



friendship inn

Smiles, sharing, caring – and two free meals a day, served 365 days a year in the heart of Saskatoon’s core neighbourhood – that is the mission of the Saskatoon Friendship Inn.



Thanks to the generosity of donors and the service of volunteers, Friendship Inn continues to meet the needs of some of the most vulnerable in our city, including families, children, elders, low-income workers, and individuals struggling with poverty, mental illness and addiction.

The power of food and friendship to nurture both body and spirit can be experienced every day at the Inn.

Once again this year, donors and volunteers are uniting to ensure that everyone in our community is fed, no matter what their circumstances. That includes sharing in special meals throughout the year, such as the traditional Thanksgiving dinner in October. Hundreds will again gather for turkey and all the trimmings on Oct. 12, 2015 – it’s a huge undertaking that the Inn can only tackle thanks to the great support of our community.

Food donations are requested for the Thanksgiving meal, especially turkeys, ham, and fresh vegetables. Donations can be dropped off daily between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the southwest corner of the new building at 619-20th Street West, Saskatoon. **Volunteers are also needed** to help serve Thanksgiving dinner on Monday, Oct. 12. Please call ahead to register your involvement and find out more about what volunteering involves: (306) 242-5122.

Saskatoon Friendship Inn has launched a new website!

Check it out at:

friendshipinn.ca

Happy Thanksgiving!

Message from the Executive Director:

Feeding the hungry in a spirit of compassion and respect

By Sandra Stack

The Friendship Inn has seen a tremendous growth this year in its meal service, serving as many as 1,000 meals a day to Saskatoon's most vulnerable and marginalized people. We have seen an increase in the working poor and families struggling to make ends meet between cheques and during months and weeks of the school breaks.

Behind every meal served at the Friendship Inn, someone was responsible for making it happen. Without the support of the community, we could not do what we do. It makes all the difference.

We are so grateful to all our donors, big and small. Every donation makes such a huge impact in the lives of those we serve. Every day, individuals know that they can come to the Inn and receive more than a meal – they receive friendship and respect, knowing that they are important, knowing that someone cares.



Executive Director Sandra Stack

“Where there is hunger there is no hope. There is only desolation and pain. Hunger nurtures violence and fanaticism. A world where people starve will never be safe.” - Luiz Lula da Silva

Food Donations Are Needed!

- turkeys • “bone-in” hams •
- white and brown sugar •
- peanut butter • pasta •
- fresh fruit and vegetables •

Drop off donations at 619-20th St. W., Saskatoon
or Phone: 306-242-5122

Visit Our Website: friendshipinn.ca
Follow us on Twitter: @SaskatoonFriend
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Annual General Meeting

for Saskatoon Friendship Inn

619 - 20th Street West, Saskatoon

12:00 noon

Wednesday, Oct. 14

Everyone is welcome!

See the new website at

friendshipinn.ca

for financials and highlights.

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Number of Meals Served: 273,534

Volunteers:

- Total volunteer hours: 16, 042
- Total number of shifts: 4,613
- Total number of different people: 3,065

Angelina answers: “What has the Inn done for you?”

Angelina has been spending time on and off at the Friendship Inn for years, but it has been since connecting more deeply with the staff that she has been spending more time at the Inn.

Sandy Stack built a relationship with Angelina over the years, both in the role of Family Worker and Executive Director. Sandy’s friendship has prompted Angelina to reflect: “Sandy has always been there.”

Angelina also noticed that the rest of the staff cared about her too, that they saw her as a person worth noticing, even in the midst of her struggle with addiction. The relationships that Angelina built with the staff meant that she believed them when recently Sandy and the other staff spoke into Angelina’s life, letting Angelina know there was more to life than her addiction.

Now, as Angelina looks back at her friendships with Sandy and other staff members she can see the tough love that pulled her through. “Sandy saw that I could do better, she saw my potential and she gave me hope. I can talk to any of the staff, I’ve started to trust them, and I have never trusted people in my life.”

Now, as Angelina celebrates the increasing days and weeks sober, she has not only changed her behaviour, but also her outlook. She says the turning point came after she was off the drugs, she decided she needed to change her mindset. She no longer wanted to be a negative person, but to see the brighter side of life. Her changed mindset has impacted how she is relating to people. Now she wants to help other people, and to mend relationships with kind words and apologies; treating people like family.

Angelina is also a willing helper around the dining room at the Friendship Inn. She loves interacting with the people and chatting with them. She takes care of the elders and moms, helping the floor staff to bring them their tray of food or cup of coffee.

Spending time at the Friendship Inn has provided Angelina a place to encourage other people, too. She knows the struggles, so when people are upset or hurt or scared, she can offer encouragement, she can “speak life” into the dark places. Angelina has many stories already about the people she has been encouraging.

Today Angelina has hope for the future, and is looking forward to spending more time with her friends at the Friendship Inn. “Today I see myself as a changed person. I am happy to be alive today.” She even has a sense of meaning, feeling called to reach out to others who are in the place where she has been, particularly those who are living on the streets. All the staff at the Friendship Inn are so happy to see Angelina doing better, and are looking forward to continued friendship!



Angelina is turning her life around thanks to friendship and support found at the Inn

Q-Line Trucking:

Partnership with Saskatoon Friendship Inn

Q-Line Trucking partnered with the Friendship Inn in 2014. It was a partnership that involved both company leaders and employees.

Twice a month for four months, a small group of Q-Line employees volunteered at the Inn on Wednesdays to serve lunch. The Q-Line volunteers always stayed to make sure we were cleaned up after the meal, too.

In addition to the volunteer help, donations were made to the Friendship Inn. Q-Line, as a company, sponsored a day during the Fill the Plate campaign in December, and employees of Q-Line were also invited to donate. The employee donation was more than enough to sponsor a second day at the Inn.

Thank you to Q-Line for their generous support of the work at the Inn!



Q-Line Trucking employees volunteered 125 hours over a four-month period and donated over \$30,000!

Help Fill the Plate at Saskatoon Friendship Inn:



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Saskatoon, SK S7M 0X8; Phone: (306) 242-5122
E-mail: friendship.inn@shaw.ca
Website: friendshipinn.ca

- ___ \$5 - Fills a plate
- ___ \$35 - Fills a plate for a week
- ___ \$150 - Fills a plate for a month
- ___ \$500 - Fills 100 plates
- ___ \$1,250 - Fills 250 plates
- ___ \$2,500 - Fills 500 plates
- ___ \$5,000 - Fills 1,000 plates =
One Day At The Inn
- ___ Other - \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Post-dated Cheques

_____ (# of Cheques) enclosed for a total of \$ _____

Pre-Authorized Debit - Enclose a blank cheque marked "VOID"

I authorize the Saskatoon Friendship Inn to deduct \$ _____ from my bank account

1st day of each month for _____ months, beginning the month of _____

- Visa** **MasterCard**

I authorize the Saskatoon Friendship Inn to charge \$ _____ to my credit card the

1st day of each month for _____ months, beginning the month of _____

Name on card: _____

Card number: _____ Expiry date ____/____ (YY/MM)

Signature: _____