

Nobleford Christian Reformed Church

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Friends,

“It has been a long time since I prayed” the student said. He is a regular visitor to the Interfaith Centre, and I could tell that he was more stressed and anxious than usual. We prayed for peace and a good resolution to the crisis he was going through. The next day he came back and thanked me. “The prayer helped. A lot!” he said.

“It is very difficult to live in a different country” she said. She told me that she spent most of her time at home – in the house - before coming to Canada, and now she is having a hard time. I see her almost every day. I routinely calm her down. I reassure her that she is not in trouble, will not get expelled and if she focuses on her studies, she will be OK.

As I write these words, another young man enters the room. “I am so tired!” he says. “Do you mind if I snore for a few minutes on the couch?”

She snuck out of the Bible Study before it was done. She is a youth leader at her church, so she often leaves early to get ready for youth. However, the young man she invited to Bible Study with her remained. He hadn’t been to church yet since coming to college. He began to warm up to the group. I think he will come back. The other newcomer to our Bible Study has come three times in the past 4 weeks. She hasn’t been to church since coming to college either.

Several of our young adults who regularly attend Bible Study are leading youth groups, teaching Sunday School and are active in their churches in various ways. These students regularly share their faith with their peers. I am so blessed to see shy teenagers blossom into bold witnesses for Jesus. A few of them are beginning to sense a call to missions!



Christian and not yet Christian students linger after community cooking.

“I don’t think I can handle it much longer! My instructor is an atheist, and he continually picks on Christianity.” We talked. We prayed. The last time I saw her she was all smiles.

He is my age. Retiring from his first career, he decided to come to the college and take up welding. An accident a few weeks before the final welding exams and provincial tests left his shoulder injured and sore. He said he had no choice but to drop out as he could hardly hold the torch, let alone lift his arm high enough to make an overhead weld. I said, “you do have a choice.” We prayed, and the next day he smiled and said, “I actually made it through class today and did most of my welds!” We prayed again, and a few more times! Between answered prayers and meds, he completed the course and passed all the

tests. He has a lot of friends who are church people. I think he will join that group soon.

Every day I share the love of Jesus with dozens and dozens of students, staff and faculty. I pray with them, feed them, comfort them, encourage them, cry with them, laugh with them and live life with them.

Recently a Christian student who is in her 40s dropped by the Interfaith Centre. She said, "I have my family and my church in Medicine Hat ... I don't stop by your place very often because I have all the support and all the resources I need, but I just want you to know that people across this campus -whether they ever visit you or not - know and appreciate what the chaplaincy brings to the college community!"

A year ago, I wrote to you with a dream, a plea and a prayer, to provide the funding to make this chaplaincy a full-time position. God answered that prayer through you. I have been employed on a full-time basis for close to a year now. Thank you for making the dream a reality! Thank you for your support!

With your ongoing support we will continue to touch countless lives as we share the love of Christ at Medicine Hat College.

In His Service

George Koopmans,

Chaplain at MHC

PS – he is still asleep on the couch!



Butterflies Tea

in support of Streets Alive Mission's
Genesis Women's Ministry

Saturday, May 31st, 25

Join us for an inspiring Ladies' Afternoon Tea supporting women's recovery. Enjoy refreshments, uplifting speakers, our women-run marketplace, and more.

Aspen Ballroom

Sandman Signature Lethbridge Lodge

320 Scenic Drive S

Doors open at 1:30pm

Tea served at 2:00pm

Mother's Day Special
\$35/ticket until May 11th

After May 11th, \$50 each

For tickets and information
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Events Coordinator Position Description

Primary duties include the coordination and implementation of food bank activities and events; fundraising and fund-development; assistance to administrative staff and coordination of event related volunteers. This position will support the Marketing and Communications Coordinator and reports to the Fund Development and Donor Relations Supervisor.

Hours: Monday to Friday 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Some evenings and weekends will be required.
Summer Position: May – August, possibility of extension to part-time during the school year

Required Skill Set:

1. Intermediate Administrative Skills: Microsoft Office Suite, Canva, and general organizational skills
2. Communication skills – digital, in-person and telephone: interact with volunteers, clients, donors, media, thrift store customers and the general public.
3. Graphic Design/Media – ability to design print materials, social media posts, website maintenance etc.
4. Must be willing to submit a Police Records Check.

Job Description:

- Assist with coordination of special events and fund-raising campaigns.
 - Birdies for Kids (through Rogers Charity Classic Golf Tournament)
 - Canada Day Festivities
 - Whoop Up Days Parade and Pancake Breakfast
 - Interfaith Learning Garden
 - Friends of Interfaith Charity Dinner & Silent Auction
 - Community, Fundraising and Awareness Initiatives as required
- Donor recognition – support recruitment and recognition of donors for special events
- Volunteer Coordination – in conjunction with the Volunteer Supervisor, recruit, train and place event related volunteers
- Market and promote special events – support to Marketing and Communications Coordinator for development of promotional materials and interaction with local media
- Backup for Administrative Staff – telephones, accepting donations, greeting the public and general administrative duties
- Act as part of the team and assist where needed.
- Additional duties as required by Executive Director.

This position is dependent upon approved funding from the Canada Summer Jobs Program. To be eligible to participate in Canada Summer Jobs, individuals must:

- be between 15 and 30 years of age at the start of the employment;
- be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act for the duration of the employment (International students are not eligible participants. International students include anyone who is temporarily in Canada for studies and who is not a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person who has been granted refugee status in Canada),
- have a valid Social Insurance Number at the start of employment and be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial or territorial legislation and regulations.

Please forward resume complete with cover letter and 3 references to info@interfaithfoodbank.ca, or mail or fax to the numbers listed above.