

Fall 2008

Saskatoon Friendship Inn



As fall approaches, many are very busy with yards, getting kids back to school, work and family. Thank you so much, Saskatoon and rural area, for your support throughout the summer. We have received cash donations, food donations and many volunteer hours. These

three things help us carry out our mission of helping those in our community who would otherwise be hungry and alone. Feeling a sense of belonging has proven to be good medicine for those needing a helping hand.

Fall is around the corner and so is the colder weather. We have some concerns, as many of our clients are homeless or the hidden homeless. Rents continue to rise in the city making it difficult for many to make ends meet and afford the increases alone. Many of

them are sharing accommodations, which, of course, raises other issues. With the city's economic boom we see a lot of our clients getting jobs, which is wonderful. There are many jobs in the paper; unfortunately, a lot of them need trade experience but a few of our clients don't give up. They keep trying and have started working with on-the-job training, which is great to see. Working for minimum wage, they still need an occasional meal, but not every day as they can afford a bit on their own.

We all continue being good ambassadors by answering questions, giving tours and going out to talk about the Inn's importance in this community.

"A feel-good organization," I have said many times over. "If I can put a smile on someone's face once a day, I feel we have made a difference to someone in need." Let us all feel good about the Inn as people in need have somewhere to be...

Your Executive Director,
Geselle

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WISH LIST: Thanksgiving 2008

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER Sunday, October 12, 2008

11:30 a.m - 1:30 p.m.
619 20th Street West

Thank you to the hotels and the chefs from the Canadian Culinary Federation Saskatoon Branch, along with the volunteers, for assisting us in preparing and serving this special dinner.

OUR NEEDS:

Turkeys	Pies
Potatoes	Canned Cranberries
Cabbage	Volunteers
Carrots	Cash
Onions	Donations
Tea & Coffee	

There are many ways to contribute and share what we have...things that really do make us Feel Good.

Hi Geselle,

The Inn has been on mind mind for days – I think because I've been feeling a big overwhelmed and depressed about life lately. What helps me through these times is doing something kind for someone else, so here it goes...

I'm all about positive visioning and believe that you bring about what you think about or focus on. If I/we focus on prosperity and success of the Inn having enough clothes and personal items as well as enough food resources (money) to buy fresh produce for the Inn, then that is what will come about.

My wish is this...

For the month of September, my team and my two counterparts' teams here at SaskTel will go through their unwanted clothing for both themselves and their children and bring the items into work to fill up boxes here for the Inn. These items can be used for emergency. In addition to this, some personal items such as diapers, shampoo, soap, etc. If you can

send me a list of items you stock there, we can get some of those donated to you as well.

And lastly, I want my staff to give me some of their coffee money to help fill up my Friendship Inn money jar so I can continue to supply fresh produce items or other food items as needed from time to time.

I really haven't done any "fundraising" for a bit, so it's time to shake the tree again.

Whew! OK – so that's all the ideas running around in my head for now. Let me know your thoughts.

Hugs,
Isobel Coats



SASKATOON FRIENDSHIP INN...

Giving to others in our own community – SaskTel employees

OUR WISH LIST IDEAS

SHAMPOOS/CREAM RINSE/ CONDITIONER (the 2 in 1 kind goes further) · RAZORS · TOOTHPASTE · SHAVE CREAM
TAMPONS · BAR SOAPS · TOOTHBRUSHES · DIAPERS

BABY FORMULA · USED BOOKS AND MAGAZINES FOR THEIR SMALL BUT THRIVING LIBRARY · CLOTHING, TOQUES, MITTS AND SCARFS

The Friendship Inn is hoping to have a good supply of warm sweaters, hoodies, jackets, etc. that they can offer to the families in need as the colder weather approaches.

The one thing they do is keep track of how many people they help, therefore emergency supplies are really needed and very much appreciated.

The friendship Inn offers free breakfasts and lunches to the needy in Saskatoon. Often the help with these meals allows the family to stretch their income a little bit further or to provide a warm meal to those who would have nothing.

