

*The*  
**Olive**  
*Tree*



*Gift Guide*  
2023 - 2024

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I have found that among its  
other benefits, giving liberates  
the soul of the giver.

**MAYA ANGELOU**







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# *A Year in Review*



**25**

Christmas Family  
Sponsorships

**6,286**

Volunteer Hours

**1,027**

Kids Toys Received  
Through  
Gift of Christmas

**6,671**

Food Hampers  
Distributed

**14,956**

Meals Served

**\$1,149,000**

Worth of Food  
Distributed

**123**

Families Received  
Support from our  
Thrift Store



## A DECADE OF GIVING: CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF CHARITY & CHRISTMAS JOY

Dear Friends,

As we approach the holiday season, we are filled with immense gratitude and joy as we celebrate a significant milestone: our charity's 10th anniversary! It's hard to believe that a whole decade has passed since we embarked on this incredible journey of spreading love, kindness, and hope during Christmas.

Over the past ten years, our charity has grown, evolved, and adapted to the ever-changing needs of our community. Together, we have confronted the challenges of food insecurity and isolation faced by our community head-on, creating programs and services unique to the needs of our guests. Through our collective efforts, we have provided hope in the darkest of times, offering support, care, and opportunities to those who needed it most.

None of this would have been possible without the unwavering support of you; our volunteers, donors, partners, and the tireless efforts of our dedicated team. Each one of you has played a vital role in shaping our charity's success story. Your commitment, compassion, and encouragement have been the driving force behind every life transformed, every smile restored, and every dream realized.

Reflecting on our journey, we can be proud of the milestones we have achieved. From adding a food bank to providing food support to our community partners, from empowering women, children, and seniors to promoting sustainable programs, our charity has become a beacon of hope for those who felt discouraged or alone.

But let us not forget that our work is far from done. As we celebrate this significant milestone, let it serve as a reminder of the immense responsibility that rests upon our shoulders. The challenges we face today may differ from those of the past, but our commitment to serving humanity remains steadfast.

As we celebrate this special Christmas and our 10th anniversary, let us remember the power of giving, the joy of sharing, and the love that binds us all. May this holiday season bring you and your loved one's happiness, peace, and an abundance of blessings.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

With heartfelt thanks and gratitude,



**CEO**

# Programs

## FREE COMMUNITY MEALS

Free Community Meals are the cornerstone of our organization and take the most volunteers to run. We serve, on average 90-100 people three times a week. We serve a delicious, well balanced meal, and send the guests home with bread products, produce, dairy, or other items we've collected with our Food Rescue Program.

## SENIORS LUNCHEON & GIFT OF GROCERIES

Our Seniors Luncheon runs every Friday with food, fellowship and fun. The Gift of Groceries is our senior food hamper program which serves five local seniors buildings. Seniors are able to choose from a variety of items and we drop off their individualized hampers a few days later. In addition to the food hampers we are also able to deliver fresh produce, baked goods, dairy and meat to these buildings every week.

## MOMS PROGRAM

Our Moms Program runs on Tuesday and Thursday nights. We share a nutritious meal together then the children leave for fun activities while the moms get some time together to discuss their week or listen to a speaker. We have moms from different upbringings, social circles, religions and cultures, and they have become a strong support group for each other.

## MENS OUTREACH

Men's Coffee morning is an open door where conversations and support can be found every Tuesday starting at 9:00am.

## LADIES OUTREACH

Our Ladies Tea is a place for social connection and great conversation. A cup of friendship, inspiration, and tea (or coffee)! Join us Thursday's 1:00pm - 2:00pm

## APPLICATION FOR SUPPORT

With the help of the Olive Tree Thrift Store and Reclaim, we provide clothing, furniture, and other necessities to individuals and families in need at no cost. The most requested items are clothing, dressers, and beds.





Did you know that 1 in 8 households experience some form of food insecurity in Canada? This can have detrimental effects on mental and physical health as well as lower the overall quality of life lead by individuals who struggle with food security. Our food bank provides support in the form of hamper distribution, meal programs, and food rescue.

