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## The King's University College Rehoboth Scholarship



Through the generosity of several donors, The King's University College in Edmonton established a scholarship fund to assist students expressing an interest in pursuing a career supporting individuals who live with developmental disabilities. The scholarship

was named the "Rehoboth Scholarship" at the request of the donors and with the permission of Rehoboth Christian Ministries.

On Tuesday, September 10, 2002, Wally Mulder, CEO/Executive Director of Rehoboth Christian Ministries, was privileged to present the first annual \$500 scholarship to Carrie VanderMeer, a second year Bachelor of Education student from Sherwood Park. Carrie met the criteria of the scholarship: as a returning student, academic achievement, a supportive statement from her

faculty advisor, and demonstrated Christian commitment.

Rehoboth Christian Ministries congratulates Carrie on this award and commends her on her desire to commit her career to working with and for individuals who live with disabilities.

The King's University College would like to make this scholarship available to more students in the future. Additional contributions to this endowment would be gratefully accepted by TKUC.

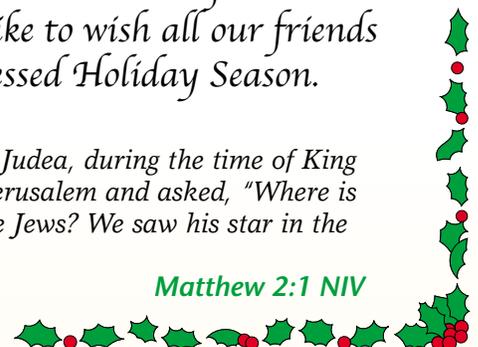
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*The Clients, Staff, Board and Committees of Rehoboth Christian Ministries would like to wish all our friends and supporters a truly blessed Holiday Season.*

*After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the East came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."*

**Matthew 2:1 NIV**





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# Rehoboth Annual Membership Campaign

A BIG Thank you, to all who have contributed to this year's Annual Membership Campaign. The gifts of God's people throughout Alberta during this annual campaign, allows Rehoboth to cover the cost of many programs and services not funded by government. Transportation, housing, Rehoboth Camp Ministry, capital, and facility operational

expenses are all supported by donation revenue. These gifts are, and continue to be, a very essential part of Rehoboth's annual operating budget.

A special thank you to all the Contact People and Canvassers who volunteer their time to organize the Campaign and collect contributions from Rehoboth's supporting community!

*If you have not been contacted by a volunteer canvasser, and would like to contribute to this year's Campaign, please take a few moments to fill out the form on the back of this Newsletter and send it in along with your contribution to your local, Regional Rehoboth office (addresses are listed on the front cover of this Newsletter).*

## Farewell to Brightbank Acreage

Since 1980, the Brightbank Acreage home southwest of Stony Plain has served as a safe and comfortable home for dozens of individuals, and the greenhouse/workshop was a bustling hive of activity for dozens of individuals developing work skills. It was the first formal program offered by Rehoboth Christian Ministries and hundreds of visitors have driven up the long driveway to the majestic cedar home over the years. Hundreds of volunteers have special memories of thousands of hours of "annual spruce up" weekends, most notably the many grade eleven students of the Edmonton Christian High School coming out for their Service Project. Many of us have more than a passing interest in the Brightbank acreage.

But with the construction of the new training facilities in

the Town of Stony Plain, the acreage nine miles southwest of Stony Plain became less convenient as a functional part of the day program. Over the years the individuals served by Rehoboth expressed a strong desire to live in town, or even in the City of Edmonton. Brightbank was becoming "obsolete".

The Board of Directors authorized the Rehoboth-Stony Plain Advisory Committee to explore the market value of the property, consisting of the home, workshop, greenhouse, and 40 acres. In the process of this market appraisal exercise, a local realtor found a party interested in purchasing the property for use as a safe



*Brightbank, circa 1979*

haven for troubled youth. Bosco Homes of Edmonton had been looking for acreage of sufficient size to accommodate a specialized program they had been developing.

