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YOUR DOLLARS AT WORK



Countdown begins for move into new building and playground opening

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, construction of the new support services building at the Tuer Children's Mental Health Centre is well under way - on time and on budget!

Interior walls are up, doors are installed, wiring is in place, and possession is scheduled for early June.

Construction always brings its challenges: Wood's Homes discovered that a new telephone system is needed. After much study and deliberation, the agency decided to proceed with a digital system which allows for a number of additional features at no extra cost.

State-of-the-art audio-visual equipment will enhance the use of the training room on the third floor (see photo at left). Using multiple screens, ActivBoard technology will allow us to use the space as one large training and workshop area, or split it into two smaller spaces.

New security technology will allow employees to access the building with proximity cards, guaranteeing round-the-clock security.

We are looking forward to the completion of this phase of our capital projects, after which begins the renovation and building of space for therapeutic and clinical work in the current administration building.



Clockwise (top): Parkdale campus building takes shape. **Above:** Reception area view (2nd floor). **Below:** Playground at Parkdale. **Left:** Training area (3rd floor).



WOOD'S HOMES FOUNDATION BOARD



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Our children are counting the days until they can use their playground - the first one at Wood's Homes. Equipment has been installed and the rubberized surface will soon be poured.

Wood's Homes is very focused on providing more outdoor activities for our youth at the Parkdale and Bowness campuses. We are constantly reminded in all that we do, that **this is their home while they are in our care, and we should make it feel just so.**

Fantasy, golf and good eating ahead

RESERVE YOUR SEAT AT OUR 5TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S BENEFIT DINNER IN LETHBRIDGE

On April 18, the Wood's Homes Foundation will present the 5th Annual Children's Benefit Dinner at the Lethbridge Lodge.

These dinner events are traditionally based on children's fairytale themes and this year is no exception. Alice in Wonderland's *Through the Looking Glass*, was chosen to reflect on the Emergency Youth Shelter's 5th year of operation.

Guests will be treated to an evening of dining, goodwill, entertainment and auction items donated by some of the community's most dynamic businesses. We invite you to help us invest in the future of our youth, our families, and our community by joining our

distinguished circle of supporters.

As Lethbridge continues to grow, so do the needs of its children and their families. Sometimes families have troubles they can't handle alone.

Sometimes parents can't care for their kids, no matter how much they want to. Wood's Homes - and you - are there when families need it most: during times of conflict, life crisis and emotional collapse.

Please support the sponsors in our community who are supporting this event.

For more information or to donate items for auction, please contact Charlotte Ehlert at (403) 317-1777 or via e-mail at:

charlotte.ehlert@woodshomes.ca

April 2009						
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NEW VENUE FOR OUR 9th ANNUAL INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



We're moving to new heights this year ... to **Silvertip Golf Resort in Canmore!**

On June 23, 128 golfers will gather to raise awareness and funds for services offered by Wood's Homes.

Ernie Kapitza, Tournament Chairman, and

his volunteer committee members are hard at work planning for what we think will be our most exciting tournament yet. A slightly new format is being implemented with breakfast served and tee off at 10 a.m.

In honour of one of our founding sponsors

of the tournament, a new prize, the **Jim Haigh Memorial Trophy**, will be presented to one lucky golfer.

For more information, please contact Susan Fordyce at 403-270-1724 or e-mail: susan.fordyce@woodshomes.ca

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STAY TUNED TO COUNTRY 105 - OUR NEW PARTNER AT STAMPEDE BREAKFAST



The Stampede Breakfast Committee is already hard at work preparing for this year's Stampede breakfasts - one at Parkdale, the other at Bowness..

Our menu of sausages, pancakes, eggs, fruit, coffee and juice is described by our repeat customers as: "one of the best breakfasts in town!"

Each breakfast draws more than 800 guests who come out for the entertainment, the fun and the guaranteed sunshine!

We'll be anxious to show off our new building at Parkdale and to welcome Country 105 for the first time. Keep an ear out for our commercials - leading up to the breakfast on July 8. Stay tuned!

Bowness Breakfast - July 5
Parkdale Breakfast - July 8

Left: Foundation Board member Kevin Screpnechuk is a regular at the Bowness breakfast and a pro on the griddle! Kevin invites all Board members to join him.

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MILESTONES FOR STAFF

Many of you know **Jillian Christensen** with the Foundation, so we thought we'd shared her great news: **She's getting married!**

Jillian and Nathan are heading to Mexico in May for a beach ceremony with friends and family. And with congratulations, we are also excited to announce that Jillian has been named the Foundation's **Prospect Researcher**. With her eye for detail and ability to get to the 'bottom' of things, Jillian will be researching profiles of potential supporters as well as keeping up with our current donors.

The Foundation and Communications departments would like to extend a giant welcome to **Karina Altvater**, who has been with the administrative support team at Wood's Homes since August, 2007. Karina will put her creative talents to work, bringing unique skills and enthusiasm to our team.

And on another note, did you know that Shawna Nyberg, executive assistant to Dr. Jane Matheson, is now Shawna Collins? Shawna jetted off to Antigua in December to tie the knot with Mike Collins in an oceanside ceremony with their parents at their side. **Congratulations Shawna and Mike!**



New Look for Website

Take a look at 'our girl' to the left . . . you're going to be seeing a lot more of her in the future.

