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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, June 19 • 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, 2004
- Presentation of the proposed Annual Operating Budget for the fiscal year 2004/05
- 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 2003 - 2004

Call for Nominations

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

John Bekkering – Lethbridge
Annie Visser – Lacombe
Mike Vos – Edmonton

The following Board members have completed two three-year terms of service and are not eligible for re-election:

Bert Kamphius – Edmonton
Peter VanPolanen – Calgary

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 April 16 in order to be included on the mail out ballot.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3 NIV





Your Donations at Work

Rehoboth Christian Ministries received donations totalling \$428,000.00 through December 31, 2003. 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, (capital), the cost of utilities and maintenance for our facilities, Rehoboth's Camp Ministry and Rehoboth Gull Lake Camp.

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 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 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 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.

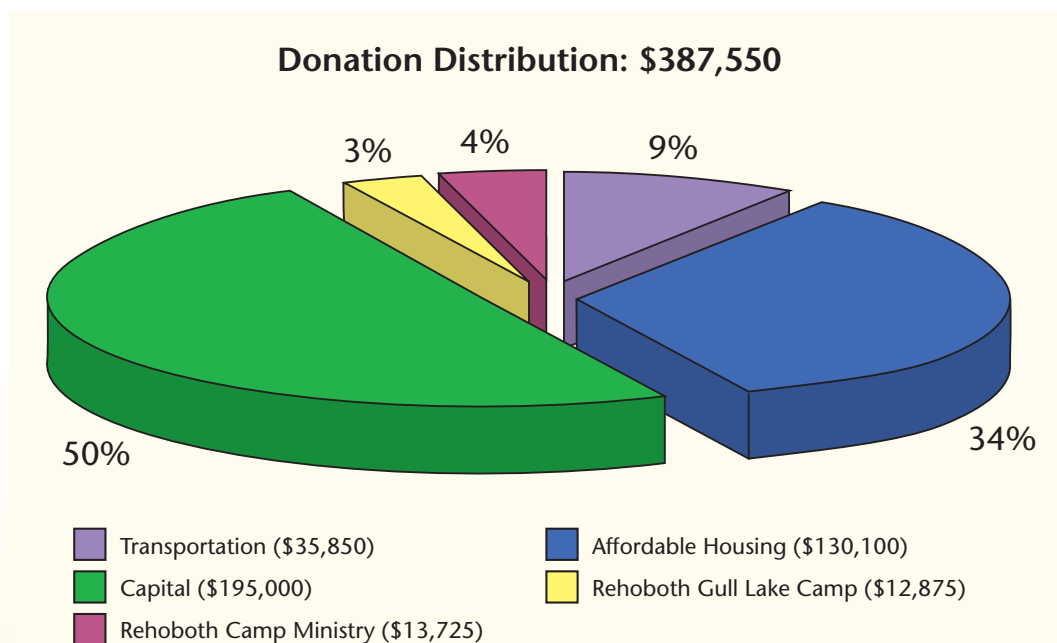
Rehoboth Camp Ministry and Rehoboth Gull Lake Camp:

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 operating 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"



Adult Week 1: July 3 - 9
Adult Week 2: July 10 - 16
RCM 1 Week: July 17 - 23
Youth Week: July 24 - 30

Rehoboth Camp Ministry 2004



To volunteer for this awesome experience, you will need to contact Pete by e-mail at pete.ages@rehoboth.ab.ca or by phone at 780-963-4044. Previous volunteers can also register on-line at www.rehoboth.ab.ca or new volunteers can download an application form from the same web site.

Camp Needs: We always seem to be in need of an extra sleeping bag or blanket for individuals that forget them, or in case of an accident during our summer camp program. If you are able to donate a sleeping bag or blanket, please drop them off at any regional office attention camp program or contact Pete at 780-963-4044.

