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### **We have a winner...**

Bruno's Place would like to give a huge shoutout to Vanessa Andres and Wade Windjack for their 1<sup>st</sup> place finish at



**Ballroom Blitz** on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Vanessa's campaigning around town, donations from the judges and cash raised at the event, she was able to raise \$36,000.00 for the shelter. These funds have allowed us to purchase tables and chairs in our community centre, room

dividers in our main hall to provide privacy for programming such as our weekly NA groups, pay for our first three army bunks, and a significant upgrade to our camera security system. Being able to increase our security from 16 cameras to 22 will provide increased security for both our clients and on-duty staff. In the non-profit world, capital projects receive attention only after operational expenses are covered. Vanessa's efforts allowed Bruno's Place to move forward on our 2024 capital projects much earlier than expected.

Bruno's Place would also like to thank the **Dance Innovations Performance Troupe** who quietly volunteered hundreds of hours behind the scenes to make Ballroom Blitz a success. 100% of all donations went to the local celebrities chosen charities. In total, over \$80,000.00 was raised for 7 different charities.

### **Community Centre Update:**

Some of you may know that we have hosted an Addictions Counselor each Monday morning for the last several months. We have also welcomed a mobile social worker who has joined us for the last few months on Monday mornings as well. This month, we added Bring2Life counseling to our roster of visiting professionals.



Every Wednesday morning from 9am-12pm a counselor from Bring2Life provides free on-site counseling. Having these visiting professionals come to the shelter

to meet with clients on-site, allows us to meet our goal of overcoming barriers to accessing community services.

### **Calling all Vendors:**

We are holding our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Bruno's Place Arts and Craft Show on June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11am to 3pm. We are looking for



vendors. Cost is only \$25/table. Bannock burgers and Bannock tacos will be available from our kitchen again. There will be face painting for the kids, and ice cream for sale courtesy of Scoops.

Fundraising efforts will include a paper bag raffle and

progressive 50/50. All proceeds will go towards supporting the programming we offer in the community centre. Please contact Tanisha Roussin by email: [caseplanmanager@brunosplace.org](mailto:caseplanmanager@brunosplace.org) for more information on becoming a vendor.

### **Quarterly Stats:**

<u>Total Night Stays:</u>	<u>Meals Served:</u>
January – 357	January - 1206
February – 393	February – 1257
March – 442	March - 1251

### Community Referrals:

SIGN Housing Support – 34  
Addictions – 24  
In-house Counseling/Indigenous Elder Care – 34

### Independence Achieved:

Clients Housed – 9  
Clients who entered a treatment program – 2  
Employment Found – 3

### Notable Fiscal Year Stats (April 2023-March 2024):

Total Housed = 29  
Total Clients who Opted to Case Plan = 124  
Total Stays = 3185

### **Donations:**

Due to the overwhelmingly successful fundraising that was done by Vanessa Andres, we are unable to acknowledge all of the donors in this newsletter. A separate special edition newsletter will be released later this month. Thank you again to all businesses and individuals who supported her Ballroom Blitz campaign.

If you would like to become a sponsor or make a financial contribution, there are two ways to do that: Cheques can be made payable to: "Bruno's Place"; or E-transfers can be sent to: [donations@brunosplace.org](mailto:donations@brunosplace.org). All monetary donations are 100% eligible for a tax receipt.

### **Media Presence**

Bruno's Place and SIGN Housing Support will be featured on two podcasts this month. The topic discussed will be homelessness in Yorkton. Below are the websites where you can listen. The podcast will be released the week of April 15<sup>th</sup> and is hosted by Dick DeRyke.

<https://yorktonstories.ca>  
<https://signyorkton.ca/podcasts>

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