

Enjoy a....
*A Cup of Coffee with the
Cupboard!*



*From the desk of our
Executive Director
Lori Shatto....*

Good morning!

How are you all doing this week? I trust that you and your families are keeping well. By now, you may have seen some of our social media posts announcing our GivingTuesday results... my goodness! THANK YOU!!

I am truly overwhelmed by the generosity of our donors. Words just don't seem quite enough. Thank you for believing in The Lending Cupboard and the team here to make sure we are here to provide medical equipment and daily living aids that enhance quality of life, supporting mobility, independence, and dignity.

Our commitment to you is that we will continue to do so with the same compassion, kindness, and support that you have trusted us with over the years. Thank you for helping us exceed our original goal and reach **\$17,000!**

It certainly has felt like the holiday season around here this past week. From the generosity of our donors, holiday music playing, and hearing all the wonderful stories from our volunteers of their family traditions or foods used to celebrate the season. This week, we are so pleased to share some more of those with you. Enjoy!

Please remember that we will be closed during the week of December 26th, returning on January 2nd. If you are anticipating that you may need some medical equipment or daily living aids for yourself or family members visiting, please give us a call or stop by.

Have a great weekend & I hope to see you soon at the Cupboard!

Take care,

Lori Shatto



What's happening at the Cupboard!

Christmas Reflections...

Genene, our extraordinary receptionist, took some time to share about a very special Christmas family memory.

"We would have Christmas at my grandparents' house, and there would be at least 25 of us there," she recalled. "There would be lots of food, and there was also this great big potato bowl.

"Grandma would rice her potatoes and I then would watch that bowl go from one end of the table to the other, and I was always fearful that I wasn't going to get any potatoes," she added with a laugh.

In the years since those times, Genene now has her grandmother's bowl - a precious keepsake and a wonderful reminder of those past holiday seasons.

"It's very special. And every Christmas, I remember the good food and the many

Christmas dinners at my grandparents' home. It's one of my favorite memories."



Genene

Our volunteer Lorraine also reflected on past holiday seasons, and how things have changed over the years. But there is a constant - and that is that family is at the heart of whatever they do.

"In Christmases past in Ontario, our families would gather at my sister's. At times, there would be 21 of us! We would enjoy a great meal, and after, the children would play with their toys and the adults would play charades."

It's a different scene now that she and her husband Steve, who also volunteers here at The Lending Cupboard, call Red Deer home. Although one year they did venture 'down under' to spend a Christmas with their daughter and her family in Australia. But typically, celebrations are held closer to home.

"Now that we live in Red Deer, we gather at our son and daughter-in-law's home and enjoy spending Christmas with them and our two grandchildren!"



Lorraine

For Kristin, our Fundraising/Donor Relations Coordinator, music is an absolutely essential part of the holiday season.

"I love Christmas! It's my favorite holiday," she said, adding that music is foundational to bolstering that Christmas spirit.

"I think that my fondest memory growing up was that my mom always played Christmas music leading up to the holidays," she explained. "She would always play Boney M! So I've started doing that with my own kids, too," she said of the legendary 70s ensemble, whose fabulous Christmas album remains an absolute classic. "It carries on the tradition."

Plus music provides the best backdrop to other fun holiday activities.

Kristin and her family have a playlist going that includes a pretty diverse selection from the aforementioned Boney M. and songstress Sarah McLachlan, to Pentatonix and the snappy holiday style of pop group NSYNC among others.

It all makes for the perfect holiday sonic treat.

Another tradition for Kristin is holding a massive cookie bake. "We do whipped shortbread cookies. When I was a kid, mom would do that cookie press and we would decorate - so my sister and I do that with the kids every year now! We will make pans and pans of shortbread - and also bake butter tarts and ginger molasses cookies."

And of course, the holiday hits are always playing.

"It's non-negotiable in our house - you have play Christmas music while baking cookies or wrapping presents," she said. "And it starts on December 1!"



Kristin



Need to make your 2022 donation?

There is still time...

Donations can be made:

- via our website at www.lendingcupboard.ca
- by e-transfer to TLCdonate@lendincupboard.ca (If you would like a tax receipt, please provide your information in the message area of your transfer.)
- Stop by #1-7803 50 Avenue or call us at 403-356-1678 - we would love to see and speak with you! Please remember we are open Monday, Wednesday & Friday's 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.
- via mail - sent to The Lending Cupboard Society of Alberta, #1-7803 50 Avenue Red Deer, AB T4P 1M8

If you are making your gift during the week of December 26th, we would encourage you to do so via our website, e-transfer, or by mail. Donations with a postmark prior to January 1st, 2023 will be receipted for 2022.

There are many ways to donate and take advantage of those charitable tax credits. Not only is giving to charity a great way to make a difference in your community. But also when you claim your charitable donations, you can also take advantage of those gifts on your taxes. It's a "win-win" situation.

Thank you for your incredible support in 2022!!

Just a friendly reminder

We will be *closed* from **Dec. 24** through to **Jan. 1**
inclusive for the holidays

Regular hours *resume* **Jan. 2**

MERRY
Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Our 'Giving Tuesday' campaign *surpassed* our goal!

We have reached \$17,000! ♥

A hearty *thank you* to all who gave - your support *means the world* to us, and to the folks who will be helped thanks to your amazing generosity! ♥

Thank you



Our volunteers make us smile!

*Just wanted to say how THANKFUL we are for
our very dedicated volunteer team!*



Thank You For Your Support!



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