Note to Membership

On February 2, 2004, I sent out a letter to individuals who had previously been members of Rehoboth Christian Ministries but for some reason were not recorded as members for the 2003/2004 year. It was assumed that some individuals may have been missed during the September 2003 Campaign for some reason and we wanted to give everyone an opportunity to continue their involvement as members and donors.

Some individuals received the letter in error due to internal recording glitches, for which I apologize. Others made the assumption that if one member of the family was a member, the whole family was a member. Membership in Rehoboth Christian Ministries is individual. We do not have a "family" membership. Still others assumed that if they made a donation, a portion of it would be designated as membership. Rehoboth may not assume that you wish to

become a member. You must clearly indicate that \$10.00 of your contribution is to be designated as a membership fee.

For those who received the reminder letter in error, I apologize. To those who generously responded to this reminder, I offer sincere thanks. A strong membership base makes for a strong and accountable Association.

Wally Mulder
CEO/Executive Director

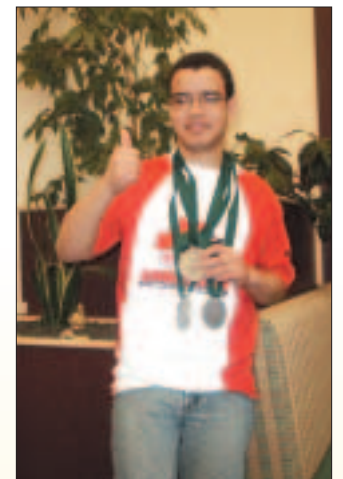
Calendar of Events

Saturday, June 7
Stony Plain Golf Tournament - Stony Plain Golf Course
 Stony Plain - 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 19
Rehoboth's Annual General Meeting
 Stony Plain - 10:30 a.m.

A Champion in Our Midst

Stony Plain region proudly announces Steven Van Den Oetelaar returned from P.E.I. proudly displaying medals which he had won at the Special Olympics Canada - National Winter Games. He won the following medals in snowshoeing: Gold 800 m, Silver 1500 m and Silver 100 m





STONY PLAIN

News From Stony Plain

Did you know?

The annual United Way Campaigns across Alberta raise funds for a variety of charities. Did you know that you can give to the United Way Campaign through your place of employment or as an individual and specify the charity to which you wish the donation to be directed? Rehoboth annually receives funds through the United Way Campaign from donors who have designated Rehoboth as the recipient of their contribution.

The purchase of a term life insurance policy naming a charity as the beneficiary is an inexpensive means to provide a significant contribution for the long term stability of that charity. Many individuals have indicated that they have chosen to support Rehoboth Christian Ministries in this way. The premiums on the policy may be considered a tax deductible contribution by the policy holder. Check with your financial advisor or insurance agent, or contact Rehoboth Christian Ministries at (780) 963-4044 for more information on this alternative to providing financial support to a charity of your choice.

As the snow has begun to melt over this past week, our thoughts have drifted towards summertime. While some individuals are planning to return to Rehoboth's summer camp, or going on a trip with family or friends, the majority of us will be kicking back, relaxing, and enjoying the lazy hazy days of summer, as you can see in the picture below.....



Following are the highlights of our recent and/or upcoming "new" activities or events in the Stony Plain Region. As you can see both our clients and staff are taking advantage of the "moment" to create new life and new beginnings within our region.

New Life: "Everyday, every moment is a new beginning." *Quoted from Daily Word Devotional*

"The Talent Connection" Training Program: Several clients had begun participation in our newly evolved training program in our new store, "The Talent Connection". The training is specifically

geared to provide opportunities for clients to learn skills in customer relations, putting together a product display, advertising, telephone etiquette, operating a cash register, and computer
Client Development Committee: (NEW) Anticipated start up in the fall 2004.



Kevin making sure there's a clear view of our new store

This committee will be comprised of clients and staff. Participation on the committee is open to all Rehoboth clients who are interested in being a part of an exciting and innovative initiative. The clients involved in the committee work will fully participate in the planning and organization of workshops and educational sessions that are of interest to them and other

Rehoboth clients. The workshops or educational sessions will focus on furthering an individual's personal development, increasing independence in the community, and strengthening self-advocacy skills.

