

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
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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 In order for funds to be withdrawn, the executive director will create a proposal and relevant business case to be presented to the board.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.



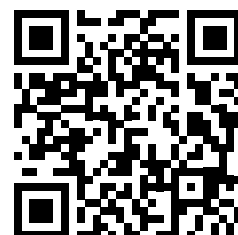
FLOURISH! NEWSLETTER

SERVING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
HELPING THEM FLOURISH



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OCTOBER 2023

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FROM THE REHOBOTH BOARD



BOARD PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Thanksgiving all around!

We all have much to give thanks for and Rehoboth as a community and organization is no different. Let's take a moment to reflect together on some special blessings of this past year.

Our thanks go out to the many volunteers who rallied to support our camp programs this past summer. Thank you for your time, energy and caring hearts given to all those who were blessed by your participation and commitment!

Our thanks go to our outgoing board members, Bob Dykstra from Burdett for the past six years of diligent service that flew by, and Mike Oostenbrink from Fort Saskatchewan for the two years you willingly squeezed out of the focus on your growing business to support us as Treasurer. You both were and are a blessing to Rehoboth and will be truly missed by the board and provincial executive.

We are thankful to the three new board members who allowed their names to stand for election at the AGM this past

June. We welcome Richard Visser from Taber, Betty Giebelhaus from Stony Plain, and Stephanie Bekkering from Lethbridge who was also willing to take on the Treasurer role. Your range of life experience, connection to the Rehoboth community, and willingness to serve from already busy lives are truly appreciated.

In this issue Ron speaks to the fundraising goals of an exciting new campaign. We have been truly blessed this past year with a provincial government willing to step up to support persons with disabilities. As an organization focused on providing these members of our community opportunities not just to live but to flourish in an economy with many inflationary pressures, we thank you in advance for the financial support you provide.


All of the above and so much more comes ultimately from the powerful providing hand of our faithful Heavenly Father. To Him be all thanks and praise!

Rob Duker, Board President



DID YOU KNOW?

Bob served on the board for two terms, or six years, as most board members have throughout Rehoboth's history.

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

REHOBOTH NEWS



REHOBOTH AGM SUMMARY

Rehoboth's Annual General Meeting was held in June and for the third year in a row, via Zoom video conferencing. The 2022-2023 fiscal year and plans for the future were reviewed with the members and guests in attendance. Draft minutes from the AGM can be requested at flourish@rcmflourish.ca

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 15	Hoedown - Pioneer Valley Barn, Spruce Grove
Oct 4	Thanksgiving Vine of Hope - Stony Plain Vocational Building
Nov TBD	Christmas Craft Sale & Pancake Breakfast - Coaldale Vocational Building (same weekend as Coaldale Parade of Lights)
Nov 10	Remembrance Day Ceremony - Stony Plain Vocational Building
Dec TBD	Christmas Craft Sale & Pancake Breakfast - Stony Plain or Acheson
Dec 20	Christmas Vine of Hope - Stony Plain Vocational Building
Spring 2024 TBD	Three Hills Gala

For more details visit rcmflourish.ca or check us out on Facebook!



DID YOU KNOW?

Rehoboth currently has more than 600 employees.

BE A FRIEND OF REHOBOTH!

This month, you'll see some fresh zest from Rehoboth: our brand new Friends of Rehoboth Campaign is replacing the annual membership campaign.

It's a move we're excited about!

Based on anecdotal interactions with Rehoboth supporters over many years, the value of a Rehoboth Membership is questioned or has been misunderstood over the years. "What do I get with a Rehoboth Membership?" is a question heard often. A misunderstanding shared by many long-term members is this: the more members Rehoboth has, the more funding it receives from the Alberta government. This is not the case.

At its Strategic Session last October, the Rehoboth Board of Directors

decided to rebrand the membership campaign as the Friends of Rehoboth Campaign. At the session, this remark was strongly endorsed:

Friendship involves a "shared responsibility of the shared Christian community for those within their community that require their support. The word 'membership' devalues the importance of the Christian responsibility to help those that cannot help themselves."

This October, we invite you to be a friend of Rehoboth: help us raise \$250,000 to support Rehoboth programs and services in Coaldale/Lethbridge, Calgary/Airdrie, Three Hills, Edmonton/Spruce Grove/Stony Plain, and Grande Prairie.

Thanks, Friend!



