

Bissell Centre



Christmas Catalogue 2008

Inviting the generous Edmonton community to
make a difference for those in the inner city



Happy Holidays to you and yours!

What a wonderful time of the year! The spirit of Christmas becomes so alive at Bissell Centre, and it is amazing to watch the vision – “Neighbour Helping Neighbour” – come to fruition. People are hustling and bustling in and out of the agency. November and December are the busiest months of the year with Bissell continuing its direct work with people living in poverty. Celebrations and gifts of new clothing and items are distributed to everyone involved in the services of the agency.

General community donations are critical for Bissell to continue its mission, and individuals and families like you comprise 15% of our operating budget. The majority of this great support comes in November and December. With the world market instability, I believe the next two years will be critical for organizations like ours who are dependent on community support. This year we completed our capital project, Building Bissell, and we now have wonderful facilities to house our staff and serve our community. We still need your help though in continuing to provide the much needed programs and services which continue to grow and evolve.

The topping to the end of the season is the beginning of a new year. For the last 30 years, Bissell has worked with members of the Edmonton community to organize the Inner City New Year’s Day Dinner. Again this coming January 1st, we will be serving 1,200 plates of turkey, ham and all the fixings to celebrate the hope of what a new year may bring.

I hope you will be able to support us in assisting Edmontonians throughout the Holiday season and that this catalogue gives you an idea of how you can support. Every little bit helps make a difference in Edmonton’s inner city!

Wishing you Peace and Joy today, tomorrow and forever!
I hope 2009 is your best year yet!

Shelley Williams
Executive Director
Bissell Centre



Give a Special Gift this Season

As the festive season quickly approaches, we begin to think of family and friends near and far and finding ways to let them know how much we care. Bissell Centre is happy to offer you this wonderful selection of gifts to warm their hearts and yours.

For every gift you purchase, Bissell Centre will send a holiday greeting card letting your loved one(s) know how much this gift is appreciated. Your purchases are also eligible for a charitable tax receipt which will be mailed directly to you. If we receive more funds than needed for the program you've requested, your donation will be applied to the area with the most need.

We hope you enjoy browsing through our Christmas Catalogue and choosing gifts that help us continue to build community and develop relationships.

Your contribution can be made online by following the link for Canada Helps on our website or by mailing in the order form.

A list of needed in-kind donations can be found on page 6.
The Christmas Catalogue order form can be found on page 7.

Community

Relationships

Hope

Trust

To meet the **basic daily needs** for those with the least access to resources

Women's Lunch

A hot lunch is served to women in the inner city twice a week for no charge.

S	Support one woman to receive lunch one week	\$ 10
M	Support one woman to receive for a month	\$ 40
L	Support one day's operation of Women's Lunch	\$200

Community Closet


Individuals and families are able to access essential clothing and household items at no charge up to four times annually.

This is a program through the Bissell Thrift Shoppe

S	Sponsor one person's trip to the Community Closet	\$ 40
M	Sponsor a family's trip to the Community Closet	\$100
L	Sponsor a family's trip to Community Closet for a year	\$400

Sponsor one person to receive an **Elder's teachings, counsel & guidance** on personal & family issues

\$25



Robert Tegler Friendship Room (Adult Drop-In)

The Robert Tegler Friendship Room gives people the opportunity to have a healthy snack, take a shower, wash laundry enjoy safe fellowship with friends, and more. It is open every weekday.

S	Support one person's day in the Drop-In	\$ 15
M	Support one person to access services for a week	\$ 75
L	Support one person to access services for a month	\$300



\$50

Sponsor **Movie Night** in the Drop-In

To improve the **quality of life** of those with the least access to resources

Employment Services

Employment Services provides a healthy bagged lunch for workers dispatched to casual labour jobs with shifts 4 hours or longer during the work week.

S	Provide four days of lunches for a casual labourer	\$ 20
M	Provide two weeks of lunches for a casual labourer	\$ 50
L	Provide a month of lunches for a casual labourer	\$100

Recreation & Wellness

Community members are able to attend summer camps at Moonlight Bay Retreat Centre on Lake Wabamun where they feel safe, relaxed and can enjoy nature.

S	Support one daytrip at camp for one person	\$ 35
M	Support one parent and one child to spend a day and night at camp	\$100
L	Support one week at camp for one person	\$250



One-on-one hammock time for mom and daughter at camp

Sponsor a group of adults to attend an
Aboriginal sweat lodge

\$50

Adult Supports

Adult Support Workers provide a variety of needed assistance to Bissell Community members to keep them as safe and healthy as possible.

S	Support a community member to have a staff accompany him/her to a doctor's appointment	\$ 25
M	Sponsor a morning of sessions with staff where up to 12 peoples' immediate needs are met.	\$ 75
L	Sponsor one day's work for an Adult Support Worker	\$175



Participating in arts & crafts is a weekly enjoyment activity in the Robert Tegler Friendship Room

To give **children in poverty** a chance for a brighter present and future

Childcare

Bissell Centre operates a free childcare service which families are able to use one day per week or on a temporary basis.

S	Sponsor a child to attend childcare for a day	\$ 35
M	Sponsor one child's care one day per week for a month	\$140
L	Sponsor the operation of the baby room, toddler room or preschool room for one day (12 children)	\$420



Water babies in childcare

Children's Nutrition

Children attending Bissell Centre's childcare receive 75% of their nutritional needs for the day.

