

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

From a governance perspective, Rehoboth Christian Ministries is led by a Board of Directors, whose members are elected to three year terms by the Society. Currently, the board consists of:

Rob Duker	President	Edmonton
Marco van't Klooster	Vice-President	Lacombe
Stephanie Bekkering	Treasurer	Lethbridge
Wendy Benckhuysen	Director	Millet
Betty Giebelhaus	Director	Stony Plain
Ed Kos	Director	County of Barrhead
Richard Visser	Director	Taber

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ESTATE DONATIONS POLICY

All designated (restricted) donated funds will be used for the sole purpose for which it was earmarked for by the donating family as soon as appropriately feasible, unless otherwise stipulated within the will of the deceased and/or original terms of the donation.

All undesignated estate funds are to be placed in an internally restricted reserve for the purpose of funding significant capital projects. In order for funds to be withdrawn, the executive director will create a proposal and relevant business case to be presented to the board. Pending board approval, the funds will be released for the design, necessary permitting, and construction of the project. Under no circumstances are the internally restricted estate donations to be used for general operating costs.

Until such a time that the internally restricted estate funds are used they are to held in a separate interest yielding bond account of limited risk exposure. Under no conditions are funds to be used to invest in stocks, shares, EFT's, or any other financial investment that contains inherent financial risk. All interest accrued will remain within the internally restricted estate fund.

BELIEFS

We believe:

- That Rehoboth is diligent in using the power of prayer
- That Rehoboth serves God through serving its clients
- That the work of Rehoboth is blessed by God
- That Rehoboth is deliberate in applying and nurturing the God-given talents of everyone involved



FLOURISH! NEWSLETTER

SERVING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
HELPING THEM FLOURISH

- Golf registration now open
- Camp volunteers needed
- Dream turns to reality: new cabin



APRIL 2024

VISION

By the grace of God, all persons with disabilities have a meaningful and dignified place in society where they can live, contribute and fellowship with others.

MISSION

Rehoboth conveys God's love to persons with disabilities and their families by making room for them and enabling them to flourish.

VALUES

Rehoboth values are Christ-like, including: Serving; Compassion; Dignity; Inclusivity; Integrity; Commitment

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FROM THE REHOBOTH BOARD



BOARD PRESIDENT MESSAGE

As you are probably aware, one of the primary stakeholders of Rehoboth Christian Ministries (RCM) is the Ministry of Seniors, Community and Social Services of the Government of Alberta. This ministry provides the client placement and primary funding programs allowing RCM to provide the human resources to support the day to day needs of our client community.

Organizations like RCM are certified by the ministry based on the integrity of the organization and consistency of quality services they provide. With great appreciation to our frontline service staff, the management and supervisory teams, and RCM's Provincial Executive, I'm thrilled to acknowledge that for the third consecutive three-year term RCM

has achieved the highest level of certification provided by the ministry, an award that is shared by only the top 10% of our peer service organizations within the province. This is an achievement for which RCM as an organization and we as a supporting community should be very proud. Congratulations all around!

Now for the big "however." As a Christian ministry we must also recognize that the government is not necessarily testing our faithfulness to some of our most fundamental values. That is something we need to test for ourselves. At our recent strategic review session, the RCM Board of Directors and Provincial Executive reviewed the core Christian values that drive us as a faith-based service organization.

We found both need and opportunity to refocus and reapply our personal commitment to how Christian values are demonstrated in RCM person to person and day to day. Matters as simple as the language we use, or the tone of our speech, can have a profound impact on our clients, client families, and coworkers. Ron and his team are taking the important content of those discussions into a plan to refresh these principles throughout RCM.

While giving thanks for how richly we are blessed as the RCM community, we also find opportunities for Christian encouragement, doing all things for God's glory.

For the Rehoboth Board of Directors,
Rob Duker

THE BLESSINGS OF FRIENDS

As Rehoboth goes about its daily business, we do so in prayer and with faith that God will continue to bless our work.

Last October, Rehoboth Christian Ministries took an extra leap of faith by transforming our membership drive into the Friends of Rehoboth Campaign. The Rehoboth Board's insight was, and is, that friendship involves a shared responsibility of the shared Christian community for those within their community that require their support.

And so we asked Christians across the province to be a Friend of Rehoboth through prayer, donations, and goodwill. As we took this leap of faith, so many Friends leapt with us through countless prayers and more than \$273,000 in donations — exceeding our ambitious goal of \$250,000!

All this support makes numerous projects and initiatives possible, including adding a new large cabin at our Gull Lake Camp. Construction should be complete in time for the 2024 camping season, and we thank the Lord for the construction crews — Friends, all of them — who have been so generous with their time and material.