Spring Fashion Show: Soon you will see our clients parading down the runway displaying various fashions from local stores. Aside from being a fundraising venture, this joint community event will increase the awareness of Rehoboth within our community.



Gilbert and Mark preparing to take a chair to a customer's vehicle

New Residence: (NEW)
We will be opening a wheelchair accessible residence this summer. It will be located in the City of Edmonton.

Float for Farmer's Day Parade: (NEW) Clients and staff from our Outreach Services are actively working on plans for a parade float to be entered in the Farmer's Day Parade which takes place in June.

Lawn and Yard Maintenance Business: (NEW) Our Vocational Services Coordinator is developing a business plan for the start up of a lawn maintenance business. Anticipated start up date is June 2004.



Pam and Nicole restocking products



Michelle busy arranging a display



Colin showing off our beautiful pergola

FINANCIAL POLICY

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

Gifts Gratefully Received

Memorials:

In Memory of Mr. William Hinkel
Estate of Mrs. Mae Numan
In Memory of Lillian Stewart
In Memory of Don Thomas
In Memory of Mr. Bob Brander
Estate of Mr. Joe Duenk
In Memory of Joan Mott
In Memory of Shirley Rocholl
In Memory of Mrs. Lena Kuik

Individuals/Corporations/Groups/Clubs/Societies:

United Way of Calgary and Area
United Way of Alberta Capital Region
Proceeds from Joyful Noise 25th Anniversary Celebration Concert
R. Dykstra Trucking Ltd.
Yippees Spuds Ltd.
Proceeds from Lethbridge Christian Men's Choir/Joyful Noise Concert
The Dekker Family "Shalom" Foundation
St. Francis Community Ministries Ltd.
Proceeds from Dutch Gospel Hour - Kestzangavond 2003
De Jong Printing Ltd.

Christian Credit Union - Profit Share
K-Jay Electric Ltd.
Land's Happy Marts Ltd.
Leder Charitable Foundation
Christian Stewardship Services
Willow Spring Construction
Walter W. Kubitz Professional Corp.
Alta. Pro Electric Ltd.
Destiny Homes Inc.
Granum CRC Ladies Aid
Dutch Canadian Club - Red Deer
Telus - Employee Matching Program
Proceeds from Three Hills Fundraising Dinner
ATCO Gas Corporate Match
The Knitting Club - Edmonton

Anniversaries:

In honor of Tony & Ann Bouma's 25th Wedding Anniversary

Church Donations:

Barrhead Canadian Reformed Church
Barrhead CRC
Bethel CRC - Edmonton
Bethel CRC - Lacombe - Thanksgiving Day Offering
Bethel United Reformed Church - Calgary
Coaldale Canadian Reformed Church
Covenant CRC - Calgary
Covenant CRC - Edmonton
Covenant CRC - Rocky Mtn. House
Edson-Peers CRC
Emmanuel CRC - Calgary
Emmanuel Reformed Church - Neerlandia
Faith Fellowship CRC - Fairview
Fellowship CRC - Edmonton
First CRC - Calgary
First CRC - Edmonton
Grace Reformed Church - Leduc
High River CRC
Hope CRC - Stony Plain
Immanuel Canadian Reformed Church - Edmonton
Inglewood CRC - Edmonton
Iron Springs CRC

LaGlance CRC
Maranatha CRC - Calgary
Maranatha CRC - Edmonton
Maranatha CRC - Lethbridge
Neerlandia Canadian Reformed Church
Nobleford CRC
Orthodox Reformed Church - Edmonton
Ottewell CRC - Edmonton
Parkland Reformed Church - Ponoka
Providence Canadian Reformed Church - Edmonton
Rimbye CRC
SonRise CRC - Ponoka - Thanksgiving Day Offering
St. Albert Canadian Reformed Church
Taber Canadian Reformed Church
Taber CRC - Ladies Aid
Taber CRC - Thanksgiving Day Offering
Trinity CRC - Edmonton
Trinity Reformed Church - Lethbridge
West End CRC - Edmonton
Woodynook CRC - Lacombe - Thanksgiving Offering



