



Media Advisory

March 28, 2017

Homeward Trust Edmonton presents the 2017 Indigenous Gathering

On Wednesday March 29, Indigenous agencies, service providers, organizations, and businesses will come together as a community to share knowledge and to speak to experiences of urban Indigenous housing and homelessness. Media are invited to attend.

Expanding upon the 2016 Edmonton Community Plan: Urban Aboriginal Strategy project, and using a community approach of respect, recognition and collaboration, the focus on this day will be aimed at building a strategic framework in support of an Indigenous Housing Strategy for Edmonton.

Indigenous peoples are disproportionately represented amongst those experiencing homelessness in Edmonton. In the 2016 Homeless Count, 48% of people surveyed identified as Indigenous. Homeward Trust works closely with Indigenous communities and stakeholders to improve service delivery and to ensure that culturally appropriate housing and supports are available. We work to support capacity building and knowledge sharing throughout the sector and community. Since 2009, Homeward Trust and our Housing First partner agencies have housed and supported more than formerly homeless 3,500 Indigenous adults and children.

2017 Indigenous Gathering

Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Place: Ramada Edmonton Hotel & Conference Centre, 11834 Kingsway Avenue

Time: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

9:00 am – Welcome, Opening Prayer, Smudge & Morning Song

9:15 am – message from Susan McGee, CEO Homeward Trust

9:30 am to noon – program/workshops

12:15 pm – Keynote Speaker [Jesse Thistle](#), Canadian Observatory on Homelessness

1:15 pm to 4:00 pm – Community Roundtable

4:00 pm – closing message from Susan McGee

4:15 pm – closing prayer

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Homeward Trust is the community-based organization that provides leadership and resources toward ending homelessness in Edmonton. We fulfill our mandate by leading initiatives and programs, engaging community stakeholders and partners, conducting research, creating awareness, and funding housing and support projects.