



Faithful City Joining hands against elder abuse

Elder abuse is on the rise. Where are the resources?

- Our population is aging and elder abuse is on the rise. In a recent survey of 400 Calgary households, 24% of respondents reported that they know a senior who has experienced some form of physical, emotional or financial abuse, an increase of 6% from 2006. (source: Action Group on Elder Abuse, 2008)
- Research indicates a lack of awareness, resources and coordinated response to address elder abuse.

What is being done?

- The Action Group on Elder Abuse has developed ***Pulling Back the Curtain***, a Coordinated Community Response Model to address elder abuse and assist victims.
- On May 6, 2009, Christ Church will host a community information session entitled '*Elder Abuse... it's time to talk.*'
- A 24-hour Elder Abuse Hot Line is under development.

How is Faithful City involved?

- Faithful City was a critical partner in the conception and formation of the Coordinated Community Response to Elder Abuse, and has key people in leadership roles to help develop the implementation plan.

What can you do?

The Coordinated Community Response to Elder Abuse needs human and financial resources. Donate your time. Share your expertise. Make a contribution. Simply spread the word. Let us join hands against elder abuse and lift up those who have been burdened by it.

Faithful City –
Sharing faith.
Igniting ideas.
Building community.

Bringing a faith perspective and spiritual foundation to Calgary's social services community, Faithful City endeavours to raise up our community – and all who live here.

We seek real change on a systemic level; not bandaid solutions. And we believe that, together, the spiritual, social welfare, government and business communities can affect this change – for all.

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Faithful City – Partners in ‘Pulling back the curtain’

Elder abuse is increasing; action is needed.

Elder abuse is increasing at an alarming rate. Sadly, it is often unrecognized or unreported. Be it physical, emotional, financial or otherwise, our seniors are facing an unthinkable burden – often alone. This has to change.

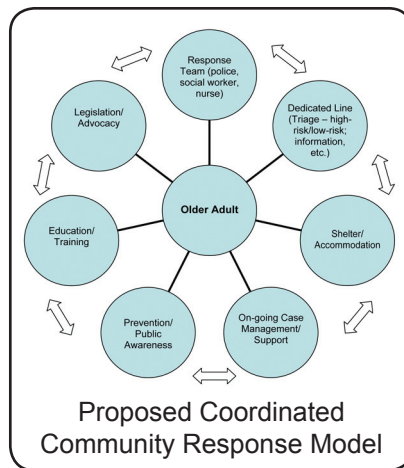
With the will, wisdom and strength of the faith and social welfare communities, change has begun.

A new model brings hope... and action.

In 2008 Faithful City played a critical role in the conception and formation of the Coordinated Community Response to Elder Abuse.

This innovative Calgary-grown initiative has had significant church involvement from the beginning with the Anglican / Roman Catholic based Trinity Place Foundation acting as a partner in its creation. Using the HomeFront experience of community engagement, it seeks to transform the response

and treatment systems that will change the lives of abused elders in Calgary.



A community joining together for real change

Specifically, the proposed Coordinated Community Response Model endeavours to have all key services related to elder abuse linked with clear protocols, processes, and defined roles and responsibilities. With the key resources better linked, our goal is for a more uniform response to elder abuse, including assistance for victims. A key element of the model is a 24-hour Elder Abuse

Hot Line, which is currently in the development phase.

Faithful City is encouraged with the progress of the Coordinated Community Response to Elder Abuse. We are grateful for the participation of so many community stakeholders including police, the judicial system, governments, social agencies and health care professionals. We feel blessed with the continuing presence of people of faith who humbly infuse spirit, hope and wisdom into this initiative and all the work they share with the wider society.

Together we are joining hands and taking action against elder abuse, and protecting the valued senior members of our community. For more information or to make a contribution, please contact us at info@faithfulcitycalgary.com.

Tools and Resources

Alliance to End Violence
www.endviolence.ca

Calgary Seniors Health Care and Information
www.calgaryarea.com/seniors/health.htm

Calgary Seniors' Resource Society
www.calgaryseniors.org/seniorconnect.php

Alberta Elder Abuse Awareness Network
www.albertaelderabuse.ca

In an emergency,
call 9-1-1.

Non-emergency response

Kerby Elder Abuse Line
403-705-3250

Seniors' Help Line
403-264-7700

ELDER ABUSE...IT'S TIME TO TALK

The abuse of seniors is often unrecognized or unreported. Find out why, and what can be done.

SPEAKERS include:

Eva Chan, Alliance to End Violence

Anne McIlwaine, Calgary Seniors' Resource Society

Constable Kevin Zeh,
Calgary Police Service

Join us:

Wednesday, May 6
7.30 – 9.15 p.m.
at Christ Church
3602 8th Street SW