Crossroads Center Grand Re-Opening



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The Salvation Army exists to share the love of Jesus Christ, meet human needs and be a transforming influence in the communities of our world.

Project Goals

Since its founding in 1865, The Salvation Army has focused on helping those most need. The Salvation Army in Saskatoon has done that since the late 1800's.

Crossroads Center, which opened in 1952, has served many purposes including Thrift Store, Family Services Center and an Addictions Treatment program. Today, it houses a Men's Emergency Shelter program, Community Alternatives to Remand Program and New Frontiers, a Correctional Services Canada half-way house program. To support the vibrant community that surrounds it, The Center offers the Emergency After-Hours Program and a Community Feeding Program.

In 2019 we began an extensive renovation of Crossroads Center. The goals were to have a facility that is:

- more accessible and offers more services
- more welcoming
- more conducive physical work environment

We believe we have done that, and more.



Accessibility and Service

The renovations have allowed us to add both practical and service accessibility.

The practical has allowed us to have 5 wheelchair accessible rooms on the main floor along with accessible bathroom and laundry areas.





This allows us to house individuals with mobility issues. Until now, we were unable to do that with dignity for the individual. We have increased the services that we can offer through a variety of building projects in this renovation.

A new learning space has been built. In it we will be able to offer various programs to the residents and members of the community.



A new spiritual space has been added for those in need of spiritual renewal. It is open to all faiths.



In our dining room we have put in doors leading to the offices of the case workers and chaplains. This allows the resident easier access to the supports they need.



The indoor lounge has been revamped with new furniture and has room for a ping pong table and other games as well as activities and computers.





The dining room has been upgraded as well. It now features a water bottle filling station, a hand washing station and cell phone charging lockers.





Welcoming

The plan to make the building more welcoming was important to us. We have made changes to the interior and the exterior of the building. The changes, we hope, have made the building less institutional and more homelike.

The wheelchair accessible entry includes a 270 degree view main reception desk, lobby area with bench sitting, water bottle filling station, and public washroom.





New Reception Desk



It also allows access to a community office space, community nurse room, Fireside Room, dining room, and administration hallway.



The exterior has been freshened up as well. A new entrance has been added. There has been an upgrade in the exterior lighting as well. New signage has made us a beacon. A covered outdoor patio for residents has

been added. New fencing was done. We've also added a new generator to allow us to maintain power.





On the 19th street side of the building a beautiful mural, that was designed and painted by SCYAP, has been added. It features the founders of The Salvation Army, William and Catherine Booth, serving of food, helping hands, the Cross, and the Christmas Bells seen at many Christmas Kettles.





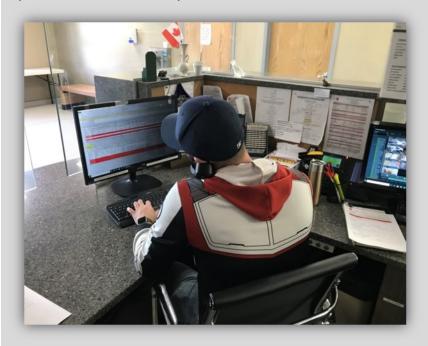






Physical Work Environment

There were a number of changes made to the work spaces for the employees. These include a new front desk area, an enlarged kitchen, a new board room space, and new staff space.



The front desk area includes an updated camera system, updated wiring, a kitchenette area and a 270 degree glassed-in reception vestibule. It also has beautiful millwork that adds significant storage space.



The board room and staff spaces have been added as well. The boardroom allows for video linking,



presentations and conference calls. The staff room features personal lockers for the staff, a television area and a computer.

The kitchen has almost tripled in size. It now boasts a beautiful working space and pantry. It also includes a new walk in cooler/freezer combination. The serving allows for a quick serving of resident meals. There is also a new coffee brewing station that allows us to brew up 50 cups of coffee in 5 minutes.





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Thank you for sharing in this special day with us!

