

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



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

Good morning,

Let's check-in, how has your week been? I truly hope that you are all doing well.

This week, I have been trying to take some moments to enjoy the hoar frost on the trees as I drive into work and look out my window here at TLC. Isn't it just beautiful? Thankful for the warmer weather and the beauty of the world around me.

This week we have launched our Winter 50/50 Raffle and all the details can be found on our website - <https://www.lendingcupboard.ca/winter-raffle>. I encourage you to check it out and if you are able - purchase tickets and support the work that continues to happen here each week.

Also, if you are out and about this weekend, come and visit us at the Healthy Living Expo at Westerner Park this coming Saturday. There will be lots of great vendors, so stop by. We would love to see you!

Until next Friday, have a great week, and take care of yourself and your loved ones.

Take care,

Lori Shatto

*What's happening at the
Cupboard!*

Exciting news

Our Winter 50/50 Raffle is underway!



We are super excited to be launching the first-ever 50/50 fundraiser as we head into 2023!

The Winter 50/50 Raffle kicked off on Jan. 15 and runs through to the end of March, with the draw for the lucky winner taking place at our office on April 3, 2023. With a fundraising goal of \$20,000, that means our lucky winner could collect up to a whopping \$10,000 as well!

“We have three types of tickets available for sale – one ticket for \$5, five tickets for \$20, and 20 tickets for \$60,” explained Kristin Mountain, our Fundraising/Donor Relations Coordinator. “It’s a limited print, so we would definitely encourage people to purchase their tickets early.”

Mountain said staff and volunteers will be attending several community events through the coming months to sell raffle tickets, so it also makes for an ideal way to better connect with the community and let people know what we are all about here at TLC.

People can also purchase tickets by phone at 403-356-1678, they can stop by TLC, or they can visit www.lendingcupboard.ca/winter-raffle.

In the meantime, our staff and volunteers are thrilled to be able to spread the word about this exciting new fundraiser!

"It takes just a simple purchase of a ticket, but it can have a great impact here in our community," explained TLC's Executive Director Lori Shatto.

If we sell out of our tickets, "Who couldn't use \$10,000," she said, adding that the beauty of it is that the \$10,000 of the 50/50 that comes back to TLC will be used to purchase and maintain equipment to help a very wide range of clients from young children with injuries to assisting seniors to age in place more comfortably.

"It's an exciting fundraiser for us - we are delighted, and we can't wait to see the incredible support that we know we will receive from our community once again. Red Deer and central Alberta have always come on board for The Lending Cupboard and I have no doubt they will continue to do so with this fundraiser!"

For additional information or to order tickets online, please visit www.lendingcupboard.ca/winter-raffle.

Meet David Chomistek - one of our valued board members



For our board member David Chomistek, a desire to volunteer and support a number of community initiatives was sparked early on.

A busy accountant in downtown Red Deer, David knew that he wanted to also support a local organization in some way. And having conducted an audit of TLC just a few years ago, he thought of us and is now an active member on not just one but two of our board committees!

"I was always looking for a board to join - preferably one within the community and one that I could connect with, which is a huge thing for me," he explained. "I wanted to be on a board that I could both understand and contribute to."

When he heard of a board position at TLC, he knew it would be a great fit.

"I thought, this is perfect! I understood what The Lending Cupboard did, I could see the need for it in the community, and I can see the passion that is in this organization," he said.

"Today, I can also see the growth and the expansion that has taken place - even just by seeing all of the equipment. Things have changed - there are big improvements! It's just beautiful to see an organization like this consistently growing and that people are (all the more) recognizing The Lending Cupboard."

David came onboard in late 2022, and is already providing his expertise and experience by serving on two committees - policy and finance.

In the meantime, his desire to 'give back' stems in part from his early years growing up in a small community in southern Alberta where helping others was encouraged.

"We would be the family that would stick around until 10 p.m. cleaning up the chairs and tables after an event," he recalled with a laugh. "That was a very normal thing for me. So volunteering was encouraged. When I attended the University of Lethbridge, I joined Volunteer Lethbridge which is a huge volunteering organization. I really enjoyed it," he said of lending a helping hand to a range of community events and organizations.

"It does bring me happiness. I enjoy it. It's really nice to go out and do something and not only see the appreciation for it, but also everyone you are working with is also excited to be there," he said. "When you volunteer, people are there with the common interest of just trying to give back."

As to TLC's board, David noted that the experience is also helpful to him as it's a terrific way to further his own development.

"It's very interesting to see how a board operates and how it works," he added.

For those considering serving the community via a volunteer post, David's advice is to simply give it a try.

"Just find an hour somewhere - I think a lot of people have the mindset that if they volunteer, they have to (sign up) for hours. I find that people appreciate you whether you are there for half an hour or for six hours! You will be appreciated nonetheless."

If you would like to learn more about volunteering here at TLC, visit our website (lendingcupboard.ca/volunteer-opportunities) or connect with our Volunteer Coordinator Brenda at 403-356-1678 ext. 203 or volunteer@lendingcupboard.ca.

Join us for the upcoming Cow Patti performance that benefits TLC!

Doris and Ivy in the Home



NORM FOSTER
March 9 - April 2, 2023

Our second show will be the Western Canadian premier of Norm Foster's hit comedy *Doris and Ivy in the Home*. Far from just a gender-reversed retelling of the earlier play, *Jonas in Barry in the Home*, from our 25th season, *Doris and Ivy* is a fresh story with three fascinating characters. Retired prison guard Doris Mooney has just moved into Paradise Village retirement home in Canmore, Alberta. She quickly befriends Ivy Hoffbauer, a former champion skier who's taken aback by Doris' cheerful brashness. Rounding out the trio is dapper Arthur Beech who has designs on Ivy. Love, gossip, and shenanigans behind the compost heap result in Foster at his hilarious best. Be the first audience in Western Canada ever to enjoy it!

“A show for all ages that is delightfully funny and heartwarming.”

We are so EXCITED to be teaming up again with our friends at the Cow Patti Theatre Company for a benefit performance of their upcoming production – 'Doris and Ivy in the Home'.

The performance slated to benefit The Lending Cupboard is set for March 25 – a portion of the proceeds from this show will support our ongoing mission here at TLC!

“One of the exciting aspects of any theatre's season is producing a show never before seen onstage,” said AnnaMarie Lea, Cow Patti's artistic director. “And when it's a new show, by audience favourite comic master Norm Foster, it's even more exciting!”

For tickets, contact us here at TLC by calling 403-356-1678 ext. 207 or by emailing fundraising@lendingcupboard.ca.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Call Brenda at 403-356-1678 ext. 203 or email
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