



The ECOH Connection

WELCOME STABILIZATION!

This month we are realizing the fruits of some of the great teamwork with the opening of 24 Recovery Stabilization Housing beds in our downtown location. You may ask, “what is Recovery Stabilization Housing?”.

Stabilization is a community-based transitional housing program for males or identifies as male who are 18 years of age minimum. The program is for those presently experiencing a substance dependence/use disorder but not currently intoxicated and not requiring detoxification services. They are seeking care for their substance use and may be awaiting or in between services on the treatment/recovery continuum. They require rapid, short term stabilizing housing including supports to move towards their next step on their recovery journey.



We thank everyone for their compassion and commitment in bringing this exciting, funded program to the ECOH family.

Rebecca Visscher, Director of Programs

LIGHTHOUSE

By Kimberley Lilly
Cornerstone Resident

Although somedays my thoughts are dark and blue,
A lighthouse stands tall and continuously guides you

At time the waters felt stormy and dark,
I must remember they are my spark

Tall and strong as a lighthouse they stand,
When life's dealt you an unfair hand

My face might be frowning
being tossed this way
And I truly feel like I am drowning

Unwavering with patience
they continue to believe
Guiding me with compassion,
no matter how hard I try to flee

They are the life jackets and
safe again cling with all of my might,
and they grab my hand and hold on tight

Continuously guide me
with wisdom and light,
I'm starting to shine
and the waves start to quiet and so still

Finally, again I stand up alone
and chose to for me again fight!

Thanks for being my Lighthouse!



SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS—MAY 2022

Congratulations to our staff at The Salvation Army Edmonton Centre of Hope for achieving these milestones.

We appreciate you, your service and commitment to those we serve.

5-Year Service Awards

Eduardo David

Tisha Levene

Juliana Nunoo

Famatta Wallace

Facility Services

Nursing

Nursing

Nursing

Downtown

Grace Manor

SSSR

SSSR



10-Year Service Awards

Lourdes Daskeo

Chuei Mareng

Janice McLaren

Nursing

Transitional Housing

Nursing

SSSR

Downtown

SSSR



15-Year Service Awards

Eyerusalem Beyene

Kimberly Martin

Nursing

Dietary Services

Grace Manor

Grace Manor

20-Year Service Awards

Laura Aguinaldo

Roma Borzel

Ava Drummond

Luchia Embaye

Novia James

Adlin Weekes

Dietary Services

Facility Services

Nursing

Nursing

Nursing

Nursing

Grace Manor

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25-Year Service Awards

Tracy Turner

Heidi Whatman

Nursing

Human Relations

Grace Manor

Grace Manor

30-Year Service Awards

Marisa Gibb

Dietary Services

Grace Manor



ECOH CORE VALUE AWARD WINNERS



Our Core Values Campaign for 2021-22 also came to an end with the following staff members being selected: Tisha Levin, Grace Manor, Filmena Oyson-SSSR, and Stephen Mwaura - Transitional Housing. (Tisha was absent for the event). The Core Value award recipients are nominated by staff for co-workers who exemplify the core values.

Hope Service Dignity Stewardship



STEPPING STONE SCAVENGER HUNT

In March and April, the staff at Stepping Stone participated in a Team building Scavenger Hunt. Partners were assigned from different shifts, providing staff with the opportunity to get to know each other better and strengthen working relationships.

Twice a week, each team had to take a selfie with their partner at the assigned clue. For example, in the first couple of weeks, small pictures needed to be found that provided the clue.

Another week staff were given an interesting fact about a resident and had to figure out which resident the fact applied to. One of the residents, Jordan, asked to help with the activity. He was so excited, he came the day before and asked questions about it. He was so proud when they found him based on the clues given staff, which were five interesting things about him.



Towards the end staff were asked to take different fun selfies with their partner with a salvation army themed, Easter themed, or with a sign showing how long they had worked at the ECOH. Small prizes were awarded



DONUT DAY



In 1917, The Salvation Army went to the front lines of WWI in France to establish social centres and canteens to boost morale for the soldiers. They could get writing supplies, essential items like socks and mending kits and other items that were hard to come by.

