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BOARD CHAIRMAN UPDATE



THANKFULNESS

Summer has come and gone, and that also means our Rehoboth Camp has wrapped up again for another year. This year I went to visit Camp on Talent Night during Kids week. I took along my two daughters Jenna (11) and Kendra (9); one of the campers is in Jenna's class at school, so it was very special for both of them to be part of Talent Night. I shared my experience with the Board upon my return; here is a small excerpt:

"There were tears in my eyes during Talent Night – tears of joy at the smiles on everybody's faces in the chapel that night, particularly the campers. It really emphasized for me just how important a role Rehoboth has in the lives of these campers, and their families, and how Camp is an awesome witness of the love our God has for us, and each of his children. I encourage each of you as Board members to try to get to Camp at least once in your tenure on the Board as we serve Rehoboth (if you haven't already done so). It will open your eyes and your heart to the amazing work occurring, all blessed by God.

When Justin and April (Camp Directors) asked my daughters if they would like to be counselors one day – Jenna was an instantaneous enthusiastic "yes", while Kendra was a thoughtful, heartfelt "I think so"...it is my prayer that this small window into the work of Rehoboth will kindle in them a love and appreciation for God's special children and open their eyes to how important this work is."

We can also look back with fondness on the 40th anniversary celebration that was held in May. It was a wonderful evening of celebration, which included pictures from years past, words from our previous Executive Director Wally Mulder, client recognition, and a concert that included Brian Doerksen, Debbie Fortnum, and the always wonderful Joyful Noise Choir. Looking back, we have so much to be grateful for, and it was an opportunity to really reflect on God's grace and providence.

We also recently have had some turnover on the Board of Directors. Jim Braaksma has completed six years on the Board, and Mike Wevers has completed four years. To both of you, we express sincere thankfulness for your work, both publically and behind the scenes. Jim's vast experience with Rehoboth, and Mike's fiscal and leadership strengths, were very appreciated and valued, and we thank God that we as Board could serve with the two of you. If you see Mike and Jim in your travels, please thank them for their contributions. In their place, we welcome Sheldon Kok and Wendy Abma who have graciously agreed to serve!

As Board, we also have much work to do in the upcoming months. Tasks on our agenda include:

- Approving a Statement of Faith for Rehoboth Christian Ministries employees.
- Advocating for our clients to bring public transit to the Stony Plain, Spruce Grove, and Parkland County area.
- Reviewing bylaws to update our meeting quorum requirements to address declining attendance at the Annual General Meeting
- Planning a Board/Leadership Team retreat to strategize around topics of public relations, membership, program reviews, etc.

Finally, we can also give thanks to God that the NDP government has sustained the funding to Rehoboth. Please thank your MLA via email or if you are meeting with them, and encourage them to continue to keep this important funding in place. The majority of our \$27 million dollar budget comes from government funding; however, without the significant donations of our membership, Rehoboth would not be the organization it is, or provide the exemplary services to the adults with disabilities we serve. So "THANK-YOU" for ALL of your contributions!

Serving on the Board is exciting work, and such a rich opportunity to grow and learn together. We as Board serve with much gratitude, with utmost thankfulness, and in constant prayer.

In Christ, and on behalf of the Board,

Brian de Haan

President@rehoboth.ab.ca

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

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.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

I hope you'll invest some time in reading this edition of the *Flourish!* newsletter because it gives you a vibrant splash of our ministry to serve people with developmental disabilities. It's a showcase of some of our work, our passion, even our fun and games.

Read about the activities and life learnings at the Lethbridge Retirement and Community Access Program. Since moving to a new building in January 2015, the program has been able to grow and many new individuals have been able to flourish. We thank southern Alberta's generous donors and supporters who help make this possible.

Learn how the individuals we support in Grande Prairie are living full lives with paid employment positions or volunteerism. As the articles states, these responsibilities enable them to "give back to the community in which they live; increase their self-esteem; give them something meaningful to do through the day; and help them to be a better person!"

In Stony Plain, you can read about two fantastic events the region hosted: RehubOlympics and the Special RehubOlympics. Our clients were "all in" during these games, and joy, excitement and focus were evident on every face.

