



BILD CALGARY REGION FOUNDATION

BILD Calgary Region Foundation was incorporated in 1986 with a mandate; **To aid the community in which members of BILD Calgary Region work and live, by supporting shelter related charitable initiatives, education opportunities and shelter related research.** **BILD Calgary Region Foundation** is very proud of the fact that it has no overhead. Resources such as staff, office space and equipment are graciously donated by BILD Calgary Region. The Board of Directors, as well as fundraising and committee organizers are all volunteers.

BILD CALGARY REGION FOUNDATION shares the membership **BILD Calgary Region**.

Governors are elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting. BILD Calgary Region Foundation is a separate legal entity from BILD Calgary Region, although they share many goals and resources, and BILD Calgary Region Foundation is the charity of choice for the membership and the industry.

Since its inception, BILD Calgary Region Foundation is responsible for providing over 7,000 safe living spaces, and returned over \$7.5 Million back into the community we live in.

The Foundation raises most of its funds on a per project basis. Each project is assessed to ascertain the involvement required of its members. Once that is determined, a fund-raising program is undertaken and members of the home building community are called upon to provide cash donations, in-kind material donations, labour, and time.

BILD Calgary Region Foundation appreciates the support of its members and is grateful for any donations that help support its work. For more specific information on current projects or to make a donation, please call 403.235.1911 and help us extend a helping hand.

Project # 16 – Alpha House

In 2016, BILD Calgary Region Foundation supported Alpha House which provides permanent housing for women who have faced societal marginalization and homelessness related to addiction and mental health issues. When completed, the building will provide 24-hour support and will house 30 women in permanent shelter from the streets. 2016 statistics indicate women made up 20 per cent of users in emergency shelters in Calgary and have a mortality rate 10 times higher than the general population. \$250,000 was donated to be used toward the purchase of land for the Women’s Harm Reduction Facility as part of the larger RESOLVE Campaign.

Project #15 – Habitat for Humanity

Also in 2016, BILD Calgary Region Foundation supported Habitat for Humanity in the construction of six fourplex’s in Pineridge. The \$55,000 donation will help to break the cycle of poverty by promoting home ownership opportunities at mortgage rates the families can afford. Twenty-four families will be given a hand-

up not a hand-out. The homes are sold with no down payments and no-interest mortgages. Monthly mortgages go into a revolving fund which is used to build additional homes.

Project #14 - Avenue 15

In 2013, on any night, over 65,000 young persons were homeless in Canada. Twenty per cent of Calgary's homeless are youth under 18 years of age. Seventy per cent of these homeless youth are the victims of sexual, physical and emotional abuse.

With the generous support of Shane Homes, an exterior renovation was completed. Operating for 20 years in the Beltline, Avenue 15 provides an emergency place to sleep, shower and the opportunity to obtain a hot meal to these kids. It also provides a safe place to live while the youth address their problems and barriers to reconnect with support and access to education and skills development to gain employment and transition back home or to live independently in the community.



The scope of the work included removal of the fencing, the front and upper story decks and reducing the width of the front steps. Due to the age of the building, brickwork, insulation and roofing were also required.

Project #13 - Camp Horizon



Camp Horizon - 2014

BILD Calgary Region Foundation donated \$1 Million dollars in funding in 2013 to replace two dormitories at Camp Horizon in Kananaskis County which operates year round for disabled campers of all ages and their caregivers.

Part of a larger and aggressive \$12 million plan to replace aged and outdated facilities at Camp Horizon, the total budget of this first initial phase was \$4.1 Million and included demolition and site clearing, construction of the dormitories, utilities and landscaping and a maintenance building along with other amenities.

Camp Horizon is a one-of-a kind camp located on 62 acres in Kananaskis Country where campers of all abilities traverse tree-top rope courses, swing on giant swings, rock climb, and challenge themselves in ways they never imagined possible. Campers leave feeling empowered through self-confidence and with the knowledge that for them, anything is possible.

Each dorm is 2,925 square feet and accommodates 32 campers, wheelchairs and eight staff to support the campers. Indoor recreation in the dorm will allow for more programming that will be independent of mountain weather conditions.

The previous 45-year-old dorms could not accommodate the wheelchairs or the caregivers, therefore leaving the campers vulnerable.

Project #12 - Mary Dover House, YWCA

In 2010, the YWCA of Calgary requested our help with a much-needed renovation. BILD Calgary Region Foundation was honoured to help this most needed and worthwhile housing initiative.

YWCA's Mary Dover House is a crisis and transitional housing facility for women and children who are facing homelessness. Some are victims of domestic violence. BILD Calgary Region Foundation completely gutted the sixth floor of the YWCA's existing high-rise and created an additional 14 units for women and their children bringing the total units to 100. Lack of affordable housing is one of the most compelling reasons women do not leave domestic violence situations or why women return to abusive relationships.



