



friendship inn

Christmas 2015

PotashCorp Repeats Help to Fill the Plate with \$100,000 Matching Gift

PotashCorp understands that people come to the Friendship Inn each day with needs to be filled – for healthy meals, for understanding, support, and a friendly face.

To encourage the community to help *Fill the Plate* at the Friendship Inn during the holiday season, PotashCorp is matching all donations, up to \$100,000. This is the third year it has provided a matching gift.

“PotashCorp has built a strong relationship with the Friendship Inn – we are committed to food security and we know the Inn helps fill that need in our community,” said PotashCorp

President and CEO Jochen Tilk.

“We also know it helps many people start their journeys toward a more stable place in their lives and that’s important to us as well.”

PotashCorp’s previous matching gifts for food security, health and wellness along with donors inspired by that example made December 2014 an exceptional period at the Friendship Inn. In that single month, *Fill the Plate* donations contributed a significant portion of the cost of serving 1,000 meals per day at the Inn. “By stepping up in a leader-

ship role, PotashCorp helps alleviate the pressure to fund-raise throughout the year,” says Friendship Inn Executive Director Sandra Stack. “On behalf of our guests, we thank PotashCorp for its continued support.”

The services the Inn provides are especially critical during the holiday season, which can be an especially challenging time for individuals and families who find themselves already stretched thin financially and emotionally.



PotashCorp

Helping Nature Provide

Inn Offers Many Ways To Give

Gifts

new, wrapped age-appropriate presents, we are in need of at least 300 gifts this year.

Please label boys or girls age 0-2, 2-4, 6-8, 8-12, 13-18 toys, games, books, pjs, gift sets



Food

turkey
bone-in hams
butter
margarine
celery
potatoes

carrots
oatmeal
mayonnaise
pies
pancake mix



Clothing

Adult sized socks, hats, mitts, toques



Drop off donations at 619 20th Street W, Saskatoon or phone 306-242-5122

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Inn Provides Perfect Place To Give Back

Board Member Shauna Bear



The first time Board Vice-Chair Shauna Bear visited the Saskatoon Friendship Inn she was impressed by the warm embrace of help.

“A lot of our people, First Nations people, don’t feel comfortable at community-serving organizations. The Inn is so welcoming, no questions asked,” she says.

“It immediately pulled at my heart strings,” says Shauna, describing the empowering impact when people are better able to address their other challenges such as housing, and health care, because the Inn provides nutritious meals.

Shauna wanted to contribute.

In her two years as a Board Member, she has strengthened the Inn’s employee and

board policies by sharing her knowledge and experience as Vice President of Human Resources at the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority. Shauna’s own skill set has grown through the Director certification program at the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy and Brown Governance Institute.

She also enjoys joining her SIGA co-workers in volunteering at the Friendship Inn during lunch hours.

“I think the Inn is the perfect way for me to give back to the community,” says Shauna

Child & Adult Volunteers Learn at the Inn

Volunteering at the Friendship Inn opens the eyes of students accustomed to participating in extra curricular activities and enjoying birthday parties, along with their parents.

Students are surprised to see young children eating meals at the Inn, because family budgets are too stretched to put food on the table, says Katherine Luciuk, a Grade 6 teacher at Willowgrove School.

Before helping with lunch at the Inn, many of her students didn’t realize families in their

own community need their help, just like those living in other parts of the world.

This discovery fits with social studies themes involving wealth and power, and the responsibility of those who have both to those who do not, she explains.

That message of helping others also resonates with Grade 1 students, says teacher Kirsten Kobylak, who first suggested pupils in both grades volunteer together at the Friendship Inn.



“We wanted to find an authentic way to teach the kids about gratitude, and experience the special feeling of doing something for other people,” she says. Cont...

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About 70 students, three in Grade 1 each paired with a Grade 6 care partner, volunteered on 16 different days at the Inn this fall, the second autumn for this project.

“They have such a blast,” says Kirsten. “They feel like they’re making a difference.”

Students continue to help by

contributing to a food drive for the Inn.

While some parents were hesitant about the learning opportunity, several volunteered to drive and work alongside their children.

Some families introduced to the Friendship Inn through Willowgrove School talked about returning to volunteer as a family.

Katherine, Kristen and Grade 1 teacher Ryan Digneau collaborated to organize this learning experience after recognizing the value for students in their classes.



More information about volunteering at the Saskatoon Friendship Inn is available from Amy Bratton at (306) 242-5122.



A Big Thank You!

Many thanks to kids attending Sunday School at Eaton-Mantario United Church. They created this paper-mache turkey, then invited people to stuff it with cash donations for the Inn.



Long-Time Volunteer Greatly Missed

Peter Perdue 1942 - 2015

For 28 years, children eagerly awaited Peter Perdue’s arrival at the Friendship Inn on Saturdays.

They sat at tables waiting for this kind, gentle volunteer to inspire their creativity.

“He brought joy to the lives of children in the inner city through art,” Sandra Stack, the inn’s Executive Director, says of Peter, who died in May at the age of 72. He engaged them,

remembered their names and even provided visual arts supplies, she recalls. This amazing man taught art to three generations at the Inn and mentored artists in the community during a 50-year teaching career as a Fine Arts professor at the University of Saskatchewan.

Peter’s obituary said he “loved art and those who created it with passion” and “worked tirelessly for people in need.”



“As a gifted teacher, he has influenced multitudes to live more consciously and humanely in this wounded world.”

Jim Gives Back

Jim has become a familiar and welcoming face at the Inn, during the past year.

In the video created last December, he talked about the Inn helping him. Since then, he’s found a

variety of ways to give back. Jim makes sure Friendship Inn employees keep up with the news by bringing a paper for them to read, updates the community poster board, and offers a friendly greeting to people

coming and going.

Recently, his valuable contribution was recognized when Jim donned an official volunteer name tag.

Thank You Jim!

3,065 volunteers improve the lives of the Inn’s guests

Did you know?

by devoting **16,042** hours during **4,613** shifts
That’s priceless.

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Food Donations Appreciated

In my experience, the generosity of people is overwhelming.

Their giving spirit enabled the Friendship Inn to serve a nourishing Thanksgiving dinner to more than **1,200** children and adults without a hit to its budget. All the turkeys were donated, as were fresh garden vegetables and pies.

While we require extra help for our holiday meals, year-round donations remain vital to the Inn's ability to serve vulnerable Saskatoon

residents of all ages. Contributions of food mean our grocery bill was only \$3,800 this past year.

However demand is growing. *We now serve 1,000 meals a day, up 26% from a year ago.*



As we prepare our homes and our pantries for the holiday season, let us keep in mind those who are less fortunate and reflect on how we can help. Please consider giving to the Friendship Inn this holiday season and throughout the year.

Blessings to all this holiday season

Sandra Stack,
Executive Director



Give a Gift this Season at Saskatoon Friendship Inn:



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PotashCorp Repeats Help to Fill the Plate & Will Match YOUR Gift, Up To \$100,000

- \$5 - Fills a plate
- \$35 - Fills a plate for a week
- \$75 - Fills 15 plates
- \$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: _____

Email: _____

Post-dated cheques

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

----- Or -----

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 _____.

----- Or -----

Visa **Mastercard**

I authorize the Saskatoon Friendship Inn to charge \$ _____ to my credit card
1st day of each month for _____ months, beginning the month of _____.



Name on card: _____

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

Signature: _____