



WECAN is a non for profit charity on an extremely tight budget however we have managed to continue to operate for 21 years in Edmonton and surrounding communities. We have a small governance board and 2 part time employees. All 29 of our depots are volunteer driven and run by churches, community agencies and day cares. The number of members we serve has increased a dramatic 40% from the same time last year.

With the ever increasing amount of charity's doing more with less funding we stated at your April 2016 meeting that if we were fortunate enough to be your charity of choice, it was our dream to start an endowment fund to ensure WECAN would continue in perpetuity. An Endowment Fund requires a minimum of \$10,000 to initially set up and as we are such a small organization, we had serious concerns whether this goal would ever be attainable. It is with great pleasure that I would like to announce that we have just completed the 5 session course with THE EDMONTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM. We have a draft proposal in place for board approval. The Fund has a general statement that says "the intent and purpose of our fund is to enhance the quality of life of those living in the greater Edmonton area in difficult circumstances included, but not limited to poverty, hunger, homelessness, illness, violence and/or natural or manmade disasters" This will cover what happens in the case of change to ensure the purpose of our fund is still carried on should WECAN merge with another organization or does not exist sometime in the future. So, thank you to 100 MEN YEG for honoring what we do, how we do it, but, most importantly why.

Additionally I would like extend a personal thank you to two of the 100 Men and their companies who went above and beyond to help us out.

- The first is Greg Himer of Capital Colour. Capital gifted us a \$250.00 gift certificate for printing. Without resources in our budget for promotion this was a tremendous gift and now we have beautiful colour posters professionally done. Thank you, Greg.
- The second is Shant Chakmakian of SC SYSTEMS. Shant gave us a \$350 gift certificate for IT services. This was extremely fortuitous as we had just changed providers in addition to having just upgraded our computer system. In doing so we had system malfunctions! Shant spent several hours in our office and got us back up and running. We are so pleased to receive his guidance, patience and expertise that we have set up a service contract with his firm. Thank you, Shant.

Sincerely

Board of Directors and Staff  
WECAN Food Basket Society of Alberta