Alice Bissett Place - 2009



Mary Dover House - 2011

Project #11 - Alice Bissett Place

Officially opened June 25, 2009, this project broke ground in the spring of 2007. It provided 114 residential units to house the working poor, low-income seniors, mentally and physically handicapped persons as well as brain-injured. In addition to 104 apartment style units Alice Bissett Place features an additional 10 duplex style townhomes specifically for low-income families. Totaling 80,116 square feet each unit ranges from 380 square foot bachelor apartments to 1,400 square foot three bedroom townhomes. There are also additional common areas and meeting rooms.

Another highly successful joint venture project of BILD Calgary Region Foundation, Calgary Homeless Foundation and Horizon Housing Society, Alice Bissett Place was built on land donated by the City of Calgary, and received significant funding from the Affordable Housing Partnership Initiative program of the Governments of Canada and Alberta.

Alice Bissett Place townhomes achieved Platinum Level of the Built Green™ program with an 82 EnerGuide rating, and began receiving residents in October 2009. This achievement represents resource-efficient and environmentally friendly construction; providing greater energy efficiency, preserving natural resources, and improving durability and reducing maintenance.

Project #10 – ARBI

The Association for the Rehabilitation of the Brain Injured was in desperate need of a major kitchen renovation to make the space more accessible to clients to practice newly acquired skills. This project was completed in spring 2009.

Project #9 - Bob Ward Residence

2001 - 2003 marked the beginning of the Foundation's largest undertaking in its history at that point. In recognition of BILD Calgary Region Foundation's support, the development is named after industry leader Major Bob Ward and was a joint venture of BILD Calgary Region Foundation, Calgary Homeless Foundation and Horizon Housing Society. The Bob Ward Residence is a three story 61-unit apartment building that is occupied by persons with mental illness and other special needs. It houses over 70 people requiring assistance and includes a special brain injury rehabilitation unit. The 61 apartments range from 354 sq. ft. studio suites for those with a mental illness to a 1,608 sq. ft. four-bedroom apartment for the brain injury unit.



Bob Ward Residence - 2003

The Bob Ward Residence was completed in October of 2003 and is located on the northeast corner of Glenmore Trail and Sarcee Trail on land generously supplied by The City of Calgary. BILD Calgary Region Foundation is very proud that this project came in under budget and mortgage free.

Project #8 - Inn from the Cold

In 2000, Inn from the Cold, a transitional housing project in Ogden, was completed and appropriately named after Jon Robson who dedicated himself to improving the situation for the homeless. This 12-unit project was built to house homeless families, and was a part of The City of Calgary's Days of Caring Project.

Project #7 - Safe Haven

Also in 2000, the Safe Haven Foundation Project, a duplex that provided homes for runaway teenage girls, was completed through BILD Calgary Region Foundation's efforts in providing managerial and site supervision assistance.

Project #6 - William Roper Hull Center



During 1999 BILD Calgary Region Foundation assembled resources to complete a major renovation to Cottage 6 at the campus of the William Roper Hull Center. Cottage 6 houses children who are physically violent to others and dangerous to themselves. With the expanded and improved cottage, better treatment for more of these children can be given.

Safe House - 2000

Project #5 - Forest Lawn Transitional Housing

Again, in 1999, BILD Calgary Region Foundation assisted Calhome Properties by converting and adding a second floor to an existing building which houses single persons who are employed but cannot afford current rents and security deposits. Named Forest Lawn Transitional Housing, its tenants receive rent subsidies while saving sufficient funds to enter the mainstream rental market.

Project #4 - York Hotel

In 1998 BILD Calgary Region Foundation, in conjunction with Calhome Properties, renovated a portion of the York Hotel turning ten rooms into twenty smaller rooms, each one self-sufficient for use by the working poor. Individuals who can afford to pay some rent but need help in building up resources to afford current market rents and deposits.

Project #3 - Safe House

In 1996 we constructed a home for older children who are not cared for adequately by foster care, and whom, if left alone will likely turn to a life of escalating crime. The Safe House Society counsels and houses such children for up to six months, which provides the children the opportunity to channel their lives in a positive direction.

Project #2 - Children's Cottage

BILD Calgary Region Foundation constructed the Children's Cottage in 1993, a 24X365 short-term emergency shelter for children newborn to age eight. Parents can leave their children at the nursery for up to 72 hours during periods when they need to deal with a family crisis. Twelve beds are available for children at no charge to the family.



Children's Cottage - 1993

Project #1 - ARBI

ARBI (Association for the Rehabilitation of the Brain Injured) provided BILD Calgary Region Foundation the opportunity for its inaugural project in 1992. ARBI had three buildings on their property in which rehabilitation services were provided to their clients. BILD Calgary Region Foundation constructed the "Pathway to Recovery" hallway to join all three buildings, making treatments more accessible no matter the climate. Also installed was a therapeutic hot tub for the patients.