Friends of Rehoboth also make it possible for Rehoboth to continue to grow; to meet the increasing needs of people needing support. We are currently looking to expand our services in Grande Prairie where the need is great.

Our God is good, and we are thankful His Spirit is alive and well in the Friends of Rehoboth!

Ron Bos
Executive Director



DID YOU KNOW?

Rehoboth's Board of Directors is always recruiting; if you or someone you know is interested, please contact president@rcmflourish.ca

Interested in a career with Rehoboth?
The experience is beyond rewarding!
Visit rcmflourish.ca/careers



REHOBOTH EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 11	Mother's Day BBQ & Spring Sale Rehoboth Coaldale Garden Centre
May 25	South Golf Classic Paradise Canyon, Lethbridge
June 1	Farmer's Day Parade BBQ Stony Plain Administrative Building
June 1	Provincial Golf Classic The Ranch Golf & Country Club, Edmonton
June 1	Community BBQ Three Hills Administration Building **tentative
June 2 (Tentative)	Joyful Noise Open House Rehoboth Provincial Administrative Building Acheson
June 7	Hoedown Pioneer Valley Barn, Spruce Grove
June 14	Shred-It Christian Credit Union, Edmonton & Lethbridge
June 14	Community BBQ Rehoboth Coaldale Administrative Building & Garden Centre
July 27	Car Show & Shine Stony Plain Administrative Building

AGM INVITE - JUNE 29

The Rehoboth Board of Directors invites members to the Annual General Meeting, to be held via Zoom. The AGM is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 29, 2024.

Documents including Audited Financial Statements, the 2024-25 Rehoboth Budget, and minutes of the 2023 AGM will be provided at the meeting. Members can also request them by emailing flourish@rcmflourish.ca or calling 780-963-4044.

AGM AGENDA

Welcome and opening	Rob Duker, President
Establish quorum	Rob Duker, President
Approval of minutes of the June 17, 2023 AGM	Marco Van't Klooster, Vice-president
Approval of 2023-24 Audited Financial Statements	Stephanie Bekkering, Treasurer
Approval of 2024-25 Operational Budget	Stephanie Bekkering, Treasurer
Motion to appoint auditor for 2024-25	Stephanie Bekkering, Treasurer
Highlights of 2023-24	Ron Bos, Executive Director
Recognition of retiring board member	Rob Duker, President
Election/acclamation of new board member(s)	Rob Duker, President
Question period	Wendy Benckhuysen, Director
Closing and adjournment	Rob Duker, President



Do you have an example of individuals
Flourishing within Rehoboth?
Submit your stories to
flourish@rcmflourish.ca



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



THE HOEDOWN IS BACK! SAVE THE DATE JUNE 7, 2024

After a pandemic break, Rehoboth was excited to host the 18th Hoedown, with the support of the Leder Family. Things looked a little different with the event being held in September but people donned their boots and hats in support of a good time!

Although the Leder Family recently handed over the reins of this event to Rehoboth, they continue to go above and beyond in support of adults with disabilities, matching donations at the 2023 Hoedown. With that, more than \$20,000 was raised to purchase some equipment for the Stony Plain Vocational Program as well as some greenhouse maintenance in the south.

Save the date for the 2024 Hoedown, back to its June roots: June 7, 2024.



2023 Hoedown Event

\$20,000+

was raised and donated to Rehoboth.

PARK cartwright

LIGHTING & FURNITURE

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GENEROSITY SEEN AT CHARITY DAY

Rehoboth was once again blessed with an outpouring of support and generosity for the 2024 Charity Day. Cartwright Lighting & Furniture in Calgary, in partnership with their sister store in Edmonton, Park Lighting & Furniture, hosts four Charity Days over the year in support of various charities. On February 11, 2024, all sales from Cartwright were donated to Rehoboth; this was more than \$30,000 for programming in our Calgary Region. Past years have gifted Rehoboth sensory rooms, interactive IT equipment for vocational programs (smart TVs), technology to connect our individuals with families during the pandemic (iPads, laptops, etc.), programs and equipment specifically for non-verbal individuals, paving accessible pathways on Rehoboth property, assisting in the start-up of a new social enterprise, AC units and so much more. This year, funds are in support of a Music Therapy Program and our clients cannot wait to get started!