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TAKING FLIGHT

Terry Ryan has piloted his life in many directions over the years, achieving great heights. Terry has a history of work and academics to be proud of and at his planning meeting, he shared that he wanted more flexibility this year; to see family, venture to Kananaskis, go to camp, volunteer at camp, etc.. So, Terry's focus shifted to volunteering and before long, Terry started at the Aviation Museum. Terry leads group tours, sharing information on the planes and drawing on his wealth of knowledge on the subject from years of independent research and writing. Terry also kindly arranged a tour for a group from Rehoboth's Community Access Vocational Program on July 19th. Those who know him will tell you it's plane (ha) that Terry would need his own regular column in *Flourish!* to highlight his accomplishments properly, and this is just one small example. Terry inspires us all to never stop learning, growing and sharing your gifts—thank you, Terry!



SUMMER FUN

Food, fun and fellowship were the order of the day for Calgary Rehoboth clients as we recently had the opportunity to travel to Banff and have a festive lunch together at the Old Spaghetti Factory. Following lunch, we had time to stroll around and soak in the sunshine, wonderful sceneries and mountain air. Regardless of physical abilities, there are areas of the park to enjoy; Banff's handicap accessibility allows visitors to explore the majority of the park. The clients as well as the staff took time to connect with and take in the natural wonders of the region. This was only one of several fun-filled adventures throughout the summer thanks to the annual Rehoboth Calgary Golf Classic.

We appreciate the kind assistance of the numerous golfers and sponsors who made this day possible through your generous participation. A special thanks goes out to the amazing staff who adjusted their schedules so that everyone could participate and receive support.



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DREAMS BECOME REALITY



Let's take you back to 2020 for a moment, where our faith and patience was put to the test almost on a daily basis; we were facing a crazy new normal and one man's dream of graduating high school was put on hold AGAIN. Andrew and his heart of gold never faltered, he weathered the ups and downs and knew that one day his biggest dream and goal would become reality. That day finally became reality on June 29, 2023, before family and friends and with his old High School Principal, Mr. Penner presenting him with the certificate, Andrew crossed the stage like he had dreamt of all those years ago.

Andrew, we want to congratulate you on your graduation. Your unwavering faith, kind heart, patience and determination are such beautiful examples of the person you are and what helped get you to this accomplishment.

BUILDING COMMUNITY

Being blessed is defined as divinely or supremely favoured; fortunate. This is how the vocational program in Coaldale region is feeling this summer as they have received some very meaningful donations. Our Vocational program individuals are not only active in the community but included, valued and recognized for their efforts.

In reaching out to the Town of Coaldale, Rehoboth was donated two swim passes and connected to the Coaldale wellness association who graciously donated enough funds for four more swim passes. This allows individuals to get to the pool at least three times this summer, as a part of their day program. One staff member spoke about how these donations warmed their heart: "I got goosebumps and teared up when we got the confirmation that we were being sponsored." Individuals supported by Rehoboth work hard and make an effort to impact their community and it is recognized. Rehoboth would like to thank the Town of Coaldale as well as the Coaldale Community Wellness Association for the recognition and donation; it means so much to the individuals we serve!

Rehoboth was also blessed to receive an amazing donation from the Coaldale Birds of Prey, a nonprofit organization in the community that rescues various birds from situations where they may not have survived. Individuals that attend the vocational program are able to go the beautiful facility, free of charge, to enjoy the birds which include educational programs (hawks, eagles, owls, ravens and many more), demonstrations, opportunities to pet the birds, feed the ducks at the pond and even watch some of the babies grow from newly hatched to adults. Along with this, the organization has partnered with Rehoboth to proudly plant and tend to flower beds on the property, which the individuals really take pride in. Thank you Collin and staff for allowing us to be a part of what you are doing. Feeling blessed is just the tip of the iceberg as this impacts those we serve deep down to the core.

We are eternally grateful for our community, and to be such an integrated part of it. We hope to continue to support and be active in the community; continuing to give adults with disabilities the opportunity to learn and grow as valued members of their town.



ABSTRACT PAINTING FOR CHRISTOPHER PLACE

An idea was proposed to do some abstract paintings for Christopher Place. Staff had the clients involved in choosing and developing their paintings with some ideas being pulled from the internet and adapted, and others coming from the individuals themselves. Over the last three months, we have completed 13 paintings, and every one of them shows the effort and love the individual has put into it.