From Calgary comes a touching and heartwarming story of the care and attention shown by two of our Calgary Region staff. God watches over the people we serve and blesses the work of our staff. Praise be to Him!

You can read about some ambitious and exciting businesses operated by clients in Three Hills: Brian's Bow Wow Services; and Clean by the Loewen Brothers. There are also highlights from Rehoboth Three Hills' 20th anniversary celebrations that took place in July.

In addition, Board President Brian de Haan shares his experiences attending Talent Night at Camp; there's news about Rehoboth Camp and new board members; a schedule of upcoming performances by the Joyful Noise Choir; a reminder that October is Rehoboth Membership Month; and even a fun word-search puzzle.

Enjoy the read, and please continue to pray for the people we serve and for the Rehoboth staff that support them.

God bless.

Ron Bos
Executive Director

REHOBOTH GULL LAKE CAMP UPDATE

GREETINGS FROM REHOBOTH GULL LAKE CAMP!

This has been a great camp year with many campers and volunteers returning to an awesome new dining hall and kitchen facility! My name is Kevin DeBree and I am looking forward to starting my new position as Camp Program Manager this fall. I will be taking over the maintenance, rental management, and camp coordinator responsibilities beginning October 1, 2016.

Having volunteered for 24 years and more than 30 Rehoboth Camp weeks, it is a privilege to be able to lead Camp into the future and use it to its potential in giving people of all ages and abilities an opportunity to experience fun and fellowship! It's a homecoming for our family as we were the caretakers about 10 years back, and always had it in the back of our minds to return to camp once again.

I am thankful to the Board for giving me the opportunity over the next year to lay a good foundation for the future of camp, dream and plan its future, and to promote Camp and the facility, especially to Central Alberta.

Kevin DeBree



RETIREMENT HAS COME!

Rehoboth Christian Ministries would like to thank Hidde and Jackie Born for their many years of service as caretakers of Rehoboth Gull Lake Camp as they retire to greener pastures. We truly hope that their retirement brings them joyous times and peace in the Lord.

"May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you; may the Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26

FALL MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

A REHOBOTH MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38

The Lord God has blessed us all with life, with love, compassion and fruitfulness. Each and every one of us has been blessed in one or more ways – good jobs, children, marriage, homes, gardens, and simply waking up each morning to see a new day dawning. But we never know what is going to happen through the day, the week, the month or year. We carry on under the grace and blessings of God. October is Membership Month and with your blessing of \$10, a small investment can be a powerful tool in the ministry to support adults with developmental disabilities. Why not take your \$10 and invest it in a Rehoboth Christian Ministries Membership?

It enables Rehoboth to:

- Help support individuals with disabilities and their families through effective, Christian-based programs and services.
- Advocate for and support the needs, rights and abilities of people who live with disabilities.
- Strengthen our profile and performance as a major Christian service provider in Alberta.

And as a member, you receive:

- Voting privileges for items presented at the Annual General Meeting or at Special Meetings.
- Updates by various avenues describing Rehoboth's work and the flourishing of the individuals we support.

Please consider becoming a new member, or renewing your annual membership.

The apostle James writes about true religion manifesting itself in how we care for those among us who are less fortunate or need greater assistance. Deuteronomy 24:17-22 speaks of God's desire for his people to show justice and generosity toward them, so that giver and receiver may both be blessed.

Thank you for considering a Rehoboth Christian Ministries Membership. To make room for those with disabilities, to help them *flourish*!

Ron Bos

Executive Director

OCTOBER IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH

Rehoboth Christian Ministries is completing membership drives in all of our supporting churches during the month of October. Keep an eye on your church bulletins for information about the campaign in your local church. Please give serious consideration to support the work of Rehoboth in its mandate not only to "make room" for our developmentally disabled friends but to also give them an opportunity to "flourish" in their respective lives and occupations!

Our membership goal this year is 4,000 members

in our 41st year of service! We also hope to raise 125,000 dollars in donation revenue that can be used to directly enhance the lives of the individuals we are privileged to serve.