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

\$30,000+

in sales were donated to Rehoboth.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

GOLF TOURNAMENTS



A GOLFER'S DIET INVOLVES LIVING ON THE GREENS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE

COALDALE 29TH GOLF CLASSIC

Saturday, May 25
1:30 p.m. Shotgun

Paradise Canyon
Golf Resort

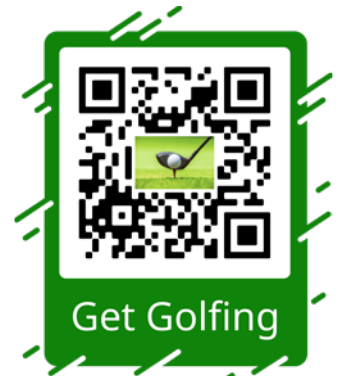
Registration Deadline
May 10

PROVINCIAL 32ND GOLF CLASSIC

Saturday, June 1
2:15 p.m. Shotgun

The Ranch
Golf & Country Club

Registration Deadline
May 17



****Tournaments are a Texas Scramble with dinner to follow****
All funds raised will be utilized for programming and/or infrastructure.

Variety of sponsorship options available.
Register online at rcmflourish.ca or by contacting the respective Rehoboth office.

HAVE A GOOD ROUND - MAY THE FOURS BE WITH YOU

MAKING ●●●

CALGARY CHURCH WEEKLY EVENT FOR SPIRITUAL UPLIFTING

Centre Street Church (CSC), a rapidly growing church in Calgary, is one of a handful of churches with a Special Needs Ministry. Participants learn about Jesus and how much He loves us. We build community across agencies, family-managed supports, and church members. Rehoboth clients also volunteer with the church, cleaning children's toys in preparation for the church's services on Sundays. Greg has been attending the CSC Community Connections program for a few months now and enjoys the special community, often sharing during Bible study. The program starts with sharing how everyone's week

was and sometimes what weekend plans were had. The program then continues with prayer, worship, Bible study, and prayer requests. After lunch is craft time, and occasionally, board games. One craft everyone especially loved was writing thank you cards for the CSC volunteers; we've been told volunteers' favourite cards to receive come from the special needs program.

Building community within community is no easy task but with partnerships like Centre Street Church, we're getting that much closer.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS DONUTS

Tim Hortons held a fundraiser from February 2-4, 2024 to sell a special donut in support of Special Olympics Canada. With support staff from Calgary's community access program, 14 clients boarded a bus to support their fellow athletes in the tastiest way possible!

It also happened to be Julie's birthday! Once all other passengers had disembarked our group, along with the bus driver, sang Happy Birthday all the way to Tim Hortons.

Tim Hortons raised a record-breaking amount this year – more than \$880,000 in support of the Olympic games! This year's event was hosted in Calgary from February 27 to March 3, 2024.



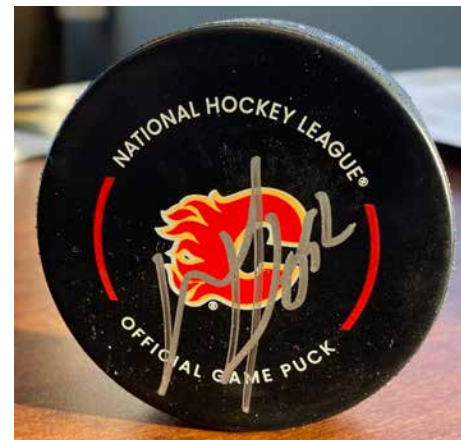
DID YOU KNOW?

Wade, supported in our Calgary Region, is a Special Olympics medalist! Gold in hockey and silver in snowshoeing!

GAME ON!

Living in Alberta, there are many activities we all love and enjoy. If you ask clients here in the Central Region what they look forward to – especially when fall/winter arrives – they'll all give you the same response, "Calgary Flames Hockey Practice".

From the first puck-drop during the pre-season, until they get that date of practice marked on their calendars, clients are eagerly awaiting the news for a chance to see the Flames hit the ice! The clients, accompanied by their support staff, were once again blessed this year with an invitation to the Calgary Flames Practice Meet and Greet. This has become a yearly tradition for our Flames loving clients. We are extremely grateful to the Calgary Flames organization for their continued partnership and dedication to building community.



••• CONNECTIONS •••

**“TELL ME AND I’LL FORGET;
SHOW ME AND I MAY REMEMBER;
INVOLVE ME AND I’LL UNDERSTAND.”**

CHINESE PROVERB

Through self advocacy, Barb made it known that her goal was to own a cell phone. Tara, Barb's support staff at the time, knew Barb very well, so they made a deal that if she was going to invest her money in an electronic device that she would also take a class to learn how to use it to further her independence. They brainstormed about how she can use her phone to listen to all her favourite songs, take pictures to look at when she is missing people or places, call her friends to go thrift store shopping and out for coffee. This device would also mean she could FaceTime with her sister in Nova Scotia. Barb seemed to get quite excited about all the things she could learn just by taking a class in the community.

