

“BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL,
FOR THEY SHALL OBTAIN MERCY.”
(MATTHEW 5:7)



OUR FAITH IN ACTION

A Project Funded by TIA in 2016

Independent Living Resource Centre Calgary (ILRCC) Personal Empowerment Program

TIA contributes to serving 98 clients and families who are marginalized and amongst the poorest. The clients are served at our centre include the most vulnerable. They live with disabilities which include chronic mental and physical illnesses leading to hunger, homelessness and a sense of hopelessness.

The Personal Empowerment Program (PEP) Coordinator attempts to alleviate the suffering through establishing 39 partnerships to offer basic needs and services for those with limited to severe mobility issues including helping to access Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH), assisting with housing support to avoid becoming homeless, and clothing supplies to assist with basic needs.

TIA also assists in continuing the Organization's Hunger Prevention Program bringing emergency food hampers to low income individuals and families. Funding was also used to successfully host 13 Education and Awareness Program workshops which grew a strong following to help increase individual and community awareness on important topics (Human Trafficking in Alberta, Bipolar Affective Disorder, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Stress Management, Autism and Asperger's, and applying for the Registered Disability Savings Plan).



The PEP Coordinator is a representative board member of the Calgary Police Chief Advisory Board helping launch the Vulnerable Person Database and Education on Domestic Violence in our community with a focus on individuals with disabilities. As well, the PEP Coordinator is a member of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities Celebration hosted this year at Arts Common to celebrate United Nations Person of Disabilities Day (on December 3 every year).

ILRCC - its staff volunteers and clients truly appreciate the support provided by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary. This grant has led to the success of the PEP Program!

