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35th Anniversary

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“The LORD gives strength to his people;
the LORD blesses his people with peace.”

Psalms 29:11 NIV



ASSOCIATION / FOUNDATION

Annual General Membership Meeting Highlights

The Rehoboth Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday, June 18, 2011 at the Rehoboth Christian Ministries Coaldale Training Centre

The meeting marked two very significant milestones for Rehoboth. The year 2011 celebrates the 35th Anniversary of the Association, having been registered as a Society in Alberta in April, 1976 and the first Rehoboth Camp offered in July, 1976. The second milestone marked the 25th Anniversary of the Rehoboth-Coaldale programs. We praise God for His faithfulness in providing Rehoboth guidance and support through His people for all these years.

Following is a brief summary of the day's events:

1. The Audited Financial Statement for the fiscal year ended on March 31, 2011 was presented. It reported Operational Revenues of \$18,324,743.00 and Operational Expenses of \$18,400,466.00 or a deficit of Revenues over Expenses from Operations of \$75,723.00. Should you wish a copy of the Audited Financial Statements you may request a copy from the Rehoboth Administration Office. The firm of Robert Anton Nilson Professional Corporation was re-appointed as Rehoboth's Auditor for the fiscal year 2011/2012.
2. The Operating budget for the year 2011/2012 was presented and approved by the membership in attendance. It projects revenues and expenses of \$18,991,828.00 for the year.

3. Rehoboth acknowledged the commitment and dedication of retiring Board Member and President, Bert Kamphius, who has served Rehoboth's Board of Directors for six consecutive years. Bert will continue to serve as Past-President for a one year term. We thank Bert for his invaluable service and leadership and for the countless hours of volunteer work he contributed to the Board and Executive Committee on Rehoboth's behalf.

Carl Price of Calgary, Annie Visser of Lacombe, and Bobbie Bauer of Three Hills accepted nomination and were elected to a second three year term on Rehoboth's Board of Directors. The membership expressed appreciation and thanks to all for their willingness to serve Rehoboth in this capacity.

4. Though not all were in attendance, 128 staff members were acknowledged for Two, Five, Ten, Fifteen, Twenty and Twenty-Five Year Staff Service Awards.

2 Years of Service – 72 employees

5 Years of Service – 32 employees

10 Years of Service – 13 employees

15 Years of Service

- Teresa Elliott-Doersam – Coaldale
- Minnie Despas – Stony Plain
- Gaylene Archibald – Three Hills
- Debora Dietz – Three Hills
- Elizabeth Thompson – Three Hills
- Dorothy Hunt – Three Hills



20 Years of Service

Karen Faint – Calgary

Connie McEwan – Calgary

Yvonne Krause – Stony Plain

25 Years of Service

Alex Hann – Coaldale

Cindy Steenberg – Coaldale

A combined total of 538 Years of Service were recognized at this year's AGM.

The Board and Membership expressed heartfelt appreciation to those dedicated and loyal employees of the Association for their continued and faithful commitment to the organization and to those individuals supported on a daily basis.



Alex and Trudy Hann

Particular appreciations was expressed to Alex Hann, Regional Director for Rehoboth-Coaldale and Cindy Steenbergen, Program Manager for Rehoboth-Coaldale, for their commitment and dedication to the growth and development of the Rehoboth programs in Southern Alberta for the entire 25 years of Rehoboth's programs in the South Region.

5. Reports from the various regions in which Rehoboth provides supports, as well as from the Camp Program, Director of Human Resources, Director of Operations, and Executive Director were provided in the AGM package and noted by the President.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME:

With the construction of the latest cabin at camp Rehoboth is retiring 3 small cabins. These cabins are on skids and can be moved. They are fully insulated. If you are interested in acquiring one of these cabins or know someone who would like to have one please call Kelvin VanDasselaar at 780-968-8475.



Gifts Gratefully Received

Rehoboth would like to thank all those who contributed from February 26, 2011 to August 10, 2011.