Barb registered for the beginner Smartphone class for seniors, through TriCALA (Adult Learning and Literacy Association). This class provided education on how to use talk to text, the camera, and the notes app. Barb expressed how nervous she was before going to her first class and almost cancelled. Tara encouraged and reassured her that everybody gets nervous before trying something new and that if she decided after the first class it wasn't for her, then she wouldn't need to return. Upon arriving at the first class, Barb was elated to see a welcoming instructor and five other senior ladies also there to learn about their Smartphones, whom she instantly connected with. These new friends not only supported Barb through each step but one classmate even took Barb aside to praise her for the bravery of learning a new skill! This classmate made a point to create a safe space for Barb within the class but also within their community. Not only is Barb learning new skills but she is loving her new friends.

TriCALA's vision is to empower adults in the tri-region to realise their full potential through lifelong learning. They envision a society where individuals of all backgrounds have access to educational opportunities that enable personal growth. Barb is now using talk to text on her cell phone to communicate with many of her friends. She has been Face-timing people and even started taking some pictures. I wonder what class Barb will tackle next?



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... TO CLIENTS



COMMUNITY CONNECTION

We are blessed to have the support from our community, but did you know Rehoboth also gives back to the community?

We have been volunteering for Alberta Health Services, at the Coaldale Health Centre, for about five years now. Every day, different volunteer groups deliver water and visit with the residents at the Health Centre. This volunteer work

means a great deal to the residents because it allows them to visit with others and participate in different activities. Twice a month, Rehoboth Volunteers also run Bingo events for the residents, which naturally include fun prizes!

This year, Rehoboth volunteers took the call to help decorate at the Health Centre for Christmas. They helped put

up a Christmas tree and sang Christmas songs to the residents to spread Christmas cheer. Our Rehoboth Choir even went into the Health Centre to sing Christmas carols for the residents to spread even more Christmas cheer. The Rehoboth volunteers that volunteer at the Coaldale Health Centre enjoy this work and feel fulfilled to give back.

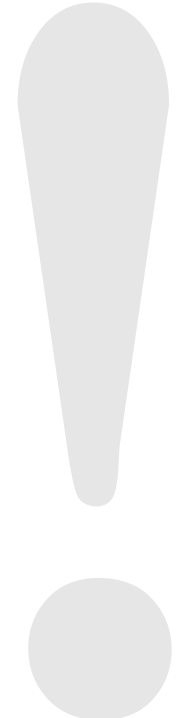




Interested in volunteering with projects at camp?
Email Kevin at camp@rcmflourish.ca



CAMP MINISTRY



CAMPER DATES

R & R	June 24-28
Adult 1	June 30 - July 5
Adult 2	July 7 - 12
Independent	July 14-19
Youth	July 21-26

Volunteers arrive the day before campers for orientation and team building.



CAMP FLOURISH!

Greetings from Camp; we are so excited about the upcoming Camp season!

Camp is all about the relationships that are built, not only during the week, but for years after. The primary relationship we desire for everyone at Camp is their relationship with Jesus, whether in chapel, during prayer times, or when things are quiet during rest time. Then we focus on the relationships between campers and counsellors (buddies), which can be lifelong and life-changing. After that, the relationships we develop in our Camp community each week with everyone involved creates a community that cannot be found anywhere else.

This summer, we want to invite you to be a part of this community. We can use whatever talents and abilities you have to offer.

Learn more about Camp and be part of the fun and fellowship at rcmflourish.ca/camp.



DID YOU KNOW?

The new cabin will be ready ahead of schedule and under budget thanks to countless volunteers and donors!

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Find out more about the Joyful Noise Choir at rcmfLOURISH.ca/joyful-noise-choir



JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR



SINGING ACROSS THE GENERATIONS

As each year goes by, it never seems like the Joyful Noise Choir gets any older. The older children leave at Grade 8 and the younger children come in. In the end, the choir looks the same. This year, the Joyful Noise Choir celebrated 45 years of service with Rehoboth and

ministry in churches across Alberta. A generation in time is defined as 20-25 years. That means the children who joined in 1979 may now have families with children old enough to be in the choir – a second generation. At the anniversary concert, we invited parents

who were in Joyful Noise as children to sing with their own children currently in the choir. The nine parents participating had eighteen children in choir representing one third of the singers. The song we picked for them to sing was, “Glory (Let There Be Peace).”



RAISING FUNDS FOR CAMP

45th Anniversary Concert of the Joyful Noise Choir

This season the choir raised more than \$2,300 for mattresses in the new Family Cabin. Members of the choir host the Rehoboth table at each event during the year to receive donations, provide information on Rehoboth Camp, and distribute recordings and calendars to interested families.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Joyful Noise Choir tours in the fall as ambassadors of Rehoboth, spreading awareness and building community. This fall, they will be in southern Alberta.