



Victory Foundation

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Building a heart in the heart of Calgary



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STRENGTH IN WEAKNESS

All of us will probably come across a nativity scene at some point or another during this Christmas season. Have you ever wondered why God chose to bring his Son into the world in such a weak and vulnerable setting. The truth is that God works in (and through) weaknesses. He especially works in our personal weaknesses to let us know He's there and to remind us that we are not limited to our own human strength.

I'm like most people in our world today in that I want to talk about strengths and successes and not weaknesses. However, over the years, I've come to know that the source of our organization's strength has almost always been God working through our weakness. Hebrews 11:34 affirms this when it states; "Out of weakness, we are made strong."

It was out of weakness that our organization began in rented facilities in the inner city neighborhood of Victoria Park twenty three years ago. We were in a dying community overrun by crime and drugs. We were often stretched to the limit by the social needs and lack of resources. However, in spite of our weakness, God made us strong.

After fifteen years we were forced to move out of the neighborhood and find a new home at the peak of the real estate boom. Once again, God came through in our weakness and provided facilities to house all our programs and more than double our housing in the fully renovated sixty room Victory Manor in Ogden.

It was out of our weakness that we sent twenty-five of our members into the community of Forest Lawn to help the poor in the area. Today, the congregation has grown to one-hundred and eighty five people and is serving over five thousand meals a month. The Forest Lawn outreach also provides seven houses for men and women in need of affordable housing. In 1 Corinthians 15:43, the apostle Paul says; "It is sown in weakness and it is raised in power."

Every time God made us strong, we were able to help others in their point of weakness. Whether it was a single mom striving to make ends, a person coming out of an abusive relationship, an addict trying to overcome their addictions, or a homeless person just trying to get off the street; it was out of their weakness the cry is heard and, with God's help, we responded. We always tried to meet people where they were at with the goal of helping them and never judging them. As the apostle Paul says again in 1 Corinthians 9:22; "To the weak, I became weak that I might win the weak."

Without the many volunteers and financial supporters who offered their time and resources, none of what we do would ever be possible. Your support has made it possible for us to be God's Hand helping the weakest in our community as they come through our doors each and every day. We hope that you will consider supporting us financially this Christmas as we look to meet the ever increasing needs in these tougher economic times. May you be healthy, prosperous and joyous throughout this Christmas Season.

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**Providing 85 rooms of transitional and affordable housing in Ogden & Forest Lawn
Subsidizing \$48,000 of room value yearly to those living in extreme poverty**



A variety of counselling and life-skill programs offered to residents



Over 10,000 meals provided yearly to residents of the Victory Manor



Over 60,000 meals provided yearly to the residents in Forest Lawn



Community BBQ's and Summer Events

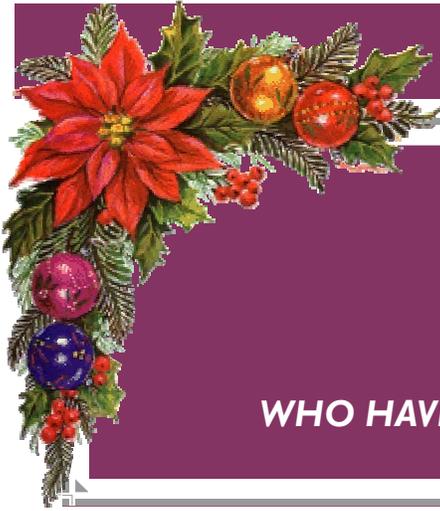


Free clothing give-away



Christmas events in Ogden and Forest Lawn





GETTING INVOLVED

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL

WHO HAVE CONTINUED TO SUPPORT US OVER THE YEARS

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