

April 28, 2025

Dear Friend,

I hope this letter finds you well. I'm reaching out today on behalf of River Bend Integrated Community Ministries (ICM) to invite you to become a key part of the vital work we're doing in Saskatoon's Core Neighbourhoods. **As an ICM Bridge Builder, your financial support can bring lasting change**, helping us provide consistent, year-round supports for our community.

Bridge Builders believe in meaningful connections. They are committed to our vision of maintaining a safe, supportive space for Saskatoon's at-risk residents. Bridge Builders believe in relationships with the community built on solidarity, respect, compassion and justice. They celebrate the diversity of the core neighbourhood and uplift its marginalized voices. With their monthly gifts to ICM, Bridge Builders make a meaningful, long-term impact.

ICM's work is dynamic - everyday offers unique opportunities to serve as a bridge through which people in our community can get help navigating critical resources such as housing assistance and health supports. We also offer weekly programs. Our Monday **Sharing Circle** is a safe place for individuals to connect, share stories, and find solidarity in the company of others. It responds to the Truth & Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Calls to Action by addressing Indigenous mental health in culturally supportive ways. Our Wednesday **Chop and Chat Lunch** provides 50+ hot, nutritious, FREE meals to community members each week. Last year we served over 2000 meals and connected folks to 500+ services and resources.

Your monthly donation will be used to sustain programs like Chop and Chat, ensuring that our community can rely on us. Knowing we have a steady foundation of support from donors like you means that we can meet growing needs with confidence and care.

Consider the power of your monthly support:

- \$15 each month provides one hour of intensive job skills training, empowering a resident with skills they can use to find stable work
- \$20 each month provides one lunch per week for one member of our community
- \$34 each month collected over one year funds one Wednesday Chop and Chat for 50+ people including food and staffing costs
- \$45 each month allows us to offer babysitting services at one community Sharing Circle
 making it easier for mothers and other caregivers to participate and with \$60 we can provide
 transportation

To join as a monthly **Bridge Builder**, simply complete and return the accompanying Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) form or visit us online at <u>Canada Helps</u> or use the QR Code below. Your commitment will help ensure no one in our neighbourhood has to go without a warm meal, compassionate support or a safe place to belong.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to create lasting change. Your donation means that together, we can continue to walk alongside our community, offering food, friendship, and support.

With sincere gratitude,

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For one-time donations send e-transfers to icmsaskatoon@gmail.com
ICM is a registered charity. Tax receipts can be issued for donations of \$25 or more.

Bridge Builders who commit to a donation of \$20 or more per month receive:

- quarterly email updates on ICM's programs and services
- a downloadable certificate of thanks from the ICM community
- a fun, limited edition Bridge Builder pin