On December 1, 2002, the Brightbank acreage, long an icon of Rehoboth Christian Ministries, will transfer to Bosco Homes to begin a new era of safe shelter to a new group of residents. We bid a fond "farewell" to Brightbank, and wish Bosco Homes much success on their programs.

# Friendship Program

"Friends are a gift from God." "Thank God for friends who love Jesus." These quotes were taken from a Friendship Series workbook produced by CRC (Christian Reformed Church) Publication for participants in the Friendship Ministries program.

For over twenty years, the Friendship Ministry has developed teaching material and provided support to a network of regional representatives to assist congregations with their Friendship programs. The Friendship Ministries, a non-profit organization that serves dozens of denominations, is dedicated to "Sharing God's love with people who have mental impairments." Friendship makes the church a welcoming center for people who have a disability.

Many of the individuals we are blessed to serve attend a weekly Friendship group held in their community Church. There are four Friendship Groups in the Edmonton area: Hope CRC -



*Christmas play at Hope Christian Reformed Church*

Stony Plain, West End/ Covenant CRC - Edmonton, Ottewell CRC - Edmonton, and St. Albert CRC. Each participant is provided with a volunteer teacher who adapts the biblical based stories, lessons, and activities to the individual's interests and abilities. There is also time devoted to such group activities as they join together in prayer and song.

Through the Friendship program, participants celebrate their love for Jesus through fellowship and prayer. Christmas is one of the most significant times for celebrating and sharing God's love as the groups

commemorate the birth of Jesus. The members of the Friendship groups participate in their congregations' Christmas services. Some of the groups plan something special such as performing a Christmas pageant for their own congregation. The gifts of fellowship, love, and goodwill are abundantly shared at an annual Christmas Pot Luck dinner. This year, Heather, who has been involved in the Friendship group for six years, will perform a solo at the dinner. Denise, another long-term member, enjoys the opportunity to get together with her friends to sing Christmas songs and celebrate the birth of Jesus. In speaking with other participants, it became clear that the warmth of the gifts shared at their Friendship groups can be felt throughout the year as they continue to meet and share the gift of their friendships, and their love for Jesus.

*Submitted by:  
Laurie Purches, Regional  
Manager, Stony Plain Region*



## STONY PLAIN

### FINANCIAL POLICY

Spending of funds is confined to Board approved programs and purchases. Each gift that is designated toward an approved program will be used as designated with the understanding that when any given need has been met, designated gifts will be used where most needed. All gifts are acknowledged and receipted with a tax-deductible receipt.

## GULL LAKE CAMP

Rehoboth Christian Ministries would like to thank Jane Brouwer for 3 1/2 years of service as camp caretaker. In September she officially handed over the hammer and broom to Kevin and Marion deBree. It has been a blessing to have Jane greeting our summer guests with her warm friendly smiles. May God bless you in your new endeavors. Jane will remain active within the association by serving as a Board member.

Kevin and Marion have been married for 10 years. They and their three girls Samantha, Alexandra and Caitlin have moved into the camp residence. Kevin has been involved with the camp program since he was 13 years old. He has served two three-year terms on the camp committee and has been a Camp Director for the last five seasons. Kevin has been a teacher at Lacombe Christian School for five years. His hobbies are running and woodworking. Marion has operated her own Day Home business for the past 8 years. Her hobbies are running and reading. We welcome the deBree family as they assume this new responsibility.





**COALDALE**

**Gifts  
Gratefully  
Received**

**Memorials:**

In Memory of Mrs. Anne Posthuma

**Groups/Clubs/Societies:**

Crystal Clean Ltd. - Lethbridge  
The Lord is Our Banner - Ladies' Society, Maranatha CRC, Edmonton  
Red Deer Christian School Society  
Land's Happy Marts