"It was fun. I want to do it again." - Cathy



"I really enjoyed painting, and I told my family about it. I saw how you painted the back of the canvas with water and my sisters are interested in trying." - Ronda



"It got me out of my comfort zone, but I felt very accomplished." - Paige



"I liked getting different ideas of how to create a painting." - Elsie

THIS SUMMER WAS ONE FOR THE BOOKS

Jessie is an outgoing and adventurous person who always looks forward to summer as she plans trips and attends summer camps. In the past, each summer Jessie would attend Camp He Ho Ha, Camp Tamarack and Joy Camp on top of a vacation to Edmonton with her roommate. But when the pandemic struck, everything changed. With the restrictions in place, camps and vacations were cancelled. Jesse was devastated as she struggled with no

longer being able to do and go where she loved.

This summer was one for the books! Jessie, along with her roommate and four more friends, vacationed in Edmonton once again where they enjoyed the Alberta Aviation Museum, Yesterday's Auto Gallery, WEM and so many other adventures. For the first time, Jesse attended Rehoboth's Camp Flourish week at Gull Lake where she met tons

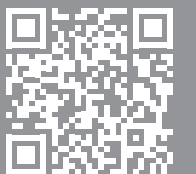
of new friends, all served by Rehoboth across the province; she's already looking forward to next year! Jesse topped off the summer with the Joy Camp at Bear Lake Bible Camp in Sexsmith which has always been a highlight for many of Rehoboth's Northwest individuals.

"Young people, enjoy your youth. Be happy while you are still young. Do what you want to do, and follow your heart's desire." Ecclesiastes 11:9-10



We hope you enjoyed connecting with our clients! These experiences along with many other services are made possible with the financial support of people like you! Please consider making a personal and/or corporate donation today! Remember that all donations are tax deductible!

DONATE TODAY



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

GOLF TOURNAMENTS



THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR GOLFERS & SPONSORS FOR MAKING 2023'S TOURNAMENTS A **PUTTING SUCCESS!**

**COALDALE 28TH
ANNUAL
GOLF CLASSIC**

Raised More Than
\$50,000

Save the Date:
May 25, 2024

**CALGARY 24ND
ANNUAL
GOLF CLASSIC**

Raised More Than
\$25,000

Save the Date:
June 1, 2024

**PROVINCIAL 31TH
ANNUAL
GOLF CLASSIC**

Raised More Than
\$30,000

Because of your generous support and participation, Rehoboth has **raised more than \$100,000** to further support people with disabilities to *flourish!*



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



Kevin DeBree,
Camp Manager



CAMP MINISTRY

CAMP FLOURISH FOR CLIENTS

Camp Flourish, a.k.a. Client Camp, is a week of Camp for Rehoboth supported individuals that require paid support for a successful week. Three years without Camp had certainly been a struggle and this experience was missed by all, which was evident by the record attendance! This year Flourish was full and busy with 120 people on-site for the week; many returning faces with a great group of new ones. We were blessed by sunshine and hot weather which also made the outdoor water games a lot more fun. From swimming to tie dye, tuk shop to crafts, chapel to movie night to a dance party and ending the week with awards and a slideshow; Flourish Week was not only a highlight for the campers but for the staff as well.



CAMP 2023 PRECIOUS IN GOD'S SIGHT

What a great summer for Camp! We were blessed to be able to minister to 106 campers this year during our five weeks of Camp, thanks to the 139 volunteers who showed up to Direct, Bible Lead, Nurse, Night Watch, Techie, Maintenance, and be a Counsellor. We were even able to take more campers in some weeks because volunteers kept signing up. Our theme was "Precious In God's Sight" where we took a closer look at some of Jesus' parables. Including Flourish Week, it has been an extremely busy June and July, but all the smiles, laughter, and relationships built has made it more than worthwhile. If you weren't able to join us this summer, we would love to see you next year, especially as we anticipate building a new cabin over the winter (ground breaks this fall). We can't wait to see all of our old friends next summer and of course, make new ones.



DID YOU KNOW?

The new cabin will have six queen beds for family use, two accessible washrooms & a sensory room for use during our Camp weeks.



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



JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR



MAKING ROOM AND FUN AT SUPREME STEEL

What do you get when you mix over 50 kids, 35 parents and 10 leaders together in the Atrium of Supreme Steel? Organized chaos and fun!

