

Your gift at work



Dear Closer to Home,

Kids and families grew stronger this summer with Closer to Home! Thanks in part to donors like you, we provided our Summer in the City day camp, youth mental health and wellness programs with Viewpoints, and some families received much-needed urgent help from Seasons of Hope.

Here's a little update about each area.

Summer in the City

Every year we provide a free summer day camp for kids aged 7 to 14, and this year, 150 kids had the opportunity to join **Summer in the City!** After two years of virtual and hybrid camps, we were excited to see all campers in person this year – and we made sure to make this camp memorable.

During camp, kids learn valuable life skills like healthy eating, making friends, reading, writing and effective communication skills. And 86% of the kids reported that they are now using the new skills that they developed during camp!



Viewpoints: Youth Mental Health

Over the past few months, we have been working behind the scenes to expand our program delivery to rural communities. And thanks to the donors who support our youth mental health programs, Viewpoints is now available in Calgary, Airdrie, **Crossfield, Irricana** and **Beiseker!**

"I ended up learning much more than I expected during mentoring. I learned

We look forward to meeting more kids, youth and families in these new communities, forming new relationships and providing programs to support youth mental health.

things that I didn't even think of!"

Providing hope all year with Seasons of Hope

More than hope, Seasons of Hope brings a sense of security to vulnerable families like the Quinns.

The Quinn's son has a physical disability and requires special accommodations at his daycare, adding to the family's monthly costs. These rising costs were no longer manageable, so the mom had to leave her job at the beginning of the pandemic to become the primary caregiver. This depleted their savings, and soon their rent was overdue, and they were at risk of losing their home.



The Quinn family turned to Closer to Home's North Central Family Resource Network for help. Thanks to the donors who support our Seasons of Hope initiative, the Quinn family was able to pay their rent and stay together in their own home. A little support in the urgent moment has prevented a cascade of crises that could have left them homeless or, worse, torn apart.

All of these programs are made possible thanks to community supporters like you! You are making a difference for more and more Calgarians every day—from the kids at camp to the Quinn family and so many others, and we thank you!

Kind regards,

Karen Olivier,
Chief Executive Officer

Stay tuned for more initiatives that we'll be sharing over the coming months:

- Adopt-a-family
- Seasons of Hope

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