She'll be greeting you on the Foundation Home Page of Wood's Homes' new website - set to be launched within the next couple of weeks.

We think you'll agree that our new site will be easier to navigate and that you'll find all the information you need more quickly.

Please visit us at: www.woodshomes.ca and stay tuned for our new look.

We Never Say No. We Never Give Up. We Never Turn Anyone Away.
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Q&A

TERRY SCHMALTZ
Foundation Board member



Coastal sunsets and high hopes top wish list for Terry Schmaltz

Terry Schmaltz is an accomplished leader, coach and speaker with a proven track record in change management, team-building and process improvement. He has more than 35 years of management experience in manufacturing, customer service, marketing, sales and operations.

Q: How long have you been with the Foundation?

A: I became involved with Wood's Homes Foundation in a fundraiser to support the EXIT Outreach Van replacement in 2004 and joined the Foundation Board in 2006.

Q: The last book I read?

A: *Dispersing the Fog* by Paul Palango. Highly recommend this and his earlier work *The Last Guardians*...what an insight into the history of the RCMP and the many challenges they face in today's world.

Q: Favourite restaurant?

A: Believe it or not, The Keg.

Q: The best part of working with Wood's Homes?

A: Satisfaction of seeing the positive results of so many dedicated staff member efforts and the

most rewarding part for me is the annual Staff Service Recognition event.

Q: My perfect Kodak moment?

A: Sunsets along the Oregon Coast, but then again who can resist any photo of babies.

Q: I can't stand it when . . . ?

A: Drivers in front of me on entrance ramps to freeways slow down or stop instead of speeding up and merging naturally.

Q: Favourite holiday destination?

A: Camping along the Oregon Coast.

Q: My epitaph?

A: He made a positive difference in this world, and so can you!

Q: Stranded on a desert island, three things I couldn't live without?

A: My wife, our RV, and volunteering for Wood's Homes - assuming basic needs of food and full hookups were available.

Q: Dream for Wood's Homes Foundation?

A: Worry-free ongoing stream of revenues to support existing programs, but also to provide for many more programs needed by thousands of high-risk youth and families across Canada.

Wood's Homes spreads its wings near and far

FORT McMURRAY - Street Services is excited to announce the launch of a program for homeless youth in this northern Alberta city. Stepping Stones Youth Services will operate out of a house where young people (ages 12-18) can find a safe place to stay on a temporary basis. Currently under renovation, the house should be ready to accept youth by the end of April. Wood's Homes also hopes to begin a Mobile Outreach Service there, much like the way EXIT operates in Calgary. Staff will drive a van around the city looking to assist at-risk youth on the street. Wood's Homes will be connecting with other youth programs in Fort McMurray in the hopes of designing services to meet the needs of the community.

FORT SMITH, N.W.T. - Wood's Homes began operating Trailcross Treatment Centre early last fall. A place of stabilization for youth with serious challenges, the centre allows young people to stay for a brief period of time (3-5 days) or as long as nine months, as treatment needs determine. Community-based family care for two additional young people will provide transitional services. An interdisciplinary team with skills in all areas of child development will oversee operations. The program will work collaboratively with Children's Services personnel. Wood's Homes is committed to providing evidenced-based treatment connected to a cultural component based on traditional teachings and delivered by First Nation staff, Elders, and traditional ceremonies.

CHILDREN'S VILLAGE, CALGARY - Last September, Wood's Homes was asked to take over educational services at the Salvation Army Children's Village School, at 1731 29 St. S.W. This school is a special learning centre for children in Grades 1-6 who exhibit severe emotional and behavioural difficulties. There are five classrooms and a transitional classroom with 52 students in all: Each classroom has one teacher and two counsellors. Services include individual counselling; in-home family support; speech and occupational therapy; crisis stabilization and family counselling via Eastside Family Centre.

FOUNDATION MATTERS

This newsletter is the Voice of the Wood's Homes Foundation.

It is published 3 times a year (spring, summer, fall) and is distributed to donors, volunteers, and other supporters.

Your input is important and **strongly encouraged**.

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LETHBRIDGE FUNDRAISER



Culture Craze at Park Place Mall in Lethbridge is donating a portion of its sales to the Emergency Youth Shelter there.

'Tiles for Teens' raising funds for Youth Shelter

Culture Craze, a store located in the Park Place Mall in Lethbridge, has initiated a fundraiser for the Lethbridge Emergency Youth Shelter. This store is geared to young people with products such as T-shirts, tattoo supplies and jewelry.

The store recently relocated to a new space, and has invited various tattoo artists to decorate a 2-foot by 4-foot ceiling tile in a campaign called 'Tiles for Teens'. For each tile decorated, Culture Craze will donate \$200 to the shelter. Young people from Wood's Homes also had the opportunity to paint a tile.

Customers who purchase more than \$50 in merchandise will receive a raffle entry. The prize consists of a \$250 gift certificate from the mall; a \$200 gift certificate from **Bridge County Tattoo**; and a free piercing/supplies from **Jaded Body Arts**.

A donation box has been erected, and the Wood's Homes banner depicting the Youth Shelter, along with the Buy A Bed poster, is on display. This generous initiative runs until April 5.