



# Mosaic Centre

Connecting • Encouraging • Transforming

October 2011

## GIVING THANKS for BASICS

~Mosaic Centre Directors~

**Shorter days and colder mornings** are a harsh reminder of the realities that people living in poverty face on a daily basis. A review of the summer shows that more and more people living in northeast Edmonton are finding themselves at a loss for some of their basics needs. The number of visitors to Mosaic Centre has substantially increased. In summer 2010 we saw an average of 18 people from the neighbourhood per day. This summer our doors opened to 45 to 60 community members daily.

We are thankful for the provision of funding which allowed us to hire excellent summer staff and enabled us to keep our doors open through the season. Many new relationships were established and others continued to grow. We have been blessed to walk with many people as they access housing and enrol in and complete rehabilitation programs.

The obvious signs of fall remind us that winter will soon be upon us and will affect those with the least, the most. When we find ourselves complaining about having to rake leaves from our yards and scrape frost from our car windows let us be quick to give thanks for those homes and vehicles with which we are blessed and offer a prayer of provision for those who are less fortunate. While we gather around our Thanksgiving tables with our families and friends let us remember to share our abundance with our neighbours especially those who are homeless and hungry.



*Thank-you to all of the people who lovingly planted, tended and harvested the Mosaic Centre Community Garden!*

## Dates to Remember

November 26<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Craft & Bake Sale & Perogy Lunch**  
9:30 am to 3:30 pm  
Emmaus Lutheran Church - 5015-144 Avenue

April 28<sup>th</sup> **Mosaic Academy Awards Gala**  
Live & Silent Auction  
Dinner & Entertainment with Comedian Gery Schubert  
Tickets \$25 – available at Mosaic Centre

April 28<sup>th</sup> **Mosaic Handmade Quilt Draw**  
Prize to be awarded at Academy Awards Gala  
Tickets \$2 or 3 for \$5 – available at Mosaic Centre

## Coming Together in Community

Friends of Mosaic came together this summer in several community efforts to raise funds and collect supplies for the centre.

Ongoing support and weekly donations of baked goods from two local Starbucks stores was supplemented when the Miller Square Starbucks held an evening fundraiser for the centre. Customers enjoyed excellent service and listened to music by local talent as they sipped their favourite beverage. Our friends at Edmonton Police Service North Division came out in full force in support of the event. Proceeds from the beverage sales were presented to Mosaic Centre.

Sobeys Namao hosted a summer barbeque complete with volunteer face painters and balloon artists. Saturday shoppers dined on delicious Schneiders hot dogs as they took a rest from their weekend chores and had their faces, arms and legs custom decorated. All funds raised were donated to Mosaic Centre.

72 golfers took to the links and enjoyed a beautiful day of sunshine topped off by a delicious steak barbecue dinner. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mosaic Centre Golf Tournament was hosted in style by the Elk Island Park Golf Course management and staff. A great time was had by all at this top-notch fundraiser.

St John's Lutheran Church, Ardrossan, held a summer long collection and included Mosaic Centre in their Vacation Bible School curriculum for the second year in a row.

Many other churches, Edmonton Christian Schools, corporations and individuals continued to help out the centre during the summer through the donation of funds, products, air-conditioning, volunteer hours and prayerful support.

We are thankful for all of these gifts which enable us to come together and operate this ministry called 'Mosaic Centre'.



Miller Square Starbucks Crew



Face Painters at Namao Sobeys



'Most Honest Team'  
2nd Annual Golf Tournament



## From Dallas' Desk

Since meeting the people at the Mosaic Centre our lives have changed for the

better. The Mosaic Centre has shown our family how to live again.

Both Derek and I have struggled with drug addiction for many years. Our infant daughter, Alaina, was taken almost one year ago by Children's Services. After this happened we began to use so many drugs, to numb the pain, that we couldn't or wouldn't come back to reality.



Through our self destruction the Mosaic Centre ladies stuck by our sides. They remained dedicated to us and encouraged us to keep trying. They prayed for us and taught us how to pray.

The Mosaic Centre has been very generous with our family. We have been blessed many times over. Some of the gifts our family has received are clothing, food, financial advice, bus tickets, toys and supplies for our baby and lots of love and hugs.

The Mosaic Centre has inspired me to become a better human being. With the Centre's help both Derek and I entered and completed Residential Treatment

for drug addiction. They visited us, drove us to visits, brought us treats and smiles. They truly believed in us and helped guide us through this healing journey.

The Mosaic Centre used their connections to help us get affordable housing. Today we live in a beautiful home and we are preparing for the day when our baby can come home.

When she does come home, she will come home to two capable parents who are drug free. ~ God bless. Dallas and Derek ~



### **Mosaic Centre Needs:**

Financial Gifts / Bus Tickets & Passes / Men's T-Shirts / Blue Jeans (Men's 32" to 38" waists)  
Toiletries / Feminine Hygiene / Soup Cups / Coffee / Creamer / Winter Gloves / Printer Paper

**Financial Donations can be made payable to Mosaic Centre**

Charitable Reg. 13155 8140 RR0001

## HELP WANTED

- ❖ Winter Warming Volunteers are needed, evenings beginning in November, to visit, play cards & share a cup of coffee with our friends.
- ❖ Drivers are needed, mornings, to pick up & deliver donations from local merchants.
- ❖ Homemade baking is needed for the Nov 26<sup>th</sup> Bake Sale. Drop off your baking at Emmaus Nov 25<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ New items are needed for the April 28<sup>th</sup> live and silent auction at the Mosaic Academy Awards Gala. Drop off new items at Mosaic Centre.
- ❖ Do you have a great fundraising idea? Individuals and Groups are needed to organize and implement fundraising events.

### **Mosaic Centre Hours:**

Monday to Thursday: 9 am to 1 pm

### **Winter Warming Hours:**

Monday to Friday: 5 pm to 9 pm

Sat & Sun & Holidays: 4pm to 9 pm

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### **Free Haircuts:**

Monthly

### **Health Nurse:**

Tuesday Mornings

### **Alcoholics Anonymous:**

Tuesdays at 11:30 am

### **Parent & Tot Group:**

Wednesdays at 10 am

### **Cocaine Anonymous:**

Thursdays at 11 am

Mosaic Centre is a partnership of Emmaus Lutheran, Steele Heights Baptist and Trinity Christian Reformed Churches and E4C

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy  
<sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup> being confident of  
this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion  
until the day of Christ Jesus. ~ Philippians 1:3-6 ~