Some Salvation Army Volunteers began frying doughnuts in soldiers' helmets. The treat became very popular, earning the nickname, "Doughnut Lassies" by the soldiers.

The Salvation Army continued to provide for soldiers on the front lines during WWII, and in 1938 in Chicago, the first Doughnut Day started to honour those Lassies and the work of the Salvation Army.

ECOH had their own Doughnut Lassies on June 3rd. Thank you to Rebecca Visscher and Maj. Isobel Lippers, for serving delicious donuts to staff and residents.

Welcome Darcy!

My name is Darcy Brick. I am the Environmental Services Manager for all of the Edmonton Center of Hope locations .

I am from a small town in northern Alberta; High Prairie. I have moved quite a bit in my years, living in Jousard, Calgary, Dawson Creek, Vancouver, Surrey, and of course Edmonton.

I have had a wide variety of experiences over the course of my lifetime, which includes business administration management, auto mechanics, network and internet security, drywall taping, construction and renovations.

For the past 5 years I was employed as Director of Environmental Services for a retirement residence in St. Albert. As part of my employment there, I managed the housekeeping, laundry and maintenance for the building. I have also assisted in the managing of administration, nursing, food services, and recreation.

In my free time, I love to do woodworking and have a small workshop set up in my garage. I especially enjoy camping and fishing. We camp many times every year, and try to visit different locations every time. The location in the photo is from Wizard Lake, just an hour south of Edmonton. My wife managed to catch one Pike before the end of our canoeing trip that day.

It is a pleasure and an honor to be with The Salvation Army. I look forward to many new learning experiences. I hope to be an asset to the Environmental Services department, and I fully encourage and support the success of all.



FAREWELL ISOBEL LIPPERS!

Can you believe that a year is almost up? WOW, time just flies. This is so bittersweet for me – “bitter” as I will miss you all, the friendships, the laughs, the tears, the smiles.

I was privileged to be at the staff appreciation meetings at all the sites. And you know, I was so blessed to see and witness how “you” all appreciate each other, how happy everyone looked. What a joy to have been a part of this team – a part of The Salvation Army serving through Edmonton Centre of Hope. I certainly will miss you all.

Then “sweet” as I will be able to play with my grandkids more (crazy granny won’t be so tired). I plan on spending time at our trailer, walking trails I’ve never walked before – I’ll be able to stop and smell the flowers!!

I’d like to share with you all my favourite scripture verse. It’s Psalm 23:

“The Lord is my shepherd” – my relationship with God

“I shall not be in want” – He supplies all my needs

“He makes me lie down in green pastures” – He gives me rest

“He leads me beside quiet waters” – He refreshes me

“He restores my soul” – He heals me

“He guides me in paths of righteousness” – He guides me

“For His name’s sake” – He gives me purpose

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death” – He tests me

“I will fear no evil” – He protects me

“For you are with me” – His faithfulness

“Your rod and your staff they comfort me” – His discipline

“You prepare a table before me

In the presence of my enemies” – He gives me hope

“You anoint my head with oil” – His consecration

“My cup overflows” – His abundance

“Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life” – His blessings

*“And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever” - to live with God forever
after this life is over*

Living in the house of the Lord forever, that’s my prayer for you too. It’s our promise of resurrection through Jesus Christ.

God bless you all, “May the LORD bless you and protect you. May the LORD smile on you and be gracious to you. May the LORD show you his favor and give you, his peace.” Numbers 6:24-26.

OUR COMMITMENT STATEMENT

We are committed to providing programs and services that celebrate personal growth, support diversity and inclusion, promote wellness, encourage excellence and inspire faith.



The Salvation Army Edmonton Centre of Hope

Cornerstone -
Women’s Residential Recovery
11838 82 Street

Keystone -
Men’s Residential Recovery
11830 85 Street

Grace Manor
Senior’s Supportive Living
12510 140 Avenue

Mens Transitional Housing
9611 102 Avenue

Stabilization
9611 102 Avenue

Stepping Stone -
Supportive Living
9304 103A Avenue

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