Coaldale

**Rehoboth-Coaldale
Capital Fund**

Our Rehoboth-Coaldale facilities are busting at the seams. To this end, the Christian Credit Union Ltd. of Edmonton and Lethbridge has committed a \$25,000 challenge grant to the Rehoboth-Coaldale Capital Fund if the Rehoboth supporting community will match or exceed this amount through designated donations. We thank the Christian Credit Union for this campaign "kick start" and encourage our supporting community to respond generously to this challenge.

**Calendar
of Events**

Saturday, May 8
Annual Spring Sale
Coaldale - 9:00 a.m.

Friday, June 11
Annual Pork Roast
Coaldale

**REGIONAL
NEEDS**

Coaldale

- Second-hand bed sheets
- Acrylic yarn
- Wagon wheels
- Old jewelry
- Beads

Thank you to all of those who have already donated jewelry and buttons. We really appreciate your generosity.

News From Coaldale



Greenhouse

What's new? Glad you asked! There is ALWAYS something new in Coaldale! The greenhouse is filling up with flowers and the woodshop is making hundreds of planters for spring. Our new weaving and fiber arts room is a favorite work place for many of our clients, and they are making wonderful items for sale in the storefront. One group got REALLY creative and

We have added clients to our vocational program too, and we're bursting at the seams!

Rehoboth/Coaldale clients have formed a Self-Advocacy group and are

excited about what they've accomplished. They have added some fun activities to their work site, and some members have attended meetings of the South Region Self Advocacy Network.

We're looking forward to spring, to welcoming customers to our store front



Joan at the computer

and greenhouses, and to working in the community at yard contracts. We're looking forward to our Spring Sale on May 8th, and to our Pork Roast and Golf Tournament. What a fun time of the year!

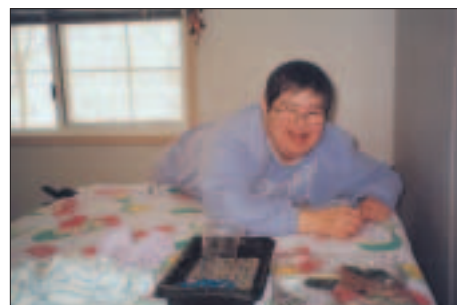
Submitted by Kerry Coward



A wild and wacky purse!

made a wild and wacky purse for Alex (see photo!). The computer room is also much in demand, providing both fun and learning opportunities.

Our residential program is growing in leaps in bounds, with a new home opening in March. This brings our number to eight residences.



Debbie in the fibre arts room



Self-Advocacy Group

News From Calgary

As Winter melts away and gives us Spring our thoughts turn to all things "new". Spring is a time of new beginnings; the flowers start to bloom, the trees start to bud, and you notice the grass on your lawn is starting to sprout green. Spring is a time for renewal, and a great time to reflect on all things new that have happened or we would like to see happen in our lives.

Here in Calgary, our thoughts turned to "New Beginnings" as well. In January of this year we opened our 10th residential home in the South East Calgary area of Cedarbrae. This is a new beginning for the 2 ladies that now live in the home, as well as the staff providing support. As with any move, there are sure to be some challenges, but everyone is looking forward to all the new experiences that will be had and great lessons they will learn in the years to come.

Along with our Residential Program expanding, our Vocational Program also is sharing in "New Beginnings" with the addition of another client. In February the vocational team opened

their arms to a young lady who I am sure will bring her own charisma and talent to the team. We are very blessed to be able to share with her all the ups and downs that go along with the first few weeks "on the new job". A new face in the Vocational area isn't the only exciting new development they are sharing in, they have also acquired a wonderful new contract with Scholastic Books. With this contract comes the learning of new skills for the clients as well as their staff, everyone has put forth an amazing effort to complete this very large contract, and the team has just received their second shipment to complete.