In order for us to continue to support the Inn with fresh produce and supplies throughout the winter, we will also be looking for any cash donations that you are able to give. Usually we raise \$800 per year and this enables us to

provide these much-needed supplies throughout the winter and well into the summer months. Our money is pretty much depleted and so we need your help. A loonie or toonie goes far so please give what you can.

The Inn is open 365 days per year. They rely on various people and organizations for donations to keep them serving hot meals.

They provide free haircuts, art classes, health nurse, healthy baby classes, reading materials from the donated library, family worker, counselling services of various types of issues.

Thank you in advance for making a difference!

This is one example of what people in our community do for the Inn

OUR VOLUNTEER BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Janie Ayotte	Diane Ballard	Bob Doerksen
Greg Fowler	Dave Malanovich	Marty Irwin
Lorne Keller	Peter Zakreski	Dan Scherr
Joanne Veld		

OUR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS:

Larry, Richard, Phil, Gordon, Matt, Bob, Sharon, Mary, Hermaline, Ben, Darryl

Many other volunteers – 365 days of the year

Thank you for helping us make the Inn succeed in its mission.

Special Letters to Share . . .

Dear Friendship Inn:

Thanks so much for the hard work you do in our city! It is very much appreciated. A few years ago I used your services on a regular basis. You helped fill a physical need in my body so that I could go to school and concentrate on learning instead of hunger! Now I am a busy mom and U of S student – thanks so much for playing the part you did in my life. I am very grateful.

Sincerely, Rochelle

As I read the letter to the staff and Board of Directors at our Annual General Meeting, it made all of us proud knowing we really make a difference 365 days of the year. She also sent with the letter a cheque for \$350.00 – what a gift! Thank you, Rochelle, from all of us.

Thank you Friendship Inn

An elderly lady named Mary stopped in to see me:

“Please accept this small gift (two packages of mitts). Please accept this from me to you. For ten days I had eaten at the Inn. I am an old age pensioner with no family and did not have quite enough money to buy groceries to last. If it was not for you I would have gone hungry. You filled a void for me and this gift I know will go to someone when the weather gets cold.”

I told her I remember her and that she shared her story with me. She said I listened and then smiled and replied, “I am glad we are here for you and many others.” I thank her for the gift and sharing her story. It makes us realize more and more each day how crucial the Inn’s service is in our community.



Pot of Soup 2008

Pot of Soup is such a fit for us.

The soup pot is filled with nutrition and goes a long way...

Our Pot of Soup campaign raised over \$35,000.00. Each year we have more people interested in sponsoring a Pot of Soup.



Harvest

Mini Pot Campaign 2008

OUR THANKS TO SOBEYS:

All three locations

once again sold our Mini-Pots for the month of August. This is a great fundraising and they are “True Community Helpers.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Sunday, October 12, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
619 20th Street West

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Thursday, December 25
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
619 20th Street West

18th ANNUAL ART AUCTION

Saturday, March 14, 2009, TCU Place

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Please Give a Gift

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax/Email: _____

Through your yearly cash donations and donations in kind we have served 183,596 meals July 2007 - June 2008.

Amount of Donation: \$100.00 \$200.00
 \$150.00 Other _____

Visa/Mastercard # _____ Expiry Date: _____

Signature: _____

Send your donation to:
Saskatoon Friendship Inn
619 20th Street West, Saskatoon SK S7M 0X8
Phone 242-5122 | Fax 242-1291 | Email friendship.inn@shaw.ca

OR OUR MONTHLY GIVING PROGRAM Automatic Debit – Electronic Monthly

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Monthly Donation: _____ Start Date: _____

Signature: _____

Please enclose a voided personal cheque.

Bequests, Memorial Donations and Planned Giving:

The Saskatoon Friendship Inn would like to thank those who have left bequests to us as well as those who acknowledge us through memorial donations. These donations are put to good use every day to help us with our operating needs.

