

## 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:

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 In order for funds to be withdrawn, the executive director will create a proposal and relevant business case to be presented to the board.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

- SAVE THE DATE! AGM IS JUNE 20 IN CALGARY
- GOLF TOURNAMENT ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

## 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

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# FROM THE REHOBOTH BOARD



## BOARD PRESIDENT UPDATE

Spring greetings from the Rehoboth Board of Directors! We have been busy working behind the scenes. One example is the Board/Provincial Executive retreat held early in the new year that really set us off in the right direction for 2020. We are happy to report that God blessed us with a desire to continue to work together in moving forward in faith.

We are also reminded yet again of the many volunteers that contribute to making our clients flourish. The volunteers who work tirelessly at the New to You store in Three Hills, at the Greenhouse and Wood Shop in Coaldale, at Rehoboth Camp near Gull

Lake, and on fundraising and special event committees all over the province. Thank you for your ongoing and vital support!

Our AGM will be held in Calgary this year on June 20. Please join us at this meeting – we would love to meet you there.

And lastly, we are looking for new board members (two), so if this is of interest to you please contact me at [president@rcmflourish.ca](mailto:president@rcmflourish.ca) for more information.

Sheldon Kok



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Thanks for taking a bit of your valuable time to flip through this April 2020 edition of Flourish! On these pages, we highlight people flourishing in their own unique ways through the support and encouragement of our incredible staff.

Flourish! is published only twice a year but you can connect with Rehoboth each and every day on Instagram and Facebook, and by visiting [rcmflourish.ca](http://rcmflourish.ca).

Every October, thousands of Rehoboth supporters connect with us in a very tangible way by contributing to the

Rehoboth Membership Campaign. We were amazed and humbled by the level of support demonstrated in the October 2019 campaign: membership fees and donations totaled \$188,300! These funds will be instrumental in helping people with disabilities flourish. We thank our church canvassers whose hard work and dedication to the campaign are truly invaluable. We are blessed and grateful to all of you for your prayers and your support. God is good.

Ron Bos



### DID YOU KNOW?

The Board of Directors commit to four regular meetings throughout the year and the AGM and often attend RCM events in their area.



## REHOBOTH AGM JUNE 20 IN CALGARY

The Rehoboth Board of Directors invites members to the Annual General Meeting, scheduled for June 20, 2020 beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Rehoboth Administration and Vocation Building in Calgary - #20, 3740-27 Street NE.

Documents including bios of new board candidates, Audited Financial Statements, the 2020-21 budget, and minutes of the 2019 AGM will be provided at the meeting. Members can also request them by emailing [ron.bos@rcmflourish.ca](mailto:ron.bos@rcmflourish.ca) or calling 780-968-8481.

### AGM AGENDA

Welcome and opening	Sheldon Kok, President
Establish quorum	Sheldon Kok, President
Approval of minutes of the June 15, 2019 AGM	Joy Monsma, Secretary
Approval of 2019-20 Audited Financial Statements	Jim Beusekom, Treasurer
Approval of 2020-21 Operational Budget	Jim Beusekom, Treasurer
Motion to appoint auditor for 2020-21	Jim Beusekom, Treasurer
Highlights of 2019-20	Ron Bos, Executive Director
Recognition of retiring board member	Sheldon Kok, President
Election/acclamation of new board member(s)	Sheldon Kok, President
Question period	Sheldon Kok, President
Closing and adjournment	Janet Postma, Director

Attendees are invited to fellowship with Rehoboth Board members over a light lunch following the meeting.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 28	Central Gala, Three Hills
May 9	Open House & Spring Sale, Coaldale
May 25	Calgary Golf Classic, Redwood Meadows Golf & Country Club, Redwood Meadows
May 30	Coaldale Golf Classic, Paradise Canyon Golf Resort, Lethbridge
June 6	Stony Plain Golf Classic, The Ranch Golf & Country Club, Edmonton
June 20	AGM, Calgary
June 21-26	Camp Flourish, Rehoboth Camp
June TBD	Pork Roast, Coaldale
June 29 - July 3	R&R Week, Rehoboth Camp
July 5 - 10	Adult Week I, Rehoboth Camp
July 10	Stampede Breakfast, Calgary from 9 am to 11 am
July 12 - 17	Adult Week II, Rehoboth Camp
July 19 - 24	Independent Week, Rehoboth Camp
July 26 - 31	Youth Week, Rehoboth Camp
July 25 - 4	Annual Car Show & Shine, Stony Plain
August 29	Fast & Flourishing Walkathon (all regions)
September 13	Joyful Noise Choir Service Participation, Woody Nook CRC, Blackfalds
September 27	Joyful Noise Choir Service Participation, Covenant CRC, Edmonton
*October is Membership Month*	
October 17	Joyful Noise Choir Open House, Emmanuel Home, Edmonton
October 25	Joyful Noise Choir Service Participation, First CRC, Edmonton
November 7 - 8	Joyful Noise Choir Tour, if invited by a supporting Church

For more details visit [rcmflourish.ca](http://rcmflourish.ca) or check us out on Facebook!



