

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



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

Good morning!

Welcome to the close of another week, I trust that it has been one that has brought you joy and good health.

Things here at the Cupboard continue to be busy with lots of traffic coming and going each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. I'm very thankful for the opportunities that I have to step out on the floor and meet some of you - to hear some of your journeys. It is a good reminder of why The Lending Cupboard is here, our mission - To provide medical equipment and daily living aids that enhance quality of life, supporting mobility, independence, and dignity.

As we approach Giving Tuesday, November 29th, and our season of giving, I am reminded to always take a moment to be grateful for opportunities and people that come into our lives and bring such joy! Thank you for being a part of our story here at The Lending Cupboard.

Enjoy your weekend and remember - we are here to help!

Lori Shatto

*What's happening at the
Cupboard!*

Have you heard the news? We deliver!



Besides having a huge spectrum of medical equipment in tip-top condition available to be picked up at our facility, we also offer a delivery service.

Thanks to the generosity of our friends at Lacombe and Drayton Valley Ford, we have a van which our volunteer drivers use to take medical equipment all across Red Deer and Red Deer County at no charge. For residents beyond the County, there is a small charge for the service. Either way, it can make a world of difference for those in need of medical equipment who just wouldn't have access to it any other way.

Our receptionist Genene Rybicky knows firsthand how unique and helpful our delivery service really is. She noted that there are many folks who simply cannot come to our facility to pick up the equipment they so desperately need. "It's absolutely a key service, because a lot of folks don't have family to help them out. Also, a lot of our seniors don't drive." "I also once had a lovely couple who contacted us, and he was severely blind, so they were struggling with their needs and trying to maintain their independence in the community. They needed this equipment so that they could keep thriving in their home."

Enter the delivery service. Rybicky said that when clients like this couple discover that we offer a delivery service, they are amazed. It's also a huge help to families who are squeezed for time when they are moving a loved one into

or out of a given facility. Sometimes, borrowed medical equipment can also be - over time - collected at a facility and the TLC van can help to make a prompt and clean sweep. That way, the equipment can be promptly delivered back to TLC and prepared for new clients to borrow.

Ultimately, it's all about hearing the gratitude in the voices of clients calling in for help, but who can't visit us in person to pick up what they need. One of our volunteer drivers, Ron, said seeing the smiles when he makes a delivery is extremely fulfilling. "They are appreciative at that point already, because accessing the equipment at times is tough," he explains. "Some of them say it's a lifesaver. One lady told me, 'If it wasn't for you guys, I would never get out. I wouldn't know where to go, and I don't have the money to purchase it'.

For Ron, knowing the delivery service is having that kind of amazing impact makes it that much more worthwhile - adding to the joy of volunteering at TLC. And what does he love most about getting the equipment to those who need it? "I just enjoy being with the people, helping and doing what I can do behind the scenes."

If you would like to learn more about our delivery service, call us at 403-356-1678 or email contact@lendingcupboard.ca.

Giving Tuesday is right around the corner!

A promotional graphic for Giving Tuesday. It features a light beige background with a photograph of two hands: one hand is holding a bright pink heart, and the other hand is open and reaching up towards it. The text is arranged on the left side of the image. In the bottom right corner, there is a red rounded rectangle containing the logo for 'THE LENDING CUPBOARD' with the tagline 'We lend Medical Equipment.'

**GIVING
TUESDAY**

Please help
support us
as we serve
our
Central
Alberta
community!

**THE LENDING
CUPBOARD**
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After Black Friday and Cyber Monday, it's GIVING TUESDAY! What a terrific

day to help support the ongoing mission of TLC. We are so appreciative of our community's generosity all year through, but we'd like to emphasize the importance of Giving Tuesday as well. We simply cannot do what we do without your ongoing support!

Please consider supporting us on this special day - click here for details-

[Donation — The Lending Cupboard.](#)

Enjoy a fun performance while supporting TLC!

Did you know?

TLC receives a portion of the ticket proceeds from the Nov. 26 performance of Cow Patti's brand new show!



Join us for
a really
fun
outing!


We lend Medical Equipment.

Did you know that the Lacombe-based Cow Patti Theatre Company donates the proceeds from select performances every season to TLC? What an amazing partnership, and we are so very grateful to be among the beneficiaries of this tremendous generosity.

On November 26, we will receive a portion of ticket sale proceeds from the performance - talk about an amazing pre-Christmas gift!

Here's how you can help - join us at the November 26 show for a really fun production and very tasty meal while knowing that you're supporting TLC at the same time. Tickets can be purchased by calling us here at TLC (403-356-1678) or directly from Cow Patti!

See you at the show!

Continuing to make a difference in our client's lives!



Meet our client Toufic, who came in to see us after a knee injury. Pictured here, with our Systems Coordinator Kathy and our volunteer Marlyne, Toufic left TLC a happy man as he felt he had the medical equipment he needed to really help him in his recovery. "Honestly, I think for people who are struggling, you are probably saving them a world of hurt," he said. "I feel like if I hadn't come here, I wouldn't have known what to do. It really is one of the best ideas that I have seen!"

We are so pleased to have been able to help Toufic, and we wish him a very speedy recovery!

Working together in serving our community!



It's always inspiring when we can help to support a terrific local program like what these ladies provide - oral health care to those who couldn't afford it otherwise.

It's all part of the Oral Health Program offered through AHS at the Johnstone Crossing Community Health. Tannis, Simone, Prathana and Georgina, members of the Oral Health Team, visited us recently to borrow a wheelchair for one of their clients.

It's so great when local agencies and charitable services can support each other!

Thank You For Your Support!



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