In Memory of:

Mrs. Tetsy Tolsma
Mr. William VanderWoude
Mr. Mike Melenberg
Mrs. Nellie Tolsma
Mr. Joe Lucas

In Honor of:

In honor of Jim Vriend, Peter & Yikka Van Kempen 60th Birthdays
In Honor of John Leder's 60th Birthday
In Honor of Bill & Val Atkinson's 65th Wedding Anniversary
Kool's Kloks

Groups/Clubs/Organizations

United Way of Alberta Capital Region
United Way of Alberta Calgary Region
Atco I-Tek Inc.
Husky Group of Companies
Three Hills Ministerial Association
Tim Horton's – Coaldale
Christian Stewardship Services
Telus – Employee/Employer Matching Program
Calvin Christian School Auxiliary
K-Jay Electric Ltd. – Camp Project

Church donations

Bethel United Reformed Church – Calgary
Brooks Christian Reformed Church
Burdett Christian Reformed Church
Coaldale Canadian Reformed Church
Emmanuel Christian Reformed Church – Calgary
Emmanuel Reformed Church - Neerlandia
Faith Fellowship Christian Reformed Church – Fairview

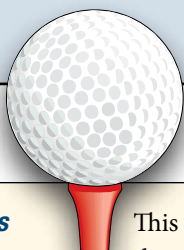
Fellowship Christian Reformed Church – Edmonton
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First Christian Reformed Church – Lethbridge
First Christian Reformed Church – Red Deer
First Christian Reformed Church – Rocky Mountain House
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Inglewood Christian Reformed Church
Iron Springs Christian Reformed Church
LaGlace Christian Reformed Church
Maranatha Christian Reformed Church – Calgary
Maranatha Christian Reformed Church – Edmonton
Maranatha Christian Reformed Church – Lethbridge
Neerlandia Canadian Reformed Church
Neerlandia Christian Reformed Church
New Life Fellowship Christian Reformed Church – Red Deer
Nobleford Christian Reformed Church
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Providence Canadian Reformed Church – Edmonton
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St. Albert Canadian Reformed Church
St. Albert Christian Reformed Church
Stony Plain Lighthouse Pentecostal Church
Taber Canadian Reformed Church
Taber Christian Reformed Church
Trinity Christian Reformed Church – Edmonton
Trinity Reformed Church – Lethbridge
Vestry of St. Barnabas – Three Hills

Rehoboth Christian Ministries Mission Statement

In obedience to the will of God, Rehoboth shall convey God's love to persons with disabilities and their families by "making room" for them through personal support, advocacy and public education and by providing them with opportunities for personal growth and meaningful participation in society.

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.



Rehoboth Christian Ministries Foundation Golf Tournament

This year's event was a resounding success, raising nearly \$43,000.00 on a beautiful Saturday June 4, 2011. Funds raised are applied to providing safe, affordable housing for those served by Rehoboth Christian Ministries as well as to assist with maintenance and repairs of grounds and facilities, capital projects and transportation needs. Thank you to all the sponsors and golfers who contributed so generously to this event. See you all next June!

Rehoboth Coaldale Golf Classic

Coaldale Golf Tournament was a great success. It was however the first time we were called off the course because of lighting, but after a 45 min rain delay we went back out and had a wonderful day with a little more rain but also some sunshine. It was

still great to actually play this year after last year's snow and flood cancelations.

Next year sunglasses and suntan lotion instead of umbrellas!



This being our 25th anniversary in this region made the day very memorable. We raised \$35,000 dollars to support the work of Rehoboth here in Southern Alberta. We have such a strong supporting community in this region that it is really like getting together with family when this event comes around.

Our next tournament date is set for May 26, 2012 so mark it on your calendars!

Rehoboth Calgary Golf Classic

Calgary's Annual Golf Classic was once again held at Redwoods Meadows Golf and Country Club in Bragg Creek on May 30, 2011. A fun time was had by all, we raised an amazing \$16,000!! We are so thankful to all of you that came out to support us.

We can't wait to see you all again at next year's tournament on May 28, 2012. Mark your calendars!

Rehoboth Stony Plain Family Fun Golf Classic

Rehoboth Stony Plain 2nd Annual Family Fun Golf Classic was held August 27, 2011 at the Stony Plain Golf Course. Seventy six golfers

enjoyed the day and the company of our Special Guest, Hockey legend, Mr. Glenn Hall. Thanks to all the Sponsors, Golfers and Volunteers who came out to support us. The Tournament raised \$8,000.00 with an additional \$1750.00 from



the Silent Auction, held that day. The funds raised will go to support Rehoboth's transportation system in the Stony Plain Region. It was a GREAT DAY! We look forward to seeing all of you next year at the 3rd Annual Family Fun Golf Classic on August 25, 2012. For more information about the tournament or sponsorship, please contact Audrey at 780-968-4315.