**Church Donations:**

Sonrise CRC - Ponoka  
Neerlandia CRC  
Brooks CRC  
Glad Tidings CRC - Edmonton  
Woodynook CRC - Lacombe (Thanksgiving Offering)  
Taber Canadian Reformed Church  
Bethel United Reformed Church - Calgary  
Orthodox Reformed Church - Edmonton  
Maranatha CRC - Edmonton  
Taber CRC  
Neerlandia Canadian Reformed Church  
Trinity CRC - Edmonton  
Ottewell CRC - Edmonton  
Grace Reformed Church - Leduc  
Emmanuel Reformed Church - Neerlandia  
Trinity Reformed Church - Lethbridge  
Bethel CRC - Lacombe  
Edson-Peers CRC  
Providence Canadian Reformed Church - Edmonton  
La Glace CRC  
First CRC - Calgary  
Coaldale Canadian Reformed Church

**Church collections from Sept. 2002 - Nov. 15, 2002 - totalled \$21,800.52**

**Thank-you, Volunteers!**

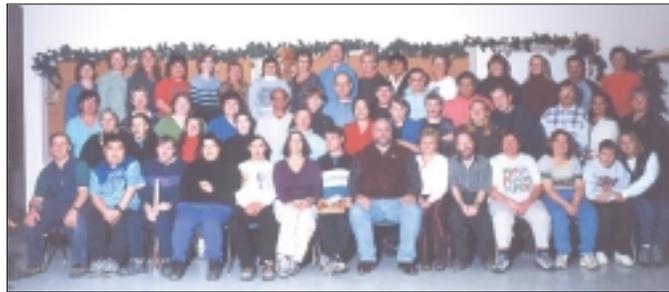


Photo by Chris Yauak, Lethbridge

Rehoboth/Coaldale is blessed with the support of many wonderful, generous people! These people include: Advisory Committee, Sunshine

Auxiliary, Golf Tournament Committee, Membership, and countless others who bring us their business, attend fund-raisers, work

beside us in the Vocational site, and remember us in their prayers. A special thanks to the Sunshine Auxiliary for filling our 'wish list' by recently donating to each of our programs.

Our lives are richer for our association with each of you. To all of you, we send warmest thanks, and wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with the Lord's Blessings!

**One Happy Crew**



Happy clients pose in front of the new 24-passenger bus that was delivered to the Coaldale program in November. This bus replaces a 15-passenger van that we had outgrown and gives dependable, safe transportation for the clients who live in Lethbridge and work at the Coaldale Vocational Center.

**Rehoboth's 5th Annual Golf Classic - Calgary**

Rehoboth hosted this year's tournament at the Heather Glen Golf and Country Club in Calgary on September 14th, 2002. This year the event raised over \$15,000 for Rehoboth Christian Ministries. The tournament keeps getting bigger every year, with 115 golfers enjoying a great day on the links followed



by a delicious banquet this year. Everyone received a

prize with one person winning a new set of golf clubs, and another coming within inches of a hole-in-one for a PT Cruiser. Many thanks to the golfers, sponsors, donors, committee members and volunteers for their participation and contributions! See you on the fairway next year.

# Christmas Reflections

A sure sign that the Christmas season is fast approaching is when we look out our windows and see that there is a blanket of snow covering the streets, sidewalks and grass. We have that frosty layer of snow in Calgary, reminding us that it is time to start making those holiday season plans.



This made me think, what does the season mean to the individuals that we serve? How does Christmas touch their lives and what things make the holiday season special for them.

Families all have their individual holiday traditions, tree decorating, carolling, and visiting with friends. Our clients are no different. When asking some individuals what special traditions their families had I heard answers like turkey dinner, playing games, emptying stockings on Christmas eve, singing carols, seeing their family, and decorating their trees. Every person that I received responses from all had one similar answer in regards to what Christmas means to them: the celebration of the birth of our

Lord. The entire story of Jesus' birth carries a deep meaning with our clients. Their understanding of the holiday is remarkable. The true spirit of the holiday is in the hearts of those we work for. Their faith and love transgresses all thoughts of the commercialization of the season. Christmas is really about one thing, the birth of Jesus Christ. The true meaning of the season is not lost on those that we serve, in fact they are more aware of what the holiday is really about. When reading some of the clients' thoughts on Christmas I realized that Christmas is not about how much wealth you have amassed under the tree, but about how much wealth is inside your heart.