If you cannot participate in a local membership campaign you can donate online at:

<https://www.rehoboth.ab.ca/donate/> or mail your cheque directly to our Administration office:

Rehoboth Christian Ministries

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attn: Membership

NEW REHOBOTH BOARD MEMBERS



Sheldon Kok of St. Albert has been married for almost 25 years to his lovely wife Sharon and the Lord has blessed them with four beautiful children ranging from age of 11 through 20. They are active in their church, Providence Canadian Reformed, and also their home school support group. They enjoy camping and hiking, especially in British Columbia. Sheldon works in the commercial flooring industry as a consultant and has been in the flooring industry for over 28 years. He is currently enjoying the opportunity to serve on the Rehoboth Board and considers it to be a new challenge and direction for him and they feel that God is calling him to this task.



Wendy Abma of Calgary is married to Richard Abma and have five grown children. They are long-time supporters of Rehoboth Christian Ministries and are also the proud guardians of a resident of one of the Rehoboth group homes. Wendy is a graduate of Calvin College in Michigan, with a major in religion/theology and a minor in psychology. She has held a variety of positions over the years, most recently as an educational assistant at Calgary Christian School and during the 2014/2015 school year in Abu Dhabi, U.A.E. Presently she is working part time as a behavioural aide. They are part of the church community of River Park Church. She enjoys hiking, reading, finding treasures in thrift stores and volunteering at the Calgary Public Library at their English conversation for newcomers' club. Recently she was involved in providing feedback regarding safety standards for our group homes as proposed by the Government of Alberta. She would be happy to help ensure that all those involved with Rehoboth Christian Ministries are well served.

STONY PLAIN REGION

"GOING FOR GOLD"

Success can be measured in many ways! In the Stony Plain region, we are celebrating success as a team. God loves to see Christians working together as a team, and in our region we have achieved that, but we also make opportunities to play together. Recently, we hosted the 1st Special RehubOlympics modeled after the RehubOlympics which was held for the staff the previous year.

The RehubOlympics, a mini Olympic-style tournament, featured teams named from Rehoboth's history. Fun and entertaining games, not requiring any particular skill, were created as a fun way to get the region together to enjoy each other, connect with friends and coworkers, and make Rehoboth an even more fantastic organization.

Due to overwhelming response of our clients, the "Special" RehubOlympics were created to include them in the fun. Events included toilet paper dancing, post-it note fencing and nylon head bowling to name a few. The events were designed so that anyone could contribute, and contribute they did. Some were amazing athletes while others were just funny! But they had the same goal. If a team member did not participate in an event, they were on the sidelines cheering on their team. They were waving flags and proudly wearing their team's colours. God has blessed us all differently. Some people are runners, some are good at balance, others are able to throw or dance. This event needed the singers, the clappers, people to stay calm in a wheelchair and it needed all of us to make it great.

But what was truly amazing is, despite the different countries (teams) we were sorted into, the Rehoboth Christian Ministries Team as a whole came out the real winners. Both in the RehubOlympics and Special RehubOlympics, people were willing to jump onto another team to help each other. Everybody encouraged everyone. We all have abilities. They are just different. But our main goal is for God and to live according to His Will. We can and do help our teammates when they need to be lifted up, and this brings success for the whole. It is amazing to see God's work within Rehoboth, through the clients and staff alike. God is always working and his kingdom continues to grow. We must use the gifts God gave us to benefit each other, and we must always remember love. Love drives unity.

Janice Gerbrandt
Regional Director





JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR

For many years, the Joyful Noise Choir has been a vibrant partner of Rehoboth Christian Ministries. In communities all across Alberta, these young singers participate in church worship services and help raise awareness of Rehoboth and the people we serve.

We welcome your interest and support of the Joyful Noise Choir and Rehoboth Christian Ministries at any of the following locations and dates:

September 11, 2016	10:00 AM	Service Participation with Soul Patrol Choir	Woodynook CRC
September 25, 2016	10:30 AM	Service Participation	The River CRC
October 16, 2016	10:30 AM	Service Participation	St. Albert CRC
November 6, 2016	10:30 AM	Service Participation	Sonrise CRC
November 20, 2016	10:00 AM	Service Participation with Soul Patrol Choir	West End CRC
December 11, 2016	10:00 AM	Service Participation	Concordia Lutheran
January 15, 2017	10:00 AM	Service Participation	Trinity CRC

For more information, please visit us at www.joyfulnoisechoir.ca.