### DID YOU KNOW?

Rehoboth employs 611 employees in Grande Prairie, Edmonton and area, Three Hills, Calgary and area, and Coaldale/Lethbridge.

You can get Rehoboth's Flourish! Newsletter delivered right to your inbox! Sign up for the e-version at [rcmflourish.ca/about/flourish-newsletter](http://rcmflourish.ca/about/flourish-newsletter).



# CHARITY DaY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

**\$00,000.00**

in sales were made and donated to Rehoboth.

# FUNDRAISING

## INCREDIBLE GENEROSITY SEEN AT CHARITY DAY

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## INAUGURAL SHOW & SHINE

Fast & Flourishing...  
Rehoboth's 1st Annual Walkathon coming to a park near you. More information coming soon! Check [rcmflourish.ca](http://rcmflourish.ca) and like us on Facebook to see it first.

First Annual **FAST & FLOURISHING** walkathon

**AUGUST 29**  
Saturday 10 AM  
Location TBA

Registration opens at 9 am  
\$25 per adult  
\$10 per student  
Children 5 and under FREE

Proceeds in support of programs for people with disabilities

Join us post race for bbq & family friendly activities

Presented by **Rehoboth** Christian Ministries

## 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SHOW & SHINE

Rehoboth's 4th Annual Car Show & Shine will once again be held at Rehoboth's Vocational Centre in Stony Plain. Whether you want to show off your classic car or spend the day admiring others, we've got a spot with your name on it. If that's not enough, there will also be a pancake breakfast, BBQ lunch, silent auction and kids zone. For more information or to register, visit [rcmflourish.ca/events](http://rcmflourish.ca/events).

Rehoboth Christian Ministries

4<sup>th</sup> Annual **CAR SHOW & Shine**

ALL DAY EVENT STARTS AT 9am!

**SATURDAY · JULY 29 · 2020**

3920 - 49 AVENUE, STONY PLAIN, AB  
**ALL VEHICLES & MOTORCYCLES WELCOME!**

REGISTER ONLINE OR IN PERSON

· \$20 / VEHICLE  
· AWARDS FOR BEST IN CLASS

Funds raised in support of adults with disabilities in our community!

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
BBQ · SILENT AUCTION  
KIDS ZONE**

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## CCU FAITHFUL SUPPORTER

Rehoboth has a long-term relationship with Christian Credit Union and we are excited to be partnering once again for the Community Builder Membership Drive. The campaign focuses on raising awareness of both Rehoboth and Christian Credit Union as well as encouraging more people to become members of the organizations.

Rehoboth continues to partner with Christian Credit Union because of their values; they acknowledge that God has a lot to say about money and believe there is a need for a biblical approach to financial services. Members of the Christian Credit Union, such as Rehoboth or individual account holders, appreciate dealing with a financial institution that encourages and supports them in applying biblical stewardship principles to their day-to-day finances.

Through the Community Builder Membership Drive, Christian Credit Union donates to Rehoboth because of you and your choice to bank with them, giving you peace of mind knowing your membership is making a difference for God's kingdom.

Donate to Rehoboth through CCU by visiting **CHRISTIANCU.CA**

## Has your advisor helped you determine how much is enough?

Call us or visit our website and learn how to find financial contentment in 7 steps.

Join us and we'll make a donation to a community partner.\*



Edmonton: 780.426.7165 Lethbridge: 403.328.0711  
[www.christiancu.ca](http://www.christiancu.ca)

\*Limited time offer. Some conditions apply.

## CHRISTMAS IN COALDALE

On November 23, Rehoboth's South Region held its annual Pancake Breakfast - Craft & Bake Sale - Children's Crafts & Poinsettia Sale at the Coaldale Vocational Centre! The Sunshine Auxiliary, an incredible group of local volunteers, came together to make this the most successful Christmas event to date, raising almost \$8,000! Thank you to everyone who stopped in to eat, shop and socialize. Rehoboth is truly blessed by the strong support of the community.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

# ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENTS



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

**COALDALE**  
**27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**  
**GOLF CLASSIC**

Saturday, May 30

Paradise Canyon  
Golf Resort

Registration Deadline  
May 13

**CALGARY**  
**23<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL**  
**GOLF CLASSIC**

Monday, May 25

Redwood Meadows  
Golf & Country Club

Registration Deadline  
May 13

**STONY PLAIN**  
**30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**  
**GOLF CLASSIC**

Saturday, June 6

The Ranch  
Golf & Country Club

Registration Deadline  
May 13

All funds raised will be invested in programming and/or infrastructure.