In fact it is in times of the year like this that we can learn so much from the participants in our programs. The season of Christmas has become one of materialism, and the meaning has become lost. People are now worried about getting their children the hot new toy, and are overcome with the planning of festive seasonal gatherings. While we forget the true meaning behind the trees, lights and Saint Nick. I was blessed with the opportunity to find out for myself what makes this season so special to the individuals in our service, getting a tiny glimpse into what makes this season so special to them - family, friends, love and their Faith in God.



When reading the responses from our clients to the question, what does Christmas mean to you? I read this: *"Celebration of the Birth of Christ."*

This will give me something to think about while I am pushing through the mall on December 24th trying to find that perfect last minute gift. That part of Christmas really doesn't matter. The only thing that does matter is that Christmas is the celebration of the Birth of our Lord, and a celebration of love for our fellow man.

On behalf of the clients and staff at Rehoboth Christian Ministries Calgary, have a very Merry Christmas, and a blessed New Year!

Submitted by: Rhonda Hicklin



## CALGARY

*The Bible reads:*  
*"And the angel said unto them, Fear not for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."*

*Luke 2: 10-11*





### THREE HILLS

*Several clients were given opportunity to express their favorite family traditions or activities at Christmas. Though the answers were varied they can be summed up with the following acrostic.*

## "Jesus is the center of our Christmas"

**J**esus is the center of our Christmas. We always read the Bible passages about Jesus birth and imagine with the family what it was like. We always talk about why Jesus came from heaven to this world to show us what God is like and to die for us.

**O**thers are an important part of our family Christmas. What I (Brenda) enjoy is making goodies. Although we eat some of them, we give most of them away. We go around singing Christmas carols and give them to the people we meet. We also visit the sick people at the hospital and long-term care, sing to the people and leave them a few goodies as well. It makes me feel good to do this. Many clients said being with their family is the highlight of Christmas. Some get together with a small group of family and Marianne said they have so many family home that they rent the "fireside" room at their church and have their meal there and then play games in the church gym - a time for all the family to mingle, to visit and play with brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, and we can only imagine that Mom and Dad are in there somewhere as well (perhaps they are the referees!!). One person stated that they enjoy buying gifts for others even more than receiving the gifts themselves - now that is putting others first.



**Y**ou. It wouldn't be a complete Christmas without thinking a little bit of our selves. Ideas that popped out of course started with turkey, turkey, turkey. But that was only the beginning of the food items that are enjoyed - there was the stuffing, the pies (pumpkin was a favorite), the almond bark, the strong emphasis on chocolate. The mention of decorating the tree and hanging candy canes brought exclamations from all - both in their residential homes and at their family homes. Many expressed pleasant memories and excitement with this popular event. It seems like the tree stimulates the beginning of the thoughts of Christmas - and half the

enjoyment of the event is the anticipation. Of course exchanging and opening gifts was also a favorite of all. There was joy expressed in both the giving and receiving and surprises for all. A couple of people must recognize the need to wear off that food and energy, but even more so they are the active type. Sledding, tubing behind the skidoo, and playing games with nieces and nephews were high on their lists.

The common thread that ran through all these events was family, moms and dads, brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews. Family and enjoying each thing with family is the context that makes all the events meaningful. This circle then widens to include friends and people we love because of their significance to us. It is relationships that put the warmth into our Christmas festivities. May you all have a meaningful, Christ-centered and enjoyable Christmas with your family and friends.

*Submitted by:  
 Gaylene Archibald,  
 Coordinator of Residential  
 Services, Three Hills*



## What does Christmas Mean to Me?

To me Christmas means keeping it simple. I need to consciously get back to the basics of the real meaning of the season. That God's intention is for me to take time to stand back from the hype and blatant culture of commercialism announcing "only one hundred and twenty nine shopping days to Christmas!"

Christmas is indeed about giving, but it is about God giving. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son ..." So the meaning of Christmas for me can be truly basic and simple. God gave and I accept His gift and celebrate with a heart full of thanksgiving.

