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PROVIDING CARE AND SUPPORT FOR OUR COMMUNITY'S MOST VULNERABLE LIVING WITH HIV

"The ache for home lives in all of us, the safe place where we can go as we are and not be questioned"

Maya Angelou, American Poet

Project Kathleen: A Home For Caring

After many months of negotiating with Alberta Health Services (AHS) and Calgary Housing Company, Project Kathleen will soon be a reality. We have found a wonderful house in the NW area of the city and have received the support of the community associations in the area. Calgary Housing Company has already started \$50,000 in renovations including new bathroom, new bedroom, computer lounge and new fencing.

SHARP's Health Manager and Case Manager have been busy building partnerships with multiple community services to

help the residents build life skills and reclaim their lives. They have also been interviewing great candidates for the Women's Support Worker positions! The AHS Provincial Harm Reduction team will be providing training to ensure the staff are well-prepared and able to offer the women we will serve with the most compassionate and appropriate care possible.

Now we would like your help to truly make this house a home with comfortable furnishings and supplies. Check out the link on www.theSHARPfoundation.com newsfeed or [Project Kathleen page](#).

What's being said?

Healthyhousing.ca:

"@sharpfoundation.ca so exciting! #Project Kathleen"
Twitter, Sept.30, 2011

Carla Piasta:

"Kathleen would be so happy to have this done!"

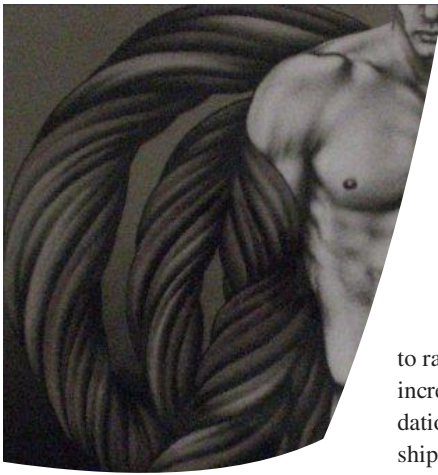
SHARP Facebook

Regular updates on Project Kathleen on the SHARP Foundation website, facebook and twitter.

Housing & HIV Research Summit

Since 2005 SHARP has been an active participant in the North American HIV & Housing Research Summit hosted by the National AIDS Housing Coalition and more recently the Ontario HIV Treatment Network. The knowledge gained from these summits has been significant; providing a stronger case for supporting (and funding) HIV housing models. However it is also clear that more research needs to be done particularly in Canada. Therefore SHARP is leading a Western Canadian study on the impacts of supported housing on individuals living with HIV. HIV housing agencies from all western provinces have committed to participating and we have a strong team of researchers and advisors from across Canada, as well as one of the world's foremost researchers in this sector, Dr. Angela Aidala, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University. Go to the SHARP Foundation website for the link to view the presentations at the [2011 North American Housing & HIV/AIDS Research Summit](#).





Creative Partnerships: The Arts & SHARP

November 1, 2011 the SHARP Foundation will be launching the Arts For Hope.ca.

The SHARP Foundation has always had a strong connection with the arts. Many of the clients we served have been accomplished artists and authors, contributing a richness to the community. Several examples of their work are proudly displayed in our homes.

SHARP has been fortunate to have built partnerships with artists, galleries, collectors and performing arts organizations

to raise important funds and to increase awareness of the Foundation. One of these partnerships is with local community artist, Dean Stanton, who created a delightful painting at our first Art of Hope event in 2007. Dean also contributed the artwork for SHARP's 20th Anniversary celebration; and developed a large painting by encouraging residents, volunteers, staff, funders and partners to 'paint a piece'. This large work will be displayed in Independence House.

In 2010 SHARP hosted a booth at the Alberta Ballet's

Love Lies Bleeding bringing together Elton John's two passions, the arts and support of HIV causes. Our newest partnerships are with the Collectors' Gallery of Art in Calgary and Alberta Theatre Projects. You will be able to check out their contributions on SHARP's newest initiative, *Arts For Hope.ca*. Each month we will showcase contributing artists, 'painting of the month', art events and performances all in support of SHARP's work. **It's Live!**

Corner artwork by Mychael Maier gifted to the Foundation by an anonymous donor in 2007.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR Upcoming Events



November 24th through December 1st,
HIV Awareness Week / World AIDS Day
Awareness and celebration events throughout the week.

December 2nd, 2011
Celebrating World AIDS Day & Sayfyr's Birthday
Texas Lounge
Starting at 9:00 pm
All proceeds to Beswick House.

April 25, 2012
A Taste For Life
At a restaurant near you.
Let us know if you would like to help as a planner, restaurant filler, host, trainer, advertiser!

The **Great Chili-Cookoff** at the Calgary Eagle was such a big success there are plans for another culinary cookoff—macaroni & cheese or lasagna anyone?
Stay tuned!

More information at:

www.theSHARPfoundation.com

Or follow us on



Giving Made Easy

Did you know that you can donate to SHARP through the United Way? If your workplace participates in an annual or ongoing campaign where funds are directed to the United Way, you can designate your dollars to SHARP by quoting our Charitable Registration Number (897948436RR0001) in Section 2, Option C on the form your employer provides. The SHARP Foundation is not a recipient of direct United Way funding.

There are many other ways to give to SHARP as well! To make a monetary contribution, visit www.canadahelps.org or contact us directly. To purchase an item for one of our houses and/or programs, check out our wish lists on our website or www.amazon.ca/gp/registry/wishlist/ref=wish_list. Items range from measuring spoons to washer and dryer.

Of course your time is one of your most valuable assets, especially to SHARP! There are many volunteer opportunities in every part of this organization and therefore something of interest to almost everyone! Do you have any skills, abilities or talents that you'd like to share? Are you a Maintenance Star, a Super Listener, Creative Genius? We would love to hear from you! Contact us to discuss ways you could share some of what makes you special with SHARP!

Do you have other ideas of how you would like to give? We welcome your feedback! You can call 403.272.2912 or email info@theSHARPfoundation.com.



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