S	Provide a day's worth of fresh fruit for childcare	\$ 25
M	Provide two week's worth of milk for childcare	\$ 60
L	Provide a month's supply of baby food and formula	\$150

Family Support

Assistance is provided with needs such as housing, parenting skills, child welfare issues, as well as with diapers, formula, and clothing.

S	Support a Bissell staff worker's outreach visit to a family in need	\$ 50
M	Support a Parenting Plus group meeting	\$100
L	Support a session of Basic Shelf for parents to learn about meal planning, food security, & kitchen stocking	\$450



Sponsor a family of four to attend a Bissell recreational trip, such as to the **Valley Zoo** or **Fort Edmonton Park**. Picnic lunch and transportation included.

\$80

To increase the **education and awareness** of issues of poverty within the greater Edmonton community!

Volunteer Services

Bissell is grateful to have approximately 1,600 volunteers contribute an average of 20,000 hours of work annually throughout our various programs and services.

- S** Sponsor a group orientation session for new volunteers \$ 25
- M** Support the cost of a screening and background check for two volunteer applicants \$ 60
- L** Support the cost of two volunteer recruitment sessions \$200



Bissell volunteers entertain childcare with face painting and music



Support a community member to attend an **Aboriginal Spiritual Ceremony** to learn about heritage & access mentorship

\$35



Give a year's subscription to **Bissell News** for one person

\$25

You are also welcome to contribute to **Bissell Centre's General Operation** budget which will apply your donation to the area that has the most need.

Bissell's Holiday Wish List

As part of the joy and celebration of the season, Bissell Centre likes to offer community members and their families a gift to bring a bit more light and comfort to their lives. We are requesting **new** donations of all items listed below.



Infants & Young Children

- Books
- DVDs
- Baby bottles, Soothers
- Combs
- Toys

Teenagers

- Books
- DVDs
- Make-up
- Combs & Brushes
- Board games

We're trying something new this year! Bissell Centre hopes to supply every adult with a brand new hoodie to add some extra warmth this winter. We need your help in donating new hoodies of all sizes for men and women, preferably in dark colors.



Items Needed throughout the Year

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| Razors | Socks |
| Toothbrushes | Fleece Toques |
| Band-Aids | Gloves & Mittens |
| Nail Clippers | Coats |
| Hair Combs & Brushes | Bath Towels |
| Feminine Hygiene Products | Clean Plastic Shopping Bags |

All in-kind donations can be dropped off Bissell Centre at 10527 96 Street. Please bring items to Front Reception Monday – Friday between 9am and 4pm. For any clarification or questions about this catalogue, please contact Jessica Smith-Perry at 780-969-5160



Christmas Catalogue Mail Order Form

➤ **Step 1. Tell us who you are.**

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ Apt. # _____
City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____
Email _____

➤ **Step 2. Pick your gift.**

If you care to order more than one of any item, please record this under Quantity.

Item Name	Size	Cost	Quantity	Total
_____	_____	\$_____ x _____	_____	= \$_____
_____	_____	\$_____ x _____	_____	= \$_____
_____	_____	\$_____ x _____	_____	= \$_____
_____	_____	\$_____ x _____	_____	= \$_____

Total \$ _____

➤ **Step 3. I would like my donation of \$_____ to be used wherever it is most needed.**

➤ **Step 4. How would you like to pay?**

- Cheque enclosed (payable to Bissell Centre)
 Credit Card: Visa, American Express, MasterCard, Discover

Card Number _____

Signature _____ Expiry Date _____

- I'd like to pay through a monthly donation of \$_____, with my: enclosed voided cheque, or provided credit card information. Please pull from my account on the last banking day before the 15th or end of the month.

Please mail this form with your payment to Bissell Centre, 10527 96 Street, Edmonton, AB T5H 2H6.

➤ **Step 4. Make this a gift for a loved one.**

If you have more than one gift recipient, please provide additional name(s) and address(es) on the next page.

Name _____ Item Name & Size _____

Address _____ Apt. # _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Special Message for card (optional): _____

Additional Gift Recipients

Name _____ Item Name & Size _____

Address _____ Apt. # _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Special Message for card (*optional*): _____

Name _____ Item Name & Size _____

Address _____ Apt. # _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Special Message for card (*optional*): _____

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Our gift to you...A Christmas quiz for the kitchen table!

1. What is the shape of the candy cane modeled after?
 - a. A fish hook
 - b. A constellation of stars
 - c. The cane St. Nicholas used
 - d. A Shepherd's crook
2. What is the name of the dog that belonged to the Grinch in Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas?
 - a. Rudolph
 - b. Toto
 - c. Max
 - d. Cerberus
3. Which star led the Three Kings to Jesus?
 - a. Star of David
 - b. North Star
 - c. Star of Bethlehem
 - d. Angel Star
4. Where did the real St. Nicholas live?
 - a. Holland
 - b. The North Pole
 - c. Turkey
 - d. Germany
5. What brought Frosty the Snowman to life?
 - a. Pixie dust
 - b. An old silk hat
 - c. A kiss
 - d. A fresh snowfall
6. It is customary to exchange kisses beneath a sprig of which plant?
 - a. Holly
 - b. Mistletoe
 - c. Ivy
 - d. Pine
7. Whose patron saint is St. Nicholas?
 - a. Children and scholars
 - b. Merchants and sailors
 - c. Women without dowries
 - d. All of the above
8. When were most Christmas carols sung today composed?
 - a. Just after Christ's birth
 - b. 1300s and 1400s
 - c. 1500s and 1600s
 - d. 1700s and 1800s