

PRESS RELEASE

THE DOORWAY IS BACK FROM 3 MONTHS "ON THE STREET"

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Calgary – June 15, 2009 - On Sunday January 11th, THE DOORWAY, a **non-profit organization supporting young people in their transition from the street to mainstream living**, suffered significant smoke damage due to a major fire in a restaurant connected to their location at: #10, 2808 Ogden Road SE, Calgary, AB.

Following almost three months of hard work to bring the organization back to life, THE DOORWAY is now open once again.

THE DOORWAY would like to thank Calgarians for their overwhelming support and donation of supplies and equipment during their time of need.

THE DOORWAY, formerly The Back Door, has been operating in Calgary for the past 21 years. **Supported almost entirely by individual Calgarians** it supports young people in their transition from street to mainstream living.

Young people are offered 24 months of individual support in a safe and accepting environment. Each month, using a business planning process, they work on steps to achieve and then sustain a life off the street.

In addition to the support, THE DOORWAY provides access to community resource information, computers, a mailing address and a financial incentive to aid them in completing each step they decide will help them in their transition.

Over the past 21 years THE DOORWAY has worked with over 1,000 young people living on the streets of Calgary. The success rate of the program is over 70%. This means that over 700 young people now have a sustainable life off the street, thanks in part to the work they did while visiting THE DOORWAY.

THE DOORWAY was started in Calgary in 1988 and every day remains grateful to Calgarians for the generous support that is needed to keep the program running.

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