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Trellis Society Steps Up Efforts to Combat Homelessness in Calgary

Amid Ongoing Housing Crisis, Event Aims to Raise Funds for Essential Services

CALGARY, Alberta — As the housing crisis continues to cast a shadow over Calgary, Trellis Society for Community Impact is stepping up its efforts to combat youth and family homelessness and raising funds for essential housing services.

“Alberta’s youth homelessness crisis is a matter of grave concern,” says Jeff Dyer, Trellis Society’s Chief Executive Officer.

“Every night, an estimated 270 youth find themselves without a safe and stable place to call home. These young people face incredible challenges, including unsafe environments where they can end up being the victims of crime or child exploitation, and subsequently are at a higher risk for mental health and substance use issues.”

Last year Trellis supported over 2000 individuals to prevent or end their experience of homelessness, which was a 44% increase from the previous year. With alarming statistics highlighting that one in five Calgary households are unable to afford where they currently live, it is expected that more people in our city will turn to agencies like Trellis for help. To make a tangible impact in the lives of homeless youth and families in our city, Trellis is aiming to raise critical funds and address the growing need across our community.

The Trellis Society Soirée raises funds for a broad spectrum of intervention and prevention homelessness services, including Avenue 15, Calgary’s only youth emergency shelter. Located in the inner-city, Avenue 15 offers a lifeline to young people ages 12-17 in crisis, providing them with temporary shelter, counselling, community connections, and a pathway toward stable housing and a flourishing future. Last year, Avenue 15 provided emergency shelter for 120 youth, and in collaboration with other Trellis Housing services, an additional 437 youth were supported out of homelessness.

“Calgary is in a housing crisis and as one of Calgary’s largest nonprofit providers of housing supports for young people and families, Trellis is actively working to be part of the solution,” Dyer says.

“But it takes more than a house to help someone overcome homelessness and escape poverty. This is why Trellis is investing in services that equip people with the necessary skills and supports to never end up homeless again and ensure that their children will not face those same challenges in the future.”

Funds raised during this year’s Soirée will be matched by dedicated families and supporters, generously doubling the impact of each donation. The reception-style event will feature both live and silent auctions, a

WestJet Gift of Flight raffle, and live music including a special performance by Canadian Folk Music Awards Nominees The Hello Darlins.

The Trellis Society Soirée takes place on Saturday, October 28th from 6 pm until late at Hudson (200, 8 Avenue SW, 6th Floor). Tickets are on sale now: <https://www.growwithtrellis.ca/soiree>

For those unable to attend in person but still passionate about supporting the cause, donations can be made [online](#). Every contribution, large or small, plays an essential role in creating change for the better.

"We have the opportunity to make a profound impact on the lives of youth and families who need it most," says Dyer. "We firmly believe that when we unite for a common cause, we can create lasting change across generations."

ABOUT TRELIS SOCIETY

[Trellis Society](#) works with people of all ages and backgrounds, including those caught at the intersection of society's most complex needs. They support individuals and families to overcome barriers and flourish within community. Through dedicated efforts and the support of the community, they serve over 7,000 young people and families affected by homelessness, poverty, mental health barriers, and intergenerational trauma.

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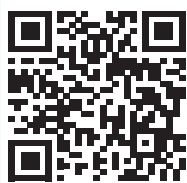
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