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGION

WORKING TO HAVE INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN THEIR COMMUNITY!

The individuals in Grande Prairie have been working to stay connected to their community in a variety of ways, some of which include working in competitive jobs through local business, as well as volunteering with other local groups and organizations. There is no better way to build the self-esteem of an individual than to support them in meaningful work. The supports within the region are doing just that! More than half of the individuals supported have paid competitive employment or volunteer positions which allow them to give back to the community in which they live; increases their self-esteem; gives them something meaningful to do through the day; and helps them to be a better person!

Jonathon, recently obtained a paid position with Rehoboth. He is a Regional Support Worker responsible to the organization and distribution of our medical, emergency and safety supplies for all of our programs. This position allows Jonathon the opportunity to grow his work skills to eventually be able to attain other positions

within the community, giving the support to the region for the under supported area.



Andrea delivering flyers.

Other individuals have also had success in engaging in their community through employment or volunteerism:

Andrea has been delivering flyers for the Grande Prairie Herald Tribune for about five years.

Louise volunteers at St Clément's School where she has been doing shredding since 2005. She is a regular attendee of Fifty-Five Plus Club at West Point Community Church. She, along with Megan, completes shredding at the Rehoboth office. Megan also volunteers at Salvation Army twice per week.

Lisa picks up refundable recycling from Muskoseepi Park and then sorts the items into the bins at the pavilion. She has been doing this for more than 11 years, and she also has a job delivering newspapers and flyers from the Herald Tribune



Louise at St. Clément's School

which she has held for the past four years. She also volunteers at People's Church Daycare washing toys.

Linda delivers flyers which she really seems to enjoy as she always does it with such enthusiasm. Linda also volunteers at Goodwill every Monday and Salvation Army every Tuesday.

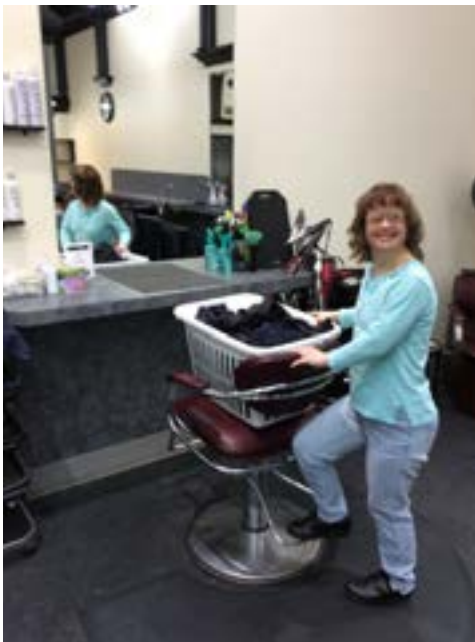
Sonny has been volunteering at People's Church for about 11 years. Every Monday he sets up chairs and tables for church activities. He also works once per week at Peace Wapiti collecting bottles and bringing them to the bottle depot.

Eric started volunteering twice a week at People's Church in 2015, and enjoys doing this with his friend! Eric also has a paid job at Boston Pizza with another friend once per week.

Linda G. enjoys her new paid job at Rehoboth every Friday afternoon. She is responsible for Janitorial services and takes pride in the great job that she does. Linda also volunteers at the Friendship Centre.



Sonny at People's Church



Rena at Avalon Hair

Sarah has two paid jobs: babysitting at Reach Day Care every Wednesday and delivering Coffee News every Thursday with Goodwill. Sarah has also been volunteering at People's Church Kids Sunday School for more than 10 years.

Rena volunteers each Monday morning at Goodwill. She also works at Avalon Hair and has held this position for over six years. She works Wednesday and Friday mornings and does a variety of tasks. She folds the towels and sorts the perm curlers. Sorting the curlers is her favorite job. Rena attends this placement independently with the worker providing her transportation and being on call if something comes up.

Lastly, Angela has been working at the Goodwill Store since 1999 and she does this independently. We are so very proud of the individuals that we support and wish the blessings of God on them and all that they do.