*Barbara Shumik*  
Coordinator of Residential Services, Grande Prairie

When asked if I could share what Christmas means to me, 3 things immediately came to mind. The first being; 'Sure I'd be glad to share something.' Second thought came with a jolt, "How can I face Christmas without my big sister?" She died in a car crash this year. Instantly after this thought came the third one. "Emmanuel, God with us." How reassuring and comforting, to know that in this uncertain world with it's always changing standards and values, that God doesn't change. Our personal God, who gave us His Son, Jesus, a man sorrows, acquainted with grief. The HOPE of this world, is indeed with us.

*Jane Rempel*  
Grande Prairie



*The angel said to them "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news*

*of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the city of David a Savior has been born to you." Luke 1:10-11*

My family knows that Christmas is to celebrate the birth of Christ. "Savior" means God has sent his Son to save us from our sins. Our children are 6 and 12 years old and have always known there is no Santa Claus. Christmas is a day we celebrate the birth of Christ. It is the biggest birthday celebration known to man!

*Lena Lunam*  
Grande Prairie



**GRANDE PRAIRIE**

**REGIONAL NEEDS**

**Coaldale**

Used sheets • Bedding

## Camp Ministry



L to R: Kevin deBree, Pastor Tom Albaugh, Pete Ages, Theresa Schouten, Pearl Nieboer, Reta Strydhorst, Peter Vanpolanen, Willa Bosch, Chris Ages, Douwe Postma, Jack Fernhout. Missing: Linda Rosendal.

The Committee and Directors would like to thank all the camp volunteers and supporters for making 2002 another successful Camp season.

### NEXT YEAR'S CAMP DATES:

**Client Camp**  
June 23 - 27, 2003

**Youth week**  
July 5 - 11, 2003

**Adult week**  
July 12 - 18, 2003

**Adult week**  
July 19 - 25, 2003

**RCM I week**  
July 26 - Aug. 1, 2003

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## Joyful Noise Choir 25th Anniversary

### Celebration Calendar Project

in support of Rehoboth Christian Ministries

The tradition of noting the birthdates of family and friends on a calendar is a familiar custom in the homes of many families. With the help of graphic artist/illustrator, Heather Hemphill, the words of Psalm 98 come to life in a new and fun way. Three of the original pictures will be auctioned on-line at 'www.joyfulnoisechoir.ab.ca' with closing bids to be received by midnight October 17, 2003. The proceeds of the sale of the calendars, posters and original art will form part of a legacy that Rehoboth Ministries can use to help celebrate that God has "made room" for everyone in his creation.

**Plate one:**

"Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord."  
*Psalm 98 vs. 5a-6 (NRSV)*

**Plate two:**

Example of the Calendar pages.

**Plate three:**

"Let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord"  
*Psalm 98 vs. 8b-9a (NRSV)*

**Plate four:**

"Let the sea roar and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands;"  
*Psalm 98 vs. 7-8a (NRSV)*

**Plate five:**

"Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises."  
*Psalm 98 vs. 4 (NRSV)*



The Joyful Noise Choir under the direction of Rein Selles, Winspear Centre, Edmonton, Alberta

### The Joyful Noise Choir

Since its founding in 1978, the choir has involved 380 children from Edmonton and the surrounding region. The close association with Rehoboth Ministries Summer Camp program has provided purpose for the choir's fundraising efforts and a means of celebration for Rehoboth. Through three albums, concerts around Alberta and participation in church services, the children of the choir have tried to bring Psalm 98 to life.

Heather Hemphill created these images using Fimo - a heat setting polymer clay and Genisis - a heat setting polymer paint. Heather is an expert in 3D illustrations both in polymer clay and computer programs such as Form Z. She lives in St. Albert, AB and can be contacted by e-mail at blue\_master.mac.com.



If you would like to place an order for the Celebration Calendar, please contact any member of the Joyful Noise Choir, your regional Rehoboth office, or the Rehoboth Administration Office 3920 - 49 Avenue, Stony Plain, AB, T7Z 2J7.

I am enclosing \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ calendar(s) @ \$15.00 each (add \$2.50 for mailing)

Make cheques payable to *Rehoboth Christian Ministries*

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