Food Rescue is the practice of gleaning edible food that would otherwise go to waste from our food industry partners and distributing that food to the community. Together we have created an efficient and mutually beneficial partnership that has had major benefits in Lloydminster and the surrounding communities. In addition to directly supporting food security initiatives we have also reduced the impact on the landfill.

#### PROUD MEMBERS OF:



#### PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:





## #WEGETTOSERVEYLL

We love our volunteers and would not be able to do what we're doing without you! There are a few ways to get involved: You can volunteer in the Thrift Store or Reclaim Store, at the Free Community Meals, Senior Luncheons, and for our Food Rescue Programs.

## HERE'S HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

Get a copy of our volunteer form. They are available at The Olive Tree, on our website or by email.

Read through and fill it out.

Call to set up a time to meet with the volunteer coordinator. **780.870.1060**. This meeting takes less than ten minutes and helps us to sign you up for a job you enjoy.



*See more info on  
volunteering here*

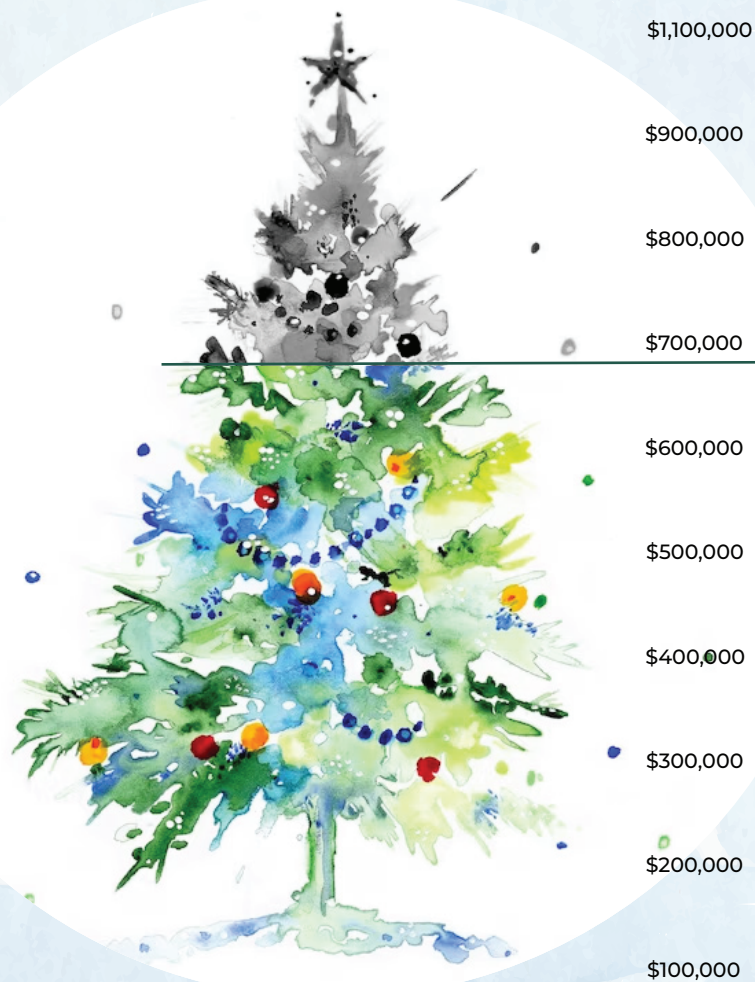




# Our Goals

We have the goal of significantly reducing, or paying off our mortgage! Without a mortgage we will be able to better serve others in need and give back to our community in greater ways. Each dollar donated to reducing our mortgage principal preserves money to support our programs and mission.

**We've paid off \$690,000 to date!**



**The Homebase core mission revolves around the belief that everyone deserves a safe and stable place to call home.**

By prioritizing and implementing immediate housing solutions, we strive to empower individuals experiencing homelessness to regain control of their lives and pursue personal growth.





