

Calgary Real Estate Board Charitable Foundation 2010 Grant Recipients

Boys & Girls Clubs of Calgary
Avenue 15 Program and Safe House Program
www.boysandgirlsclubsofcalgary.ca

Grant amount: \$20,000

Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary provide a safe, supportive place where children and youth can experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, build positive relationships and develop confidence and skills for life.

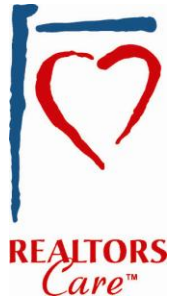
Background and Project Outline

Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary has offered emergency shelter services for youth (up to 18 years of age) at **Avenue 15** for over 20 years. Over time, services have been adapted to better meet the changing needs of these youth.

In July 2009, a formal expansion of services was announced thus requiring upgrading the physical space for this program. The house where **Avenue 15** is located was built in 1910. This grant will complete renovations and rebuilding of the two existing bathrooms located on the third level of the house thus ensuring safe and hygienic facilities.

Safe House continually seeks out ongoing opportunities to engage youth at this program by providing access to positive recreational and art activities. Due to the nature of the youth and the program, staff cannot often take youth out into the community but rather look for ways to motivate them to stay at the program, thereby ensuring their safety in the community.

Both the entrance to **Safe House** and the backyard are currently not private and, as a result, are not considered safe for a facility that is open 24 hours a day. This grant will be used to change the landscaping of the backyard, building a concrete pad with an in-ground basketball hoop. A large barbeque and picnic tables may also be added. A new fencing structure will provide more privacy and enhance safety.



**Calgary Drop-In Centre
Bridgeland Manor Senior's Housing Program – Palliative Care Facility**
www.calgarydropincentre.com

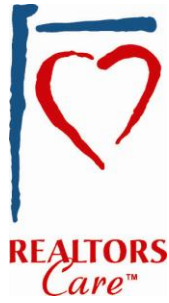
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Calgary Drop-In Centre's Bridgeland Manor Senior's Housing Program offers supported living accommodations to homeless seniors and helps them in their daily living by providing a physical environment that is safe and secure.

Background and Project Outline

Bridgeland Manor Senior's Housing project was opened in September 2005 after a successful capital campaign that raised \$3,500,000 to purchase and refurbish a 50-suite 3-storey apartment building on 2nd Avenue in N.E. Calgary. Many seniors have passed through the Manor's doors; 29 have successfully improved their lives while at the Manor and have now moved into their own accommodations, two have passed away, and 23 are still residents. More individuals are being moved from temporary accommodations at the Calgary Drop-In Centre to Bridgeland Manor every day.

Refurbishment of Bridgeland Manor is ongoing, but the most important need at this time is support for the aging process and care at the end of these seniors' lives. The need to provide end of life services at Bridgeland Manor is urgent. This grant will be allocated to developing one apartment as a palliative care facility.



Wood's Homes Foundation
Furnishing of Transitional Housing Apartments
www.woodshomes.ca

Grant Amount: \$20,000

Serving the community since 1914, Wood's Homes' mission is to promote and assist the development and well-being of children, youth and families within the community.

Background and Project Outline

Wood's Homes places special emphasis on working with "hard to serve" or high needs youth. Young people and families are served through a variety of residential, day treatment, outpatient, crisis intervention, and special education services. Through many programs and services, Wood's Homes provides support to hundreds of youth who live on the streets. Often over time things do not get better quickly or easily for these youth. They often have a poor history of employment, limited education further complicated by mental health problems, and major addictions issues, all of which interact to make things devastating for them. They do not have the family or support relationships to help launch them into adulthood. Consequently, they face continuing despair living on the street.

Wood's Homes is intent on changing this cycle of despair through strengthening the practical and pragmatic barriers that these youth face. The organization is identifying youth that are ready to move from living on the street to something better and is assisting with support for them – employment, social assistance, counseling – and strengthening all this through assistance with providing a stable living environment in a transitional housing apartment.

More often than not, these youth find themselves transitioning into the community, and adulthood, with little or no furnishings. With this grant, Wood's Homes will furnish four transitional housing apartments with beds and couches, linens, small appliances, cutlery and dinnerware etc.



YWCA Calgary
Mary Dover House – Assessment Study
www.ywcaofcalgary.com

Grant Amount: \$17,000

YWCA of Calgary offers programs and services for women and their families, providing them with skills, abilities and opportunities to contribute to and benefit from healthy communities.

Background and Project Outline

Through four core service areas, Child and Family Prevention and Intervention Services, Family Violence Prevention, Poverty and Homelessness Reduction and Life and Health Wellness, the YWCA focuses its attention on providing a continuum of service for Calgary women and their families in supporting their movement from unsafe to safe lifestyles, and dependence to independence.

Mary Dover House was originally built as a hostel for women looking for safe short-term housing. Over time, it became transitional housing for women and their families when it was realized that many women were returning to domestic violence situations because of the lack of affordable housing options. The space as it is now is not suitable for single mothers and their children. There is very little cooking space, laundry space and definitely no play space.

This grant will be used to complete a building assessment of **Mary Dover House** to provide a baseline understanding of how it can best serve the client base within the current facility and what, if any, renovations can be done.