Edmonton
- Marnatha CRC Sunday School - Edmonton
- Iron Springs CRC Sunday School
- Johannesen Family
- Paterson Family

Church Donations:

- Nobleford CRC
- Covenant CRC - Edmonton
- Edson-Peers CRC
- Maranatha CRC - Edmonton
- Providence Canadian Reformed Church - Edmonton
- Orthodox Reformed Church - Edmonton
- First CRC - Calgary
- Immanuel Canadian Reformed Church - Edmonton
- Granum CRC
- First CRC - Red Deer
- First CRC - Lethbridge
- Faith Fellowship CRC - Fairview
- Ebenezer CRC - Leduc
- Covenant CRC - Calgary
- First CRC - Edmonton
- Inglewood CRC - Edmonton
- Coaldale Canadian Reformed Church Fellowship CRC - Edmonton
- Iron Springs CRC
- Trinity CRC - Edmonton
- West End CRC - Edmonton
- Taber Canadian Reformed Church
- Ottewell CRC - Edmonton
- Hope CRC - Stony Plain
- Maranatha CRC - Calgary
- Bethel United Reformed Church - Calgary
- Barrhead CRC
- Parkland Reformed Church
- Barrhead Canadian Reformed Church
- Rimby CRC
- Bethel CRC - Edmonton
- Taber CRC
- Neerlandia CRC



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Postal Code: _____

Church Attending: _____

Special Cause: \$ _____

Membership: (\$10.00/membership) \$ _____

Donation: \$ _____

