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Fall Spotlight: OFSS Drop-in Program

Going the Extra Mile with Operation Friendship Seniors Society

Objective:
To raise $225,000 through our 2012 Capital Campaign – Going the Extra Mile with Operation Friendship Seniors Society. This Campaign would allow us to get four new vehicles for Operation Friendship Seniors Society. It is our goal to purchase:

- Two new Helping Hands Vans, which would enable us to help maintain the independence of seniors in need by providing basic services, as time and space permit;
- A Cube Van, that would be used daily for the pick up of food and donations;
- A Passenger Bus which would allow our Recreation Coordinator to plan more outings for our seniors.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM BRUCE HOGLE

As an Edmonton electronic/print journalist since 1965, I have closely followed Operation Friendship Seniors Society since it started in 1969 as a drop in centre, expanding to a fulltime service in 1984.

I have seen firsthand the phenomenal job that the Operation Friendship Seniors Society staff has done over the last 43 years in providing 350 housing units in six inner city facilities for seniors 55 and older. The provision of almost 100,000 meals a year - close to 2,000 every week - is equally remarkable.

That is why I am humble, honored and pleased to serve them as Honorary Chairperson for their 2012 Capital Campaign. Their goal is $225,000 which will enable them to acquire four vehicles designed to easily load and unload physically challenged seniors, as well as increasing the number of events and venues they can attend.

I would ask those reading this to seriously consider submitting a personal donation, as well as having the club and organization you belong to, or place where you work, do the same thing. If you would like me to speak to your club or organization, just call me at (780) 387-4566. Thank you.

Bruce Hogle, Honorary Chairman Operation Friendship Seniors Society 2012 Capital Campaign.

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GET INVOLVED AND BE SEEN!!!!

Help us reach our goal!!!!

We are looking for businesses or groups to get involved with our Campaign through donating, or by hosting third party events/fundraisers to help us reach our goal! Third party events are a wonderful way to get your team working together for a wonderful cause.

We have also setup sponsorship levels, if you meet one of the sponsorship levels, you will have the opportunity to put your company logo on the vehicles that we will be purchasing when we reach our goal. The higher the sponsorship level, the more visible your logo will be on the vehicle!

**Sponsorship Levels:**

- Platinum – $15,000+
- Gold – $10,000+
- Silver – $7,000 - $9,000+
- Bronze – $5,000+

If you would like more information on hosting an event for the Going the Extra Mile with Operation Friendship Seniors Society Campaign, please contact Jimmy Morrison at 780-408-2958 or via email at jimmym@ofss.org.

**Please Note:**

Financial donations over $10.00 are eligible for tax receipts.

Charitable Number: 11906 8989 RR0001

**Upcoming Events**

Thank you to 790 CFCW for making us their October 2012 Charity of the month!

We are excited to have them help us create awareness for our 2012 Capital Campaign. Thank you to all their staff for this wonderful honor and we look forward to an amazing October.

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