



THE DREAM CENTRE

The CDC helps homeless men leave the streets to become productive members of our community. Men who have been helped include doctors, lawyers, police officers, corporate executives, teachers, and students, skilled laborers, unskilled laborers, actors, chefs, and technicians. Most are there because of addictions, but some are there for other reasons.

- The CDC was formally opened in 2004.
- The Dream Centre has taken a key role with other front line organizations as a collaborative and contributing partner in the Calgary Homeless Foundations fight to eliminate homelessness by 2018.

THE BUILDING

- The Dream Centre purchased, gutted, and totally renovated the former Majestic Inn.
- Construction workers found 1,000+ used hypodermic needles. The City Police TAC team raided the hotel several times.
- A former restaurant has been converted to a state-of-the-art commercial kitchen.
- Party rooms are now computer labs, classrooms, a fitness centre, a hair salon, and recreation centre.
- The former strip club and bar has been converted into a 450 seat auditorium fully equipped with audio and theatre lighting. The space is ideal for corporate, church, and community functions like banquets, training, and meetings. It also serves as the CDC chapel.

THE PUZZLE

The homeless population is fluid and statistics change from day to day. The following paints a picture based on a recent survey conducted by the City of Calgary.

- An average of 124 men live at the Dream Centre (transitional housing).
- An average of 2,800 people use homeless shelters every night in Calgary.
- Approximately 78% are male.
- On any given night, 145 families with children will sleep in a homeless shelter
- Approximately 46% are aged 25 to 44 although the current housing crises is pushing senior 65+ onto the streets.
- Approximately 68% are Caucasian, 17% are Aboriginal, 9% are other visible minorities.
- Research associated with the Ten Year Plan found that 50 per cent of homeless individuals have a history of substance abuse.

Homelessness knows no boundaries. It has no face. It does not discriminate.

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