Variety of sponsorship options available.

Register online at [rcmflourish.ca](http://rcmflourish.ca) or by contacting the respective Rehoboth office.

**HAVE A GOOD ROUND - MAY THE FOURS BE WITH YOU**

# MAKING ●●●

## EASING INTO RETIREMENT

Ron joined the Rehoboth family on May 1, 1987. In his 33 years of support, he has had many jobs over the years, from working in the greenhouses and woodshop to some of the varying community contract jobs. Ron is always willing to help with any task but one of his favourites had to be any maintenance jobs such as fixing things, taking things apart and putting things back together.

After years of hard work, Ron started the transition to retirement in January 2019 and the first phase of the transition was staying home on Thursdays. Ron gets to have a quiet and relaxing morning, watching the

cooking channel and having a late breakfast. Afterward, Ron and his supports head over to the Lethbridge Senior Citizens Organization to volunteer at the diner where he enjoys seeing many old friends while also embracing new ones.

Ron's afternoon is then filled with entertainment and friendships as he joins the other seniors for refreshments and a live music performance. The classic country ones are his favorite! Sitting in the front row, cheering and singing along to his favorite songs assures Ron that although it is a big change, retirement is looking pretty good!



## DREAM BECOMES REALITY

Do you remember your high school graduation ceremony? The anticipation, the sense of accomplishment, the camaraderie with your classmates, the celebration with family and friends? It's a significant milestone that marks the transition from childhood to adulthood.

In 1980, Andrew was looking forward to graduating with his peers. While he hadn't completed all the same schoolwork, he faithfully attended classes, completed his assignments and participated in school events. Unfortunately, regulations prohibited anyone from walking without a high school diploma. Being the supportive and selfless friend that he

is, Andrew attended the ceremony and enthusiastically celebrated his classmates as they walked to receive their diplomas.

Decades later, Andrew still wishes that he could have walked that day. But with the help of his tutor, Dianne, previous high school principal, Mr. Penner, and the willingness of his old school, Prairie Christian Academy, that wish became reality. Letters were sent, appeals were made and within a few months, a package arrived; Andrew's dream was coming true. Forty years later, Andrew will finally get to walk in a cap and gown and receive his certificate in front of family and friends as he hoped for so long!



## CONNECTING EVERYONE

Making Connections was formed as a way to bridge age and social gaps between teenagers, seniors, and adults with disabilities. Over the last year, clients supported by Rehoboth have been regularly spending time with senior residents from Emmanuel Home in Edmonton. Each visit with the same clients, residents and staff has enabled some beautiful friendships to bloom.

The group meets once every two or three months for a variety of activities such as learning the hand bells, Carnival Day, drum circle, a day at camp, Vine of Hope celebrations, and a scavenger hunt! Each member of Making Connections is blessed to be a part of it and is looking forward to adding some of the younger generation into the mix!



# ●●● CONNECTIONS ●●●

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## ... TO CLIENTS



### EXCELLENT CARE AT REHOBOTH

Over the last six years, I have watched my daughter Jenna, with the assistance of her Rehoboth staff, blossom from a happy school girl to an outgoing member of the community who sings, dances and loves spending time with her friends and meeting new people.

Rehoboth supports Jenna to stay physically active with a swimming program at the Eastlink Centre, range-of-motion exercises and dance class while also encouraging Jenna to be engaged with her community through activities at the Grande Prairie Public Library, Joy Chapel Suppers, study group, and summer park activities. Staying connected to friends with trips to the mall and fun get-togethers are planned by Jenna and her supports. Jenna's staff at Rehoboth work to keep her safe, comfortable and engaged on a daily basis and work as a team to continue to make her life full and happy.

### TWINING

They say when you work with people, you start to resemble each other. Dakota and Rhea have gone one step further and started dressing alike for Rehoboth event days! They first showed up at our pajama party at the end of October in matching Chipmunk onesies. Then

for our Christmas party, they sported matching Naughty/Nice sweaters, ripped jeans and Ho! Ho! Ho! toques. Is there a more fun way to practice inclusion than this? We can't wait to see what they come up with for our family Easter luncheon. Way to go Dakota and Rhea!



### WORDS FROM A VOLUNTEER

This is Suzy. She is a true light in my life, as you can see in this photo. Whenever I come over to hang out with my friend Suzy, she greets me with the warmth and brightness of the sun itself. She is a great joy to be around, sprouting smiles and leaving laughter wherever she goes. I have come to look forward to every visit - she knows how to have fun! When we spend time together, I can always expect to have a fun and relaxing chat about our day. I am so grateful to have Suzy in my life, and have fondly come to know her as my sweet friend.





