



May 4, 2015

Dear Shalom Prayer Partners,

Spring has sprung! We have been blessed with an early spring and are so thankful for the gardens at Shalom. Several of our trees have budding leaves, flowers are popping out of the ground and we have a returning mother fox that has created a den under the front step of Shalom. This past week we have been able to enjoy the antics of the kits as they tumble about the front lawn!

Blessings

The Holy Spirit is all around us and as staff we continue to be humbled by God's love and compassion on a daily basis. We have been blessed by our community; both old and new partnerships to spread the ways in which Shalom can be a service to others. We are so thankful that we can continue to reach others and share information about how Shalom can assist those who are hurting. We also have some new volunteers that we are so very thankful for!

After a long journey and hard work from many Board members and staff, Shalom is very close to being able to purchase a piece of property, just east of our current location. Shalom's strategic plan holds a vision of expanding services to individuals and families in Central Alberta through a larger facility and more staff. In God's timing, this vision will come to be. We are blessed to have so many people that are passionate and committed to work being done at Shalom!

Concerns and Prayer Support

At Shalom we are anticipating an increase in individuals and families affected by the oil field lay-offs and organizational downsizing. Financial uncertainty can bring added stress, communication breakdown, addictions and family discourse. Please pray with us for these individuals and families and that Shalom will be able to continue to meet the need of the referrals coming through our doors. Pray that we will continue to follow the Lord's leading in being good stewards of the gifts we receive.

A few of our staff have experienced recent health challenges. Please pray for God's hand upon them, so that they can continue to serve others. There are nine gifts of the Spirit mentioned by Paul in I Corinthians 12, one of which is the gift of healing. We believe God has "hand -picked" each member of the Counselling Team at Shalom to bring emotional and spiritual healing to others.

In His service,
Lisa Smith
Executive Director

1 Corinthians 12:27 "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

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