Christian Credit Union Matching Grant Challenge

In recognition of the 35th Anniversary of Rehoboth Christian Ministries and its Summer Camp Program, the Christian Credit Union of Edmonton has issued a Matching Gift Challenge to Rehoboth's supporting community. The CCU is prepared to donate \$35,000.00 in recognition of our 35th Anniversary to be applied to the construction of the new Mess Hall at Rehoboth Camp at Gull Lake and challenges the supporting community to match this amount. To date we have received nearly \$7,000.00 in matching donations and solicit your support to meet this challenge. The Christian Credit Union also donated \$2,500.00 to the Rehoboth-Coaldale programs in recognition of the 25th Anniversary of that program.



Thank you to the Board and members of the Christian Credit Union for this outstanding contribution!

STONY PLAIN

Reprint of an article published in the Stony Plain Reporter:

REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES PRESENTED EMPLOYEES WITH LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS AT AN AWARDS LUNCHEON HELD JUNE 29, 2011 IN STONY PLAIN.

Rehoboth Christian Ministries has supported individuals with Developmental Disabilities in Alberta for thirty five years. Rehoboth-Stony Plain was established in May 1980 in response to families who were looking for a permanent “Christian focused” living arrangement for their family members. With this goal in mind Rehoboth opened its first home on an acreage South West of the Town of Stony Plain. From this one home, the Association grew into Province wide organization, currently serving 235 individuals supported by 396 qualified and dedicated staff in the communities of Grande Prairie, Stony Plain/Spruce Grove/Edmonton, Calgary/Airdrie, Three Hills, and Lethbridge/Coaldale.

In the past year Rehoboth-Stony Plain supported 89 individuals who were supported by approximately 200 staff positions. Rehoboth Christian Ministries would like to take the opportunity to publically thank

the staff members who were recently recognized by the Board of Directors for their years of service. Without these individuals we would not be able to offer the quality support to dependant adults and we thank them for their commitment and dedication.



We were pleased to recognize 19 employees for Two Years of Service, 16 employees for Five Years of Service, 6 employees for Ten Years of Service, 1 employee for Fifteen Years of Service, and 1 employee for Twenty Years of Service for a total of 213 years combined just within the Stony Plain Region.

Written by Janice Blake

Hoedown Update

For the 10th year the Leder family hosted their Annual Hoedown. Proceeds from the events have contributed in excess of \$121,000 in support of Rehoboth Capital Projects in the 9 previous years. More recently the proceeds of this event directly support Capital Projects in the Stony Plain Region with contributions towards the Snoozle Room and Landscaping during the last 4 years. This year \$62,000 dollars was raised for the purchase of a wheelchair accessible bus to ensure all individuals regardless of their physical disability are able to participate in planned events that require travel. Rehoboth Stony Plain is thankful for the dedication and support of the Leder Family and everyone who contributes at the Hoedown!

Upcoming Events

**Saturday,
December 3, 2011
Pancake Breakfast &
Christmas Sale**

**Stony Plain
9 am - noon**

**Coaldale Training Centre
8 am - 12 noon**

Did You Know?

- *That Rehoboth Stony Plain hosted a celebration lunch to recognize employees with two and five years of service at the United Church in Stony Plain.*
- *That Rehoboth Stony Plain started a social committee made up of individuals and support staff in order to enhance social activities for both.*
- *Rehoboth Stony Plain organized a self-administration of medication in-service that was well attended by individuals living in Stony Plain and Spruce Grove.*

COALDALE

The spring and summer in Coaldale have been very busy. We have had a new concrete deck installed by our Auxiliary as well as improvements to our entrance to our facility and parking lot. It is larger and is at the south end of our property on Hwy. 845. It should all be laid out by the time we have our next large event here which will be our Christmas

pancake breakfast and sale on December 3rd. We also have started some work in our compound area that you will notice next year when you come to our spring sale. The area for our cold frames should be much easier to get to and hopefully drier for you shopping pleasure. I know the individuals we serve as well as our staff are very excited about this.

Another change you should see when you come to the Coaldale facility next is our complex needs space. It is a space for individuals who struggle with the day to day busy pace of our operation here. They require a quieter space and an interactive space in which to spend part of their day. We are excited about how this will work and we know it will mean a great deal to those we serve in this part of our complex.

Our greenhouse had another successful year and we are thankful to all who helped make this possible. We had some interesting new products from our woodshop which also were great sellers. The bird house elevators were a real success, as were our barn board re-cycling sheds.

We were awarded the Best Commercial Award from the Community in Blooms committee for the week of August 15th. Congratulations to our staff and indi-



viduals for the great job they do keeping the property looking good.