THREE HILLS REGION

REHOBOTH THREE HILLS CELEBRATES 20 YEARS



Elizabeth Thompson

On April 1, 1996 Rehoboth-Three Hills opened its doors with eight clients. Now 20 years later several staff has been with Rehoboth since the beginning. On July 15, 2016 Three Hills' Staff Appreciation BBQ honoured several staff for their 20 years with Rehoboth. Pictured are Dorothy Hunt, Valina Pope (daughter of Elizabeth Thompson), Debbie Dietz and Gaylene Archibald. Valina accepted our appreciation of her mother's 20 years of dedicated work. After Elizabeth became ill, she was determined to continue working with clients for as long as she could. Elizabeth worked until the day of her 20 year milestone. Several staff shared their memories of Elizabeth at the Staff Appreciation BBQ and Valina also shared her memories of her mother's love for people at Rehoboth. Elizabeth is pictured enjoying her last beach walk/sunrise in Mexico in January 2016.



Dorothy Hunt, Valina Pope (daughter of Elizabeth Thompson), Debbie Dietz and Gaylene Archibald

At the Appreciation BBQ Dorothy shared, "The 20 years of serving with Rehoboth are full of memories. There are the very special memories of picnics outside, packing a meal and taking it to Majak Park or the campground, of clients inviting guests into their home on Sunday afternoons as they reached out and got to know their neighbours, of enjoying a good belly laugh with various individuals. There are memories of fellowship nights, Disneyland, William Watson, of the clients playing handbells and participating in community activities such as volunteering when the Senior Games came to Three

Hills. One of the greatest blessings has been seeing growth in individuals, whether that is clients or staff. What a blessing to witness the change in individuals after they accepted the Lord or to see staff really grow once they understand what is to support rather than care for an individual. For more than 20 years I have worked all the shifts in the residential program and even had a stint of doing short shifts in the vocational program. I maintain that what I learned working with the individuals helped me in working with my own children as they moved from childhood into adulthood."

Gaylene also summarized the blessings she has experienced at Rehoboth:

1. Passing our first accreditation; not because we met the standards but also because of the joyous time the surveyors had being invited to Kneehill House for a lively and energetic dinner with the five clients who hosted them.

2. Being welcomed by the Town of Three Hills as they offered us many opportunities in the early years of Rehoboth.
3. The gradual but growing inclusion of our clients by the community of Three Hills — our churches, our neighbors, our businesses, and now the many friends we have made over the years.
4. God's blessing as Rehoboth has progressed under His provision from one home and humble vocational quarters to multiple homes, a business at New to You, and a beautiful administration and activity building.
5. God's provision of competent and caring staff who have served at Rehoboth for short or long terms over the 20 years.
6. Ultimately, God's leading and guiding of individuals to our programs here in Rehoboth Three Hills. Some have moved on to other locations, some have moved on to heaven, some are presently in our program but all have thrived in different areas of their lives. Three Hills has in multiple ways, "made room for us" and we have "flourished".

RULES OF REHOBOTH THREE HILLS *by Gaylene Archibald*

Laugh Often; Love Much; Forgive Freely; Be Content in what God Provides;
 Appreciate the Little Things; Anticipate with Excitement what lies ahead;
 Show and Enjoy Friendship; Be Kind and Unselfish; and thank God in all things.

BRIAN'S BOW WOW SERVICES *by Tara Davison*

At one-time, dog walking was an employment preparation option through Three Hills Vocational Centre. It was maintained by the vocational centre and the dog walker received all the earnings. In 2010, Brian's roommate moved to Rehoboth Coaldale and a dog walker vacancy opened up. He expressed his interest in taking



over dog walking and as the emphasis on finding employment and volunteerism increased, Rehoboth Three Hills began to focus more on Brian taking over all aspects of running a dog walking business. He and staff ride their bicycles to his first client's house. From there he walks approximately two km a day for each dog he has. Brian offers dog walking services four days a week, all year round. Staff support

Brian to consider all aspects of managing his business so he can make informed decisions. He determined the number of dogs he wants to walk, negotiated an increase in payment for his dog walking services, began doing his own invoicing for that payment, and collects payment from his clients monthly. Brian is supported to find his own replacement when he is out of town, thus giving his co-workers an opportunity to learn about his business. Brian ensures that his replacement dog walkers are paid for the work that they do. In the last year Brian has begun to promote his business around Three Hills by telling people about it in social conversation. He recently began to look for new ways to advertise because he would like to have at least one more client by this fall. With staff support, Brian has chosen for himself a business name, designed business cards and business hats (a toque and a ball cap). Along with his search for another dog to add to his business he wants to turn his attention to learning more about budgeting his earnings and business expenses.



