



### Defining an End to Poverty

Our community was there!



The 2018 Western Regional Poverty Summit brought together changemakers from more than 25 cities from Western Canada and beyond, to discuss innovative ways governments, cities, and sectors can work together to end poverty.

Paul Born from Tamarack Institute highlighted the three tools needed to end poverty – **living wage, affordable childcare, and basic income**; and, poverty reduction was reframed to: **“85% of people are NOT poor, how can we get that to 90%, or better?”**



### Lived-Experience Perspectives

Three focus groups were held with local community groups representing demographics at risk of poverty.

When asked:  
**“What does poverty mean to you?”**

**Their responses**  
included:



### Tri-Region Approach

Spruce Grove FCSS and Stony Plain FCSS are partnering to complete a homelessness estimate survey in the fall of 2018.

## TRI-REGION

Housing and Service Need Estimate survey will provide information about the number of people experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness in our region.

This project, funded by the FCSS Alberta Association, will require the support of many community volunteers and service providers. The survey will provide baseline metrics and community-specific trends.



*Volunteer to help complete data surveys in October 2018.*



### Address Issues of Those Most At Risk

Stony Plain FCSS and volunteers offered a free income tax program that assisted seniors and those struggling with poverty to complete their income taxes. This program not only eases their tax reporting process but also allows people in need to access potential benefits and tax breaks that can boost their income.



*Stony Plain FCSS assisted 193 clients in need of support, information, and help.*



*The Salvation Army provided \$1,630 in support to local residents in need of food and gas vouchers from April to June.*



## Cultural Awareness

The 19<sup>th</sup> annual Aboriginal Days in recognition of National Indigenous Peoples Day brought community together to celebrate indigenous music, history, foods, and people.



*2500 community members in our Tri-region attended three local Community Pedestrian Parades in Wabamun, Stony Plain, and Spruce Grove to support mental health awareness.*



*Make a point to get to know your neighbours this summer; there may be someone right next door who could use help or support.*



## Food Security

Plans for Stony Plain and community residents to #EatTogether are coming together with the first quarterly Community Supper planned for October 2018.



*Contact us to get involved.*

Neighbours Meeting Neighbours  
**COMMUNITY SUPPER**



## Transportation

Engage Church in Spruce Grove now has an **Engage Bus!**

Starting this fall the **Engage Bus** will provide free transportation service to the Parkland Food Bank with two routes – one in Spruce Grove and one in Stony Plain. For more information or to get route details email [bus@engagechurch.ca](mailto:bus@engagechurch.ca).



## Access to Recreation, Social, and Community Opportunities for All

The Town of Stony Plain, The One 88.1 FM, and Dog Rump Creek Music are once again offering free Wednesday night concerts in Shikaoi Park. These concerts build community and provide barrier free fun and festivities.



## Awareness, Education and Advocacy

Wilhawk Beef Jerky owners raised awareness of poverty within our Tri-Region through a personal story of connecting to a local man living in poverty.



*Wilhawk Beef Jerky raised awareness of poverty in our area through 10,516 shares and 1400 comments on Facebook.*



*Hand Claps = awesome actions.*



*Hand Ups = calls to action.*



*Contact us for more details. Let us know of new initiatives. Share with us your ideas.*

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