## FOOD BANK

We provide food hampers by referral to members of our community who are experiencing an unexpected situation or are in crisis. Providing food in these situations allows people to focus on their health expenses, housing, utilities, or other necessities of life.

**PROVIDE TOP 5 ITEMS .....\$25**

## FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

We provide a safe and welcoming environment where families can enjoy a nutritious meal, make some new friends and feel connected to the community.

**SPONSOR A FREE COMMUNITY MEAL.....\$300**

## SENIORS PROGRAM

We love seniors and know that many struggle to pay for living expenses, high prescription and medical costs and food. No one should have to choose between filling their prescriptions or buying groceries so we have three different programs to support them.

**PROVIDE A SENIOR FRIENDLY HAMPER ... \$40**

**SPONSOR A SENIOR LUNCHEON .....\$200**

## HOMEBASE

Creating a welcoming environment is essential when housing someone. Let's start by adding comforting details to transform the space into a true home. The Homebase starter kit includes things like towels, toiletries, cleaning supplies, a cozy blanket, bedding, and pantry staples.

**HOMEBASE STARTER KIT \$500**

## GIFT OF CHRISTMAS

We have partnered with Real Country 95.9 to provide local kids with a gift for Christmas. This year will be the 41<sup>st</sup> year this incredible program has run, and we are thankful to be a part of it.

**GIVE THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS .....\$30**

## CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

The holiday season is a special time and with your help we can ensure that no one on our list will go hungry this Christmas. Our Christmas hampers include all the fixings for a festive holiday meal and the items needed for a special breakfast on Christmas morning.

**PROVIDE A CHRISTMAS HAMPER.....\$100**

## KEEP ON GIVING

With every donation through this gift guide, you will receive this plantable seed ornament!







HOW YOU CAN GIVE

Did you know that you can set up monthly donations right from our website? Monthly donations are a great way to make a huge impact over a longer period of time. For example, a \$25 monthly donation will equal \$900 in three years, or a \$75 monthly donation will equal \$2,700 in three years!

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CASH

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CHEQUE

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ONLINE (Credit Card) \*[www.theolivetreelloyd.ca](http://www.theolivetreelloyd.ca)

GIFTS OF HOPE	PRICE	QTY.	TOTAL
Support the Food Bank	\$25		\$
Sponsor a Free Community Meal	\$300		\$
Provide a Senior Hamper	\$40		\$
Sponsor a Seniors Luncheon	\$200		\$
Homebase Starter Kit	\$500		\$
Support the Gift of Christmas	\$30		\$
Provide a Christmas Hamper	\$100		\$
Contribute to our Mortgage	\$__		\$
General Gift	\$__		\$
Total Gifts of Hope	\$__		\$

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Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you.

MOTHER TERESA

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PROVINCE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

For all donations please send this form below to: 5002 - 51 Avenue Lloydminster, AB T9V 0Y3  
or email [giving@theolivetreelloyd.ca](mailto:giving@theolivetreelloyd.ca)



# Shopping for a Cause



**RECLAIM**  
USED FURNITURE STORE

Reclaim is a second-hand store that sells used furniture, building supplies, appliances, antiques, and much more! Not only are we able to supply good quality used furniture to the community, but we are also able to reduce waste going to the landfill!

We offer a pickup service to seniors and those who are unable to transport their donations. We accept drop offs during our regular hours.

Just like the thrift store, when you donate or shop at Reclaim you're helping support the charitable programs of The Olive Tree.

**MONDAY TO SATURDAY 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM**  
**5302 50 AVE, LLOYDMINSTER, AB**



THE OLIVE TREE  
**THRIFT  
STORE**

Brand name clothes, antiques, toys, books, and a whole lot more. You'll always find something interesting at the Thrift Store. Stop by and shop our incredible deals.

Did you know that when you shop at the Thrift Store you help to feed a local family? All proceeds from the Thrift Store go to the charitable programs of The Olive Tree!

**MONDAY TO SATURDAY 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM**  
**5002-51 AVE, LLOYDMINSTER, AB**

*Thank You  
for your support*

