

Testimonials:



49thStreet Youth Shelter Youth and Volunteer Centre of Red Deer

I would like to take a few minutes of your time to let you know what a positive effect the 49th street youth shelter and the Outreach program have meant to our family. Our family consists of Mom, Dad and three children. We have an 18 year old daughter Susan. Todd is our 15 year old son. Nathan is our youngest, he is 11 years old. We have been married for 23 years.

Todd along with my husband Al and I attend the Outreach Program at the youth shelter. Todd has a learning disability and an anger control problem. Todd is in a regular school setting with a strategies program intervention. We have tried many programs in the past and in June 2005 we found it necessary to have Todd removed from our home with the assistance of the RCMP.

Todd began to understand the severity of our problems at that time. He agreed to begin attending the outreach program. He sees the Outreach worker once every week, Al and I attend alternate weeks with Todd. We are able to discuss the problems that arise at home and work out the solutions to the problems. Todd is willing to listen and try the things that are discussed there. The Outreach worker is able to reach Todd on a level that Al and I are unable to. We love our son and feel that without this support, Todd would not be living with us at this time.

Our family is grateful for having the opportunity to be involved with this program. We are together today because of this.

Thank-you.

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I remember the night I came to the shelter, it was 1:00am in the morning, I was just wearing my pajamas and crying. I thought that my life was over when I was marched up the outside stairs with a social worker I just met. . "Far from it". It was warm inside, in more ways than one. During the first few days, I was shy and scared of the other kids, but the staff were always kind. It was such a wonderful feeling having someone to talk to about anything. Some of the ridiculous stuff the staff joked about, it was so cool. They helped me so much. Thanks, I can honestly say if I didn't come here I might be in a pretty bad place.

Jamie

"It takes a Village to Raise a Child"