

2024 Community Impact Report

DIGNITY. INNOVATION. HEALING.



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A message of gratitude from Boyle Street Community Services

This past year, your support helped us move closer to a vision we all share: a city where every person can grow healthier through involvement in strong, accepting, and respectful communities.

Grounded in our core values of dignity, innovation, and healing, Boyle Street Community Services exists to serve, connect, and create. Because of your generosity, we were able to meet urgent needs, build long-term solutions, and continue walking alongside those experiencing poverty and homelessness in Edmonton.

Here's how your donation made a difference this year.





Emergency Response: Safety in Every Season

This winter, with temperatures plummeting and risks rising, you helped us respond with care and urgency. Here's how:

Warm clothing, hot meals, and emergency gear were delivered by outreach teams across the city.

Transportation support and shelter referrals ensured people had safe places to go.

Our teams worked through extreme cold to show up for the community – and you were right there with us.

"When you don't have a safe place, even a hot drink and someone who knows your name can change your whole day." – Program Participant

Triage: Essential Services, Right When They're Needed

Our triage team provides critical first connections - for many, it's the first step toward housing, care, and community. This year, your support allowed us to:

Help thousands obtain ID – an essential key to housing, income, and healthcare.

Provide dependable mail services, ensuring that people receive vital documents.

Offer individuals pathways to housing, health, and other services through caring, trauma-informed intake.

You helped ensure that people got the right support at the right time – preventing crises from becoming chronic.





Reconciliation in Action: Restoring Relationships to Elders, Land, Language, and Ceremony

We do this work because reclaiming culture, identity, and community — long disrupted by colonization — is key to healing. For the more than 75% of those we serve who identify as Indigenous, connection to elders, land, language, and ceremony is not only meaningful — it's essential. This year, your generosity helped:

Reconnect individuals with elders, ceremony, and language through safe and welcoming spaces.

Support land-based teachings and healing that honour Indigenous knowledge, including sweat lodges, smudging, access to protocol, and medicine picking.

Rekindle relationships between youth and knowledge keepers to support cultural identity and connection.

This work reflects the spirit of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action - by supporting Indigenous-led healing, ceremony, and land-based cultural revitalization.

"This was my first time coming to a circle. I remember my mom hosting these — today helped me feel connected to her again." – Circle Participant



**\$45M+
raised**

okimaw peyesew kamik / King Thunderbird Centre: A Facility for Healing

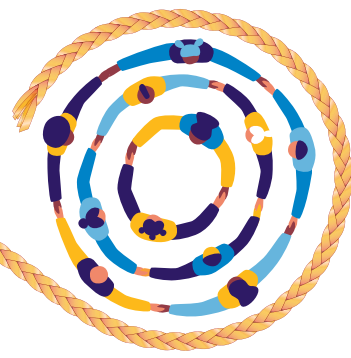
With your help, construction is now well underway on okimaw peyesew kamik/King Thunderbird Centre, a 75,000 square foot facility designed to meet the needs of those experiencing poverty and homelessness in the downtown core. Culturally safe and informed by Indigenous traditions and teachings, okimaw peyesew kamik will:

Integrate health care, housing support, and social services through intake and interdisciplinary teams.

Provide a welcoming, dignified environment built for healing.

Open Fall 2025 and offer community-centered innovation for decades to come.

**You helped lay the foundation for a future
grounded in healing and dignity.**



Endowment for the Future

Through a generous \$375,000 matching gift from EPCOR, you helped us build an endowment with the Edmonton Community Foundation - a long-term commitment to sustainability. This endowment will:

Support the ongoing operations of King Thunderbird Centre.

Provide consistent, stable funding for essential programs.

Ensure that your impact continues for generations.

**\$375,000
matched by
EPCOR – over
\$1 million raised**

**Your donation built not
just today's programs but
tomorrow's consistent,
community-led care.**



Looking Ahead, Together

The progress you've made possible — from frontline responses to transformative spaces — is just the beginning. As we look toward the year ahead, the needs remain urgent, and so does our commitment. Together, we will:

Enhance programming at the King Thunderbird Centre.

Expand housing pathways and health access.

Ensure that essential services are available to those who need them when they need them.

Your support makes change possible. As we continue this vital work, we invite you to continue to build with us — a commitment to progress, compassion, and community.

Together, we will restore dignity, advance healing, and cultivate innovative programming in service to our mission of ending chronic homelessness.




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