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Dear Friends of Closer To Home,

Closer to Home is pleased to announce that since we first sent out our quarterly newsletter via email in April 2010, more than half of our subscribers have chosen to go with the paperless newsletter! If you are reading a printed copy of this newsletter and you would like to be on our email list, please let us know via email at funddevelopment@closerhome.com and do your part for the environment!

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Calgary Academy Partnership

Calgary Academy students give to families in need

Closer to Home was extremely fortunate to partner again with the Calgary Academy School in December for the Cool Kids Care and Adopt A Family Christmas campaigns.



Cool Kids Care is an initiative where 150 students in Grades 2 to 6 are each partnered with a less-fortunate child. The Calgary Academy students are given an individual profile of a child along with the child's Christmas wish list. Each Calgary Academy student shops for, wraps and drops off their individual gifts to Santa for delivery to their adopted child. The Calgary Academy students demonstrated kindness, generosity and their willingness to give to others in need. **Well done, Calgary Academy students!**

Many Calgary Academy teachers also participated in the Cool Kids Care campaign and donated gifts, food and gift cards for our kids and families this season.

Calgary Academy Grade 7 and 8 students and teachers adopted 10 Closer to Home families this year. The students did their own fundraising, shopping and wrapping for the families they adopted. The families received food, complete Christmas meals, work clothes, cribs and car seats along with many of the items on their wish lists. Many families shed tears of joy when they received the gifts that had been donated to them by Calgary Academy students. Thank you so much Grade 7 and 8 students and teachers!



TFA Accreditation Renewed

Closer to Home is pleased to announce that an onsite review in September 2010 by the Teaching Family Association (TFA) has resulted in the renewal of its Certified Sponsor Agency (three year) status, the highest level of accreditation with the TFA. This distinction allows Closer to Home to sponsor agencies interested in becoming members of the Teaching Family Model. Five reviewers spent a week with Closer to Home staff, reviewing programs and applying TFA standards to client outcomes, program support systems and consumer satisfaction with the agency. The model is an evidenced-based, best practice framework that ensures high quality treatment interventions and extremely successful outcomes for at-risk children, youth and families

CARF-accredited

2010 marks Closer to Home's first review with the Canadian Association of Rehabilitative Facilities (CARF). Two of their reviewers spent three days looking through Closer to Home's administrative systems, health and safety in our facilities and program standards. Closer to Home is pleased that we have achieved a three-year accreditation with CARF and we look forward to developing a new relationship with their organization.

Closer to Home Kids Christmas Party

Princesses add sparkle to children's holiday celebrations



Closer to Home's 2010 children's Christmas party was a fun day of winter activities, familiar faces and wonderful conversation. The children enjoyed a morning of skating, tobogganing and hockey in some great winter weather, while families and staff of Closer to Home had an opportunity to connect and enjoy a day of celebration.



We're grateful to the 2010 Stampede Princesses for making this day truly special. It was an enormous privilege to have these strong role models attend our Christmas party. Their generous contribution to their community is inspiring.

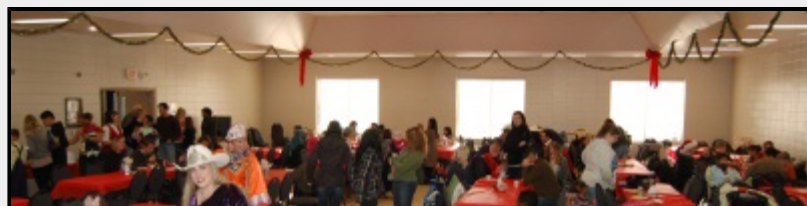


Santa made an appearance to deliver toys from the North Pole, making all the children feel extra special this holiday season. The kids also enjoyed making creative Christmas crafts, organized by Jennifer Maxwell, a Teaching Parent at one of our Community Teaching homes, including handmade snow globes and hand painted candleholders. Minoush Rafie, Community Outreach Worker at

the West Central Resource Centre, worked her magic and painted the happy faces of the children. From Santa to Spiderman, the kids were all smiling long after the paint washed off.



Thank you to all the donors whose generous contributions made this party so successful. We look forward to seeing you all next year and wish everyone a happy and safe New Year.





Annual Adopt-A-Family 2010 Campaign

Adopt-a-Family Christmas program spreads warmth

"We would like to thank everybody who made our Christmas a magical one with all these wonderful gifts. Merry Christmas to you too!" ~ Adopt-A-Family Recipient

Every year, as many friends and families join with their loved ones to celebrate the holiday season, there are many other families who are struggling. Families like the Browns, who, despite being homeless and living on the street, would show up every day to one of our parenting classes with everything they owned strapped to their backs. We were able to help them out and find them housing, and because of their generous Adopt A Family donor, they now have everything they need to set up a warm, comfortable and happy home. The Brown family is incredibly grateful for the generosity of Closer to Home supporters. Another family was so overjoyed after receiving their donation that they called their Coordinator at Closer to Home in tears, expressing how appreciative they were for the gifts, and that their donor had made their families' Christmas!



In 2010, Closer to Home hoped to raise enough money and donations to adopt every family that was identified through our organization. We are pleased and grateful to say that this goal was reached and exceeded, and that we were able to help more than 100 families. These generous contributions have a long-lasting impact on the communities we support. Children, youth and families are thankful for this generosity for years to come, and these thoughtful contributions are helping families in need to make wonderful memories.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's Adopt A Family campaign, for helping us make 2010 the year that every child, youth and family felt the generosity of the community that supports them.

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