

## NEWS RELEASE

### **Calgarians asked to help re-open the doors of THE DOORWAY**

*Local non-profit supporting Calgary youth in transition closed due to smoke damage*

Calgary, AB (January 27, 2008) - Smoke damage from a fire in a neighbouring business has temporarily closed the doors of THE DOORWAY, a non-profit organization supporting young people in their transition from the street to mainstream living. The fire occurred on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> and staff and volunteers of THE DOORWAY have been working hard to get the doors open for business again. Since 1988, THE DOORWAY has worked with over 1,000 youth and everyday the doors remain closed, Calgary's homeless youth are unable to access THE DOORWAY's programs.

THE DOORWAY is asking Calgarians to support their efforts with financial and equipment supply donations, enabling them to continue their work with Calgary's young people. "All of the contents of our location were either unsalvageable or are being professionally cleaned. The sooner we can set up a working space, the sooner the youth in our programs can keep moving forward and taking positive steps to improve their lives," said Marilyn Dyck, Executive Director of THE DOORWAY.

Following is a list of what was lost and/or is needed at THE DOORWAY:

- Phone system
  - 6 phones needed with 6 lines per phone
- Computers & Monitors
  - 5 desktop computers with flat screen monitors (preferable due to lack of desk space)
  - Participants typically use these computers for: internet, word processing, budgets (excel).  
USB and CD/DVD drives are needed as well.
- 8.5 x 11 standard white printing paper
- Paperback books for participants
- Up to 8 office chairs
- General office supplies (ball point pens, etc.)
- Financial contributions are always welcome

THE DOORWAY would like to thank Calgarians in advance for their generous donations. For any donation, financial or material, charitable tax receipts will be issued.

For more information on THE DOORWAY, visit [www.thedoorway.ca](http://www.thedoorway.ca)

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