The Calgary Region is also seeking a "New Beginning" with a new Administrative and Vocational facility. The Calgary Advisory Committee will be including, parents, guardians, clients and staff in the process of determining what kind of facility will be needed for the Administrative and Vocational services in the future. Everyone is excited to begin this process, and we all are praying for the Lord's guid-

ance with this tremendous undertaking.

The end of last year and the beginning of this year brought us "New Beginnings" in the form of a new Planning Facilitator, Lori Farley, a new Regional Manager, Karen Faint, and a new Residential Coordinator, Kerri Swartman. We are excited to have these 3 positions filled with individuals whom poses a great wealth of experience and knowledge in the field of rehabilitation services. Their leadership and awareness of issues currently effecting the disabled will enable us here at Rehoboth to better serve the individuals entrusted in our service.

It is clear that we are experiencing a time filled with many "New Beginnings" here in Calgary, like I am sure many of you are experiencing "New Beginnings" in your lives; I leave you with this, when realizing how overwhelming and complex the new can be, I often take a moment to reflect on the following poem.

Submitted by Rhonda Hicklin

Calgary

Calendar of Events

Saturday, July 10
Annual Stampede Breakfast
Calgary Office - 9 - 11 a.m.



GOLFers Beware!!

11th Annual Coaldale Rehoboth Golf Classic

Saturday, May 29 - Paradise Canyon - \$125.00/golfer
Don't be disappointed - register soon!

14th Annual Christian Credit Union Rehoboth Golf Classic

Saturday, June 5, 2003 - Stony Plain Golf Course
\$125.00/golfer - *Get your registration in soon - limited space available!*

7th Annual Calgary Rehoboth Golf Classic

Saturday, September 11 - Winter Green, Bragg Creek
\$125.00/golfer - *Help support this growing tournament!*

New Every Morning *Author: Annie Johnson Flint*

Yes, "new every morning," though we may awake,
Our hearts with old sorrow beginning to ache;
With old work unfinished when night stayed our hand,
With new duties waiting, unknown and unplanned;
With new problems rising, our minds to perplex
In ways long familiar, in paths yet untrod,
Oh, new every morning the mercies of God!

His faithfulness fails not; it meets each new day
New guidance for every new step of the way;
New Grace for new trails, new trust for old fears,
New patience for bearing the wrongs of the years,
New strength for new burdens, new courage for old,
New faith for whatever the day may unfold;
As fresh for each need as the dew on the sod;
Oh, new every morning the mercies of God!



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News From Three Hills

New beginnings bring renewed vigour!! Rehoboth in Three Hills recently purchased the "New to You" store featuring "gently used clothing", household items, toys, books and much more

Everyone is involved - at least every Rehoboth clients who wants to be. There are multiple jobs at varied skill levels inviting the participation of many individuals.

Whole community is connected as the New to You store is located on Main Street in Three Hills and is easily accessible. People come to browse, to chat, to buy and even just to give a word of encouragement.

Together we make the team that runs the store - from sorting new incoming items, to washing, drying and hanging clothes, to pricing and selling, and the list goes on. Sometimes even a little snow to shovel - outside that is.

Onward - that is the challenge!!! Clients learning and accomplishing one set of tasks, then moving on to more and more complicated skills until the job fits just right.

You could be on the team too!! By donating quality items, by stopping by for a chat, by purchasing things that take your fancy! Just by showing our clients a friendly smile - all of these indicate your support.

Only used items for sale?? By no means. We also carry items such as jigsaw puzzles made by Rehoboth clients in Stony Plain, gift items produced to meet your needs and support the individuals who call Rehoboth home.

Unless you come, the New to You, providing employment for Rehoboth clients, will remain a mystery. Many people in the community have already come by and been a great support and have demonstrated warm friendship to those supported by Rehoboth. You're welcome to join the team.



Storefront



Keeping things clean



Sorting the clothes



Inside the new store