Thank you to all the people involved in our "Son"shine Auxiliary in this region. All the events you put on from the Pork BBQ in June to the Pancake Breakfast at Christmas as well as your Hamburger and Bake Sale at our spring plant sale help promote and generate excitement for Rehoboth Christian Ministries in this region. The work you do is very much appreciated and the results of your labor are incredible with all you provide to those we serve.

We in Coaldale a truly blessed with all of the support we receive in this region.

Alex Hann, Regional Director

CALGARY

The Open House at our new vocational office in Calgary marked a season of change for us this spring. It was great to see the turnout of staff and

clients from vocational and residential programs come to the office with their friends and family to celebrate our new facility. After we had our Open House, clients and staff were able to settle in to the new surroundings and jump back into their schedules and activities for the summer. We were also fortunate this spring to invite many new staff and clients to our program, "We welcome you"!

Other events this summer included our Calgary Stampede breakfast. This year we hosted a Friday breakfast and were pleasantly surprised by the large



attendance! Again, we felt the warmth of our Calgary community as many staff, clients, family, and friends cel-



ebred the Stampede together with cowboy cheers, "Yahoo!"

The administration staff graciously served our guests with smiles and warm pancakes! When asking the clients what they enjoyed most about the breakfast many exclaimed, "The food!" Some mentioned the country music

and others enjoyed the bird house craft, but we all enjoyed having our family and friends with us.

Last but not least, we had the chance this summer to head to Calaway Amusement Park where we enjoyed the hot sun, deliciously deep fried park food and rumbling rides! All in

all, our summer was full of fun and great times of sharing and celebrating together. We all are looking forward to a fabulous Fall!

Carissa Webster



THREE HILLS

Buildings

The New to You store is a part of our Vocational Program. We have operated the store out of a rental facility since we purchased the business in 2003. Because we did not own the building, we were restricted in the modifications we could achieve to improve the function and flow of our training and selling space. We had really outgrown the building and we were looking for a facility that matched our needs. Several opportunities came and went. It seemed that everything we looked at was out of our reach. In October FIELDS was closing many of its stores across Alberta. Three Hills was one of those slated to close. We learned that the owner of the building was willing to donate the building to a charitable organization. We took hold of this new opportunity and made ourselves known to the owner. On November 1, 2010 Rehoboth took possession of the 4,455 square foot building.

There were extensive renovations needed to adapt the interior space to our specific needs. The transformation of the building from a dull empty space into a beautiful new store and Vocational Centre took several months. We are grateful to everyone

who gave of their time, talent and resources. We are very appreciative to Leo and Edna Brietzke for the donation of the building.

On April 1, 2011 we held the Grand Opening. We celebrated with guests from PDD, including the CEO and Board Chair. Also attending was our Mayor and MLA. A special surprise was the many Rehoboth Provincial and Stony staff that made the trip down to celebrate with us. The indi-



viduals in our program had a busy day showing the new building to family and community members.

Another opportunity has been presented to Rehoboth. The property directly across Main Street from our new Vocational Center and New to You has been donated to Rehoboth. We are very grateful for the generosity of Tim Shearlaw for providing us with the property to continue to improve our situation here in Three Hills.



Calgary Zoo

Clients involved in the Three Hills Vocational Program were excited to make plans to visit the Calgary Zoo this summer. We made three attempts to visit the Zoo before we were able to accomplish this goal. In June rain forced to us to change the destination to the "Cross Iron Mills" mall in Balzac. Shopping was the agenda for the day and individuals made good use of their time and money. We tried again in July to make it to the Zoo. This time we were diverted by the van stalling on the side of the road. As we awaited the tow truck, individuals were shuttled to the nearest theatre to spend the day watching the movie of their choice. We were finally able to accomplish the Zoo visit in August. It was almost a surprise when we actually got there. Everyone had a good time watching the animals or relaxing and enjoying other features of the Zoo.

GRANDE PRAIRIE

**Summer Sizzler
in Grande Prairie**

Over eighty Rehoboth individuals, families, and staff gathered at the beautiful Saskatoon Island Park for a summer sizzler event on June 27, 2011.



After an early afternoon of a rain storm with rumbling thunder, the late afternoon gave way to a very pleasant evening of fine weather. Our team of cooks who braved the rain storm fired up the BBQs in no uncertain man-

ner and produced a feast to be proud of. The children who attended still managed to introduce water to the event by having super soaker water gun impromptu events and games. The adults seemed happy just to talk and visit, enjoy the outdoors, and sample the awesome food.