Brian Birkiem walking Rocky

CLEAN BY THE LOEWEN BROTHERS *by Myron Loewen*



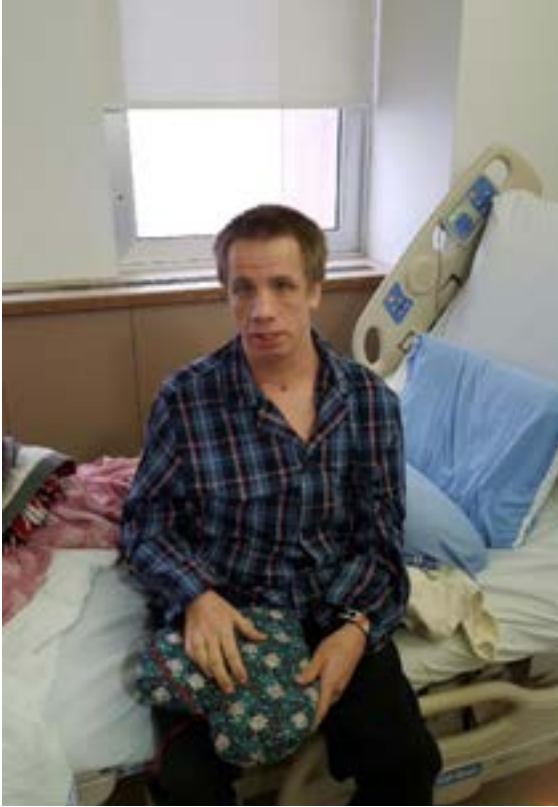
This is our business, run by myself and my brother Kevin. We started this business in 2014 at our vocational program in Three Hills. But our true beginnings were really in a home-based business, working with our dad cleaning people's windows in Grimshaw, Alberta. We already had some skills and equipment. I chose to do a small business preparation [course] at KALS (Kneehill Adult Learning Society). I learned about planning for

expenses, billing and paper work for the tasks I completed. I also got help with making business cards which we both carry in our wallets to hand out. Doing a few volunteer jobs at Rehoboth for practice helped us come up with a good list of needed supplies and quality checks to be sure a good job is done. This worked out well and now we do windows for ten places of business on Main Street, Three Hills. Now we have work hats we designed and had made at Woody's Upholstery. He is one of our customers and I did the handwriting part of the design myself. People often comment on them and even more people are asking to have their windows cleaned.



Myron (left) and Kevin Loewen

JAY'S INCREDIBLE JOURNEY *by Susan Gallant*



Jay Montour has been a long-time client residing in Calgary's Capitol Hill Home. Jay sees his family quite often and so they were quite used to seeing him as he looked. Two remarkable staff at his home mentioned to Jay's mother, Cheryll, that they noticed whenever Jay exerted himself, his lips turned blue. They asked if Cheryll had ever noticed this. Cheryll said she had not and immediately asked family members the same thing. All had not noticed because they were so used to seeing Jay like that, it had not triggered any warning bells. June B. and Jay Ar G., the two staff at Capitol Hill, were very adamant that his lips turned blue at different times. Cheryll called the doctor and he sent Jay for a heart test. As soon as the results were read, Jay was immediately sent to Foothills Hospital. Cheryll and Brian, Jay's father, were shocked at the speed in which this happened. One minute they are sitting waiting to be sent home, and the next they are whisked off to Foothills Hospital. A long wait and several more tests later, Jay and his family are told he has an aortic aneurysm and required immediate surgery.

During the next two weeks, Jay had blood work, more tests and meeting with his surgeon. On February 2, Jay had open heart surgery. His family and extended family arrived in Calgary from Edmonton, Creston and Cranbrook. Jay was delighted to see all of his family, especially his favourite Uncle Mark. They stay until they get the good news that Jay has come through surgery with flying colours.