The choir held its Open House in Acheson in preparation for the 45th season this Fall. The event allowed new children joining the choir to meet other members, try a craft and participate in a rehearsal. Parent drivers and children were encouraged to stay, socialize, and have supper provided by Bridgespan Café.

The Fall season will include service participation on behalf of Rehoboth at the following churches:

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| September 24 | Woodynook CRC, Blackfalds (Choir Camp Sunday)
With Soul Patrol Choir |
| October 15 | Bethel CRC, Edmonton |
| November 4-5 | Choir Tour |
| November 18-19 | The Music of our Hearts (2) – 45th Anniversary
& Service at West End CRC, Edmonton |
| December 10 | Inglewood CRC, Edmonton |
| January 7, 2024 | Trinity CRC, Edmonton |



CELEBRATING 45 YEARS THE MUSIC OF OUR HEARTS

To celebrate the choir's 45th year, the Joyful Noise are again inviting back alumni young and old(er) to bring the music that they love to sing on their own and with the children. In 2005, the choir released the studio recording of the first Music of Our Hearts project which was one of the largest releases Rehoboth has undertaken. For further information, check the facebook page and/or choir's website, JoyfulNoiseChoir.ca.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Joyful Noise Choir's Christmas presentation, "JOY", raised more than \$7,000 to furnish the new Family Cabin when completed.

APRIL 2022 - MARCH 2023 CONTRIBUTIONS

IN MEMORIAM DONATIONS

Ann Anema - Jul. 2022
Jeanette Brower - May 2022
Joel Bos - Nov. 2021
Denise Degner - Nov. 2022
Ryan deGroot - Dec. 2015

Hanna Dunnewold - Jan. 2022
Edward Ecker - Aug. 2022
Grace Eelhart - Sep. 2022
Hendrina Lamberink - Sep. 2022
Margaret teVelde - Apr. 2022

Stella Versteeg - Nov. 2022
Fij Visser -
Reints Wever - Feb. 2022

CHURCH

CanRC - Canadian Reformed Church
CRC - Christian Reformed Church
FRC - Free Reformed Church

NRC - Netherlands Reformed Congregation
OPC - Orthodox Presbyterian Church
URC - United Reformed Church

CR - Christian Reformed
RC - Reformed Church

Bethel CR Community Church - Edmonton
CANRC - Barrhead
CANRC - Calgary
CANRC - Coaldale
CANRC - Devon
CANRC - Neerlandia
CANRC - Neerlandia South
CANRC - St. Albert
CANRC - St. Albert Deaconate
CANRC - Taber
Providence CANRC - Edmonton
CRC - Brooks
CRC - Burdett
CRC - Edson-Peers
CRC - Granum
CRC - High River
CRC - Iron Springs
CRC - Ingersoll, ON
CRC - La Glace
CRC - Medicine Hat
CRC - Neerlandia

CRC - Nobleford
CRC - Rimbey
CRC - St. Albert
CRC - Taber
CRC - Woodynook
Bethel CRC - Lacombe
Covenant CRC - Edmonton
Covenant CRC - Calgary
Ebenezer CRC - Leduc
Emmanuel CRC - Calgary
Fellowship CRC - Edmonton
Hope CRC - Stony Plain
Inglewood CRC - Edmonton
Maranatha CRC - Calgary
Maranatha CRC - Edmonton
Maranatha CRC - Lethbridge
New Life Fellowship CRC - Red Deer
River Park CRC - Calgary
Sonlight CRC - Regina
Sonrise CRC - Ponoka
Trinity CRC - Edmonton

West End CRC - Edmonton
First CRC - Edmonton
First CRC - Red Deer
Shiloh FRC - Picture Butte
Bethel FRC - Monarch
Redeemer OPC - Airdrie
RC - Monarch
Emmanuel RC - Neerlandia
Grace RC - Lethbridge
Trinity RC - Lethbridge
Trinity RC - Edmonton
NRC - Picture Butte
UC - Stony Plain
Bethel URC - Calgary
Parkland URC - Ponoka
Redeemer URC - Lacombe
Jesus Our Victory Global Outreach - Calgary
Vestry of St. Barnabas
Wolf Creek Community Church - Lacombe

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Alberta Prime Beef Corp.
Alberta Prime Transport Ltd.
Alix Drugs I.D.A.
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H & J Stock Farms. Ltd.
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K-Belt Farms
Klarenbeek Farm Ltd. C/O Gerie DeJong
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North Central Co-Operative Association Ltd.
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Coaldale Fun Run
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