This was a great opportunity to have our regional staff recognition awards. Wally Mulder, Janice Blake, and Lorraine Mount



were quickly conscripted to take part and present the awards to staff receiving two and five year awards. Congratulations to our dedicated staff!



35 YEARS OF CAMP PROGRAMS



There are two ways of spreading light - to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.

Edith Wharton, Vesalius in Zante

Thank you for taking a week (or two) of your time this summer to spread the light of God to the 136 campers who attended our summer camp program in July. A special thank you to the youth groups from Ladner CRC and New Westminster CRC in BC, and those who travelled from Ontario, Manitoba, and from across Alberta. You truly showed the light and love of God who blessed us this summer with some good weather, some bad weather, fun times at the Ranch, swimming, bowling, playing soccer, slip & slide, and the list goes on!

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, **for God loves a cheerful giver.**” *2 Corinthians 9:6-8*

Linda Rosendal

35 Years of Camp can only happen through great commitment to this program. Each year we recognize the milestones of Volunteer Service. On behalf of the Board of Directors we salute you!

25 Years

Corjan Buma –
Edmonton



10 Years

Willa Bosch – St Albert
Leah Abma – Edmonton
Marianne VanderAhé –
Edmonton
Jason VanderAhé –
Edmonton



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Client Camp



Fun was had by all who attended Rehoboth Client Camp 2011! This year brought many changes as Regions were amalgamated into one week. Campers and Counselors from Calgary, Coaldale, Stony Plain, Three Hills and one counselor from Grande Prairie all participated. This brought many friends old and new together. The week was not without its challenges however due to construction, large numbers and the new cabin not quite complete. Despite all of that, things ran very smoothly and many echoes of "best camp year yet" were heard. Luck was on our side as the previous weeks flood-like conditions led to a week of blue skies and sunshine. Plans for an even bigger and better camp next year are already underway!

Registered Disability Savings Plans (RDSP)

RDSP is a retirement plan for individuals that qualify for the Disability Tax Credit, designed to provide a future source of income when their parents or programs such as AISH are no longer able to provide financial support. Eligible beneficiaries can receive up to \$90,000 in federal government support in the form of Grants and Bonds.

The details on these plans are complex; some of the details are:

- Eligibility for the Canada Disability Grant and Bond is based on income. When a new plan is set up for most individuals receiving AISH, a contribution of \$4,500 will result in Grants of \$10,500 and Bonds totalling \$4,000.
- Regarding withdrawals, all Grants and Bonds received in the 10 years preceding the RDSP payment must be returned to the government except in cases where the beneficiary has a life expectancy of less than 5 years.

We are gaining experience and expertise in offering this product and look forward to providing disabled members and their families with advice and solutions to help meet their life planning needs. For more information and/or to book an appointment to discuss this further, please contact Christian Credit Union at 780-426-7165 or out of Edmonton, toll free 1-877-426-0506.

Jim Hummel, CFP®
Christian Credit Union

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN 2011

September is Membership Month! Rehoboth Christian Ministries' annual Membership Campaign is conducted in the month of September by Volunteer Contact Persons and Canvassers across the province. The budgeted amount for this year's campaign as approved by the Membership at the AGM in June is \$45,000.00 in Membership Fees @ \$10.00 and \$125,000.00 in donations for a total of \$170,000.00.

Last year, your Rehoboth membership can and did make a difference! We reached and went over and above our goal of 4500 memberships – we reached 5084! Your membership fee and donations help subsidize client housing, client transportation & the Camp Rehoboth program. Your membership at Rehoboth can and does affect government decisions when CEO/Executive Director, Wally Mulder negotiates funding for the programs Rehoboth Christian Ministries operates in support of the individuals who live with disabilities that we serve.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Our volunteer Contact Persons will be recruiting volunteer canvassers to solicit memberships and donations from thousands of supporting members of over 60 supporting churches and individuals from across the Province.



Please respond generously when a volunteer contacts you regarding the Rehoboth Membership Drive in your congregation.

If you are not contacted by one of our volunteer canvassers this fall, please take a few minutes to fill in the form on the back page of this Newsletter and send it along with your membership fee and donation to: Rehoboth Christian Ministries, 3920 – 49 Avenue, Stony Plain, Alberta, T7Z 2J7 – or you can log on to our website at www.rehoboth.ab.ca and make your contribution “on-line.”

Rehoboth is truly blessed and continues to expand and grow because of the generous and faithful support of God's people throughout the province.



Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Postal Code: _____

Church Attending: _____

Special Cause: \$ _____

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

Donation: \$ _____

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