Now comes the road to recovery. Jay spent two more weeks in hospital with many family and friends visiting him. Staff showed up and brought him his favourite drink, an iced capp from Tim Hortons.

Jay has now recovered and returned to work at Rehoboth's Vocational Program. All this could not be possible without two incredible staff being their caring selves. Jay's doctor said he may not have lived another year with this condition and maybe by the time it would have been noticeable to all, it would have been too late. God bless both of you, June B. and Jay Ar G. God brought you into Jay's life at the right time. Every day Cheryll and her family are saying their heartfelt prayers that you were there.

LETHBRIDGE REGION

LETHBRIDGE UPDATE

The Lethbridge Retirement and Community Access Program is a busy and fun place to be! Since moving to our new building in January 2015, we have been able to make room for many new faces and have seen them flourish within their community.

Many of the individuals in our Retirement and Community Access Program like to give back to their community through volunteering. Some of the volunteer placements the individuals have participated in recently are: walking dogs at the humane society; assisting at the local food bank; knitting scarves, toques and mittens for the homeless shelter and hospital; and handling the recycling at a law office, where they have developed great relationships. This law office likes to show its appreciation by treating the individuals in our program to a catered lunch from time to time as their way of saying thank you for their hard work and ongoing dedication. This kind gesture is always appreciated and enjoyed by everyone! It is great to see the individuals making a difference in their community and building relationships through this avenue.

We believe in lifelong learning and incorporate this into the program as much as possible. Not only does everyone enjoy going to museums, art galleries and local classes, they also like to conduct in-services amongst their peers where they are able to research topics and put together a presentation. We also like to bring in guest speakers to teach everyone about something unique in their community. Some recent examples include a local cowboy teaching us about lassoing, a war veteran talking about Remembrance Day, a local fireman teaching us about fire safety, and a visually



Debbie, Elsie & Eldonna



Leonard



Susan



Winona



Bev



Richard

impaired man who taught us about guide dogs for the visually impaired. The Lethbridge Public Library is a popular place for us to visit and is utilized several times each week. There are a host of reading classes and storytelling events, as well as many books and resources for the individuals to borrow.

Physical activity is important in everyone's lives and the individuals enjoy these pursuits. There are many opportunities every week to utilize public transportation, go for community or park walks, fitness classes, swimming, daily Thai Chi classes, sit and be fit, fitness videos, bean bag toss, activities offered through the seniors centre and much much more. When the weather is nice, they love to take advantage of the weather and plan luncheons at a local park, get a tour of a local farm, go to outdoor festivals and celebrations, and attend our local outdoor Farmers Market downtown.

It is these opportunities that allow the individuals in this program to feel fulfilled and excited to come back each day. We are grateful and blessed to have such an amazing team, and to live in such a great community where these opportunities exist to

enrich the lives of the individuals we serve such a positive way. We are so thankful to all of our members who support this unique program. May God richly bless you because of your generosity.

WORD SEARCH

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Serving people with disabilities. Helping them *Flourish*.

Rehoboth Financial Policy

Spending of funds is confined to programs and purchases approved by the Rehoboth Board of Directors. Each donation that is designated toward an approved program will be used as designated with the understanding that when any given need has been met, designated donations will be used where most needed. All donations are acknowledged and receipted with a tax-deductible receipt.

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:

Brian de Haan	President	Edmonton
Johan Knol	Vice-President	Coalhurst
Stefan Dykema	Treasurer	Calgary
Alex Van Geest	Secretary	Ponoka
Wendy Abma	Director	Calgary
Sheldon Kok	Director	St. Albert
Janet Postma	Director	Red Deer
Brian Stoutjesdyk	Director	Lethbridge
Henry Van Steenbergen	Director	Edmonton

Operational Leadership:

Operationally, leadership is provided by:

Ron Bos	Executive Director
Debbie Dietz	Regional Director, Three Hills
Karen Faint	Regional Director, Calgary
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Rehoboth conveys
God's love
to persons with disabilities
and their families by
making room for them
and enabling them
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