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# SASKATOON FRIENDSHIP INN

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## Executive Director's Message

We are fortunate to live in a community that is supportive and compassionate. Over the years the Inn has been able to serve two meals a day to those in need. We have always followed the Mission set in place in 1969.

It has been my pleasure to meet many people throughout the year who support our organization. One of the things we as staff do is talk about the Inn. It is a 365 day of the year task. Whether we are out in the grocery store or at a coffee shop somehow there is always someone that has seen us on T.V. or connected through volunteering. The one thing I believe that we have all done together is make the Saskatoon Friendship Inn a "feel good organization".

This community should be truly proud of what we do at the Inn and with the support we receive throughout the year. It is important to know that as agencies we work together. We communicate with one another offering solutions that make a difference to those who come to our agencies needing a hand up and a sense of belonging.

Each year we see our volunteer base grow; those who can not afford to donate volunteer instead. We have those who sponsor a day in memory of someone special or let us know they want to only do a monthly or annual gift. Many individuals as well as businesses have begun to do this. It certainly is a win win for all. We are able to successfully keep our doors opened and feel very connected with our donors.

*Thank you from all of us at the Inn.*

## Easter Dinner

Sunday March 23, 2008  
 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
 619-20th Street West

### Wish List:

- HAMS • FISH
- INSTANT/DEHYDRATED SCALLOPED POTATOES
- CABBAGE • CARROTS • ONIONS
- COFFEE/TEA
- SUGAR • SALT/PEPPER
- DESSERTS/PIES
- CASH DONATIONS



*Easter Bunnies for the kids.*

*If you can not drop off the items you have to donate call to arrange with us to pick them up – 242-5122*

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## Feel Good Organization

This past year as the economy rises so do many of our costs. Many of our clients share their stories with us. Whether they are on assistance or working at minimum wage, paying high rent becomes an issue and a concern. We find many of our clients live in shared accommodations and many more are called the hidden homeless. These people travel from home to home until they can find a place they can afford.

As a community we all realize the need to work towards developing ways to find compassionate solutions to those living in poverty. At the Inn we offer not only meals to help nourish, but a sense of belonging somewhere in a safe environment. We continue to offer volunteering and information to our clients on job opportunities, schooling, and solutions to addictions.

Thank you to those who help us out 365 days of the year with not only the special meals but every day is important. Please read this as it really makes our name come to life...

## The Meaning of F·R·I·E·N·D·S·H·I·P

**F** is for FUN ... That friends share when they are together.

**R** is for RELIABILITY ... A true friend is someone that you can always rely on.

**I** is for INTEREST ... Someone who is genuinely interested in you, your fears, joys and life.

**E** is for ENERGY ... They pick you up when you are down, and give you the energy to go on and believe in yourself.

**N** is for NOTHING ... Nothing is ever too much, no matter what time it is, night or day.

**D** is for DISTANCE ... Although the miles may separate you, a true friend is never far away.

**S** is for SECRETS ... Your feelings and personal/private thoughts that you can only share with a friend.

**H** is for HAPPINESS ... The way we feel when we are together.

**I** is for INSEPARABLE ... Through good times and bad, tears and laughter. A friend will always be there for you.

**P** is for PERFECT ... The friendship.



Volunteers getting ready for a special dinner.



Volunteers serving lunch.



A room filled with our clients for dinner.

## Christmas 2007 • Fill the Stocking

We served our Annual Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings to just over 400 people. We thank those who donated food and those who came in to serve the meal.

Our Fill the Stocking Campaign raised over \$60,000.00 which we wish for each year.

## Artists Against Hunger Art Auction 2008

We held our Annual Art Auction on Saturday March 8th, 2008 at WTCU Place. Each year the artists and this community support this event. This year's auction was attended by 300 people, with 45 live auction and 40 silent pieces offered for sale. It takes many hours to organize an event such as this and we thank all our volunteers. This year we had a raffle as well as an artist donating 300 pottery bowls to sell with all proceeds to the Inn. Our committee, the artists, our M.C's, and the auctioneer were all amazing and we truly thank them for making this once again a tremendous success.

Thank you to:

Cameco	McQuarrie's Tea/Coffee
Conexus/Century 21	Robertson Stromberg Pederson
CJWW The Bull Magic 98.3	Saskatoon Fastprint Ltd.
CTV Saskatoon	SaskTel
First Nations Bank	SIGA – Dakota Dunes
Grasswood Auctions	StarPhoenix

and to all the artists



Art Raffle pieces 100% donations – We get a table free for two weekends to sell tickets at the Farmers Market.



Pottery bowls donated by an arts for our Art Auction.

## Pot of Soup and The Harvest Mini Pots

June starts our Pot of Soup appeal and our sale of Mini-Pots in some of the retail outlets in Saskatoon. This is such a good fit for the Inn. People will call as they see the Harvest Mini-Pots (1.00 each) around town. Creating awareness continues and is very positive for the Inn.

## Saskatoon Friendship Inn's Pot of Soup Aprons • \$15.00 plus tax

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Friendship Inn



Pot of Soup



## Fundraisers

The Saskatoon Friendship Inn is an organization that you can come and visit, volunteer and see what your donations are used for. Here are some fundraising ideas that have been done for the Inn.

- Bake sales/Craft Sale
- Hot Dog Day/Pizza Day/Soup Day at school
- Carnival-portion of sales
- Food Collections-Schools/Churches/Businesses
- Food Hampers



*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 program needs.*

**CONSIDER A GIFT AND CONTINUE TO  
PUT A SMILE ON THE FACE OF  
THOSE LESS FORTUNATE RIGHT HERE AT HOME.**

**YOUR DONATION DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**



\_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00



\_\_\_\_\_ \$200.00



\_\_\_\_\_ \$300.00



\_\_\_\_\_ \$OTHER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Visa/Mastercard # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send your donation to:  
Saskatoon Friendship Inn, 619-20th Street West, Saskatoon, SK S7M 0X8**

**OR: OUR MONTHLY GIVING PROGRAM**

Automatic Debit—Electronic Monthly (Please enclose a voided personalized cheque.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



**Example of giving: Cash donations, Monthly through our Spring and Fall Newsletters, Annual Giving.** Many businesses, foundations, and organizations have come on board to assist the Inn. Some specify that an annual gift works better for them. We still will send out our Newsletters to inform our donors of what we have been doing or what is coming up. We are fortunate to have a printer that assists us with the cost. The volunteers and some clients at the Inn fold, stuff and help us get the newsletters mailed out. This keeps the costs down and those assisting us feel good about helping to inform everyone about the Inn and how important it is.