



## WHO WE ARE

Alberta's Lillie Inc. was founded by Marcella Simmonsto empower, serve and uplift men, women and children in underserved communities.

The main goal for Alberta's Lillie is to be a place of refuge for these low income families, single parents, children, youth, those with limited educational opportunities and those who do not have access to healthy foods by providing transitional housing; sober living facilities for those struggling with substance abuse; job training and development for convicted felons; and a homework network facility and support center for students in Kindergarten-12th Grade.

## OUR FOCUS AREAS

Here are our 3 major areas of focus of Alberta's Lillie Inc.



**After-School Programs** - With the help of our community partners, we conduct a number of courses and provide children with a safe and nurturing environment to go to after school.



**Residential Placement for Single Mothers** - We strive to partner with other non-profit organizations and government agencies to ensure these mothers are given the opportunity to raise their children in safe and loving homes.



**Re-entry Program** - Using targeted curriculum, compassionate coaches, and restorative community, participants develop and practice real life based values of good citizenship.



## STATEMENT OF NEED

Across our vast research, we have seen a direct correlation between substance abuse and homelessness. In fact, substance abuse is a bidirectional factor in homelessness - it may be the cause of homelessness and used to cope with the mental struggles of homelessness. Studies also show that homelessness and substance abuse weigh heavily on the Criminal Justice system.

The disproportionately high rates of incarceration are driven by homeless individuals who commit minor "survival crimes". This process only wastes taxpayer dollars and squanders valuable cop work. Furthermore, prisoners with mental health disorders are 40 times more likely to be homeless, illustrating the relationship between mental illness, homelessness, and crime.

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

Alberta's Lillie will provide access to transitional housing, sober living facilities, employment services and free tutoring to those in need. Within the first six months, Alberta's Lillie will focus on building a network of sponsors that specialize in providing essential items including but not limited to toiletries, feminine hygiene products, and toothbrushes.

After our first year in service we will have implemented our plans for expansion. These plans include purchasing a building to house and serve our temporary residents. Alberta's Lillie strives to partner with other non-profit organizations and government agencies to ensure single mothers and low-income families are given the opportunity to raise their children in safe and loving homes.

In the next 6 months, we will also be looking for partners for healthy meals, please contact us if you are interested.