Camper and Volunteer applications are now online. Register at [rcm.flourish.ca/camp](http://rcm.flourish.ca/camp)



# CAMP FLOURISH

## BE COURAGEOUS!

This is the theme of Rehoboth Camp Ministry this summer. We are excited for another awesome summer of developing relationships with Jesus and each other. Volunteers are still needed so if you have never been to Camp before, we encourage you to be courageous and give a camper their best week of the year!

Camp is excited to unveil three new outdoor activities this year, made possible by the efforts of the Joyful Noise Choir to support Camp through collections and community awareness. Disc Golf, Chess, and Snakes and Ladders, giant ones at that, will be great additions to the Camp experience. And coming fall 2021 -- the projected start of work

on a brand new cabin, which will be funded through donations collected through the Joyful Noise Choir and those given directly to Rehoboth Camp Ministry.

Rehoboth Camp Ministry would also like to extend the utmost gratitude and appreciation to three volunteers that are resigning from their positions: Caroline Leffers (Food Coordinator), Fran Aarnoutse (Camp Committee Member) and Willa Bosch (Camp Committee Member and Co-Director of R&R Week, this is Willa's final year). Thank you all for your dedication to Camp over the years; may our friendship be everlasting and visits be often.



### DO YOU WANT TO BUILD A CABIN?

Donate to the Camp Cabin project at [rcmflourish.ca/donate](http://rcmflourish.ca/donate)



### DID YOU KNOW?

Rehoboth first came to be as a camp over 40 years ago -- the same camp we still have today, with many upgrades!



Register for the Joyful Noise Choir at [rcmfLOURISH.ca/joyful-noise-choir](http://rcmfLOURISH.ca/joyful-noise-choir)



### DID YOU KNOW?

The choir participates in worship services by invite! Contact the Rehoboth head office for more info.

# JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*  
Mathew 9:14

## IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EASY TO SAY, "NO!"

The 17 boys and girls in an impromptu choir had asked Pastor Gordon Pols at West End Christian Reformed Church in Edmonton if they could lead the afternoon worship service with Ken Medema's musical, *Story Tellin' Man*. There was no precedence for having children lead, and more history about having them out of sight.

With Pastor Gordon's leadership and Council's support, the children brought

their gifts to worship for the first time. That was 1978. Now, 41 years later, over 60 children from 19 churches in the Joyful Noise Choir still ask, "Can we come and lead you in worship?" For Rein Selles, Director, the goal of the choir is to sing from the heart. "The children are unlike a traditional choir. They know who they are singing for and what they need to bring to worship." In addition to visits to churches, the choir also aims to create bridges in the

community. When on tour, the choir makes a point of visiting and sharing their gifts with seniors in residences or homes where they are welcome.

As ambassadors for Rehoboth, the choir reaches out to congregations and communities across Alberta to help build community and fellowship in support of Rehoboth Camp Ministry. Wherever they go, membership and support for Rehoboth have increased as a result.



## SAY "COME!"

- **Cost** - Rehoboth and the choir share the cost of bringing the children to interested churches
- **Effort** - Organization of a visit is done in cooperation with the Director and Emma Solowan of Rehoboth.
- **Service Planning** - The Director will provide a draft outline of suggested songs based on the host church's order of worship.
- **Introductions** - The children would like to meet families in the hosting church either by billeting (if overnight stay is needed) or a potluck lunch after the service.
- **Timing** - The choir tours in late October or early November.

## IMPACT STATEMENTS

*"Having the Joyful Noise Choir come to Trinity is something we look forward to each year. The children breathe so much energy into the congregation! And, it's not just us watching them, it's the Choir helping lead us as we all participate and worship God together. They come every year, so we get to see the children as they grow up in Joyful Noise. This gives us an opportunity to appreciate the good work the Lord is doing in their lives through the Choir."*  
Michael McGowan, Pastor  
Trinity CRC

*"In addition to the simple joy of intergenerational worship which the Joyful Noise choir brings - a sense that worship is not just about stages of faith but also*

*about all stages of life - is perceiving what that meant for the adults who were there to worship God. It's not that a children's choir made us more aware of God but they made us more aware that together we are the body of Christ. In that sense their participation helped us do exactly what worship is intended to do."*  
Henry Kranenburg, Lead Pastor,  
West End CRC

*"The choir was one of the highlights of our year as a worshipping community. They filled our worship service with excellent music and more importantly with joy!"*  
Ryan Hoogerbrugge, Pastor  
La Glace CRC