



BRIDGES OF LOVE

LOVE IS ACTION – April, 2021

“SO YOU ALSO MUST BE READY” Matthew 24:44 (NIV)



Jesus' purpose in telling about His return, is not to stimulate predictions and calculations about the date, but to warn us to be ready! The choice we make will determine our eternal destiny.

Since 2005, Bridges of Love's mandate has been to provide opportunities for churches to be catalysts for change—to reach out with greater concern for, and influence on, those in their communities. The vehicle to connect the local church with the community is through “emergency preparedness (FEPI) and basic emergency training (CERT).”

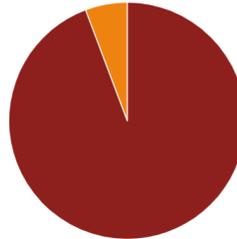


We will never forget the night twelve enthusiastic youth from Emmanuel Community Church, dawned their “Love Bee...ing Prepared” toques and braved the cold February temperatures, to personally deliver emergency preparedness information to their community. We were so proud of these young people, and the maturity shown, as they spoke to their community. Neighbours were so pleased to receive emergency information and to learn their local church was ready to assist, in the event of an emergency or disaster.

BRIDGES OF LOVE MINISTRY

Bridges of Love received [Charitable Status](#), as a Religious Society, in 2007. BN: 84741 4471 RR0001

Revenue



- Received donations \$8,205.00 (94.26%)
- Non-receipted donations \$500.00 (5.74%)
- Gifts from other registered charities \$0.00 (0.00%)
- Government funding \$0.00 (0.00%)
- All other revenue \$0.00 (0.00%)

Total revenue: \$8,705.00

We operate according to the guidelines set by the Canadian Revenue Agency. As a Christian ministry, however, our sources to garner support, are limited.

As you will see from the CRA Revenue graph, last year Bridges of Love received \$8705.00 from individual private donors, the United Way Donor Choice, and Trans Canada Energy. These funds enabled us to secure office space which was essential for growth and moving forward.

For the next two years, our goal is to duplicate the FEPI and CERT models Province-wide, securing FEPI Associates and CERT Affiliates.



“And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” *Philippians 4:19*

IMPLEMENTATION

Developing a coordinated Provincial community preparedness and response capacity is beneficial to stakeholders, partners, and resource organizations. Sharing of expertise, resources, knowledge and practical training all working together for the common good of the community.

It is recognized that Local Governments in Alberta are first responders to an emergency or disaster and they manage the disaster response within their jurisdiction, for its duration. In the event of a major catastrophe, however, such as a flood, fire, or tornado, where a large sector of the first responders may be unable to meet the needs of an entire community; FEPI and CERT volunteers are coordinated, equipped and ready to respond.

“Communities across Alberta benefit from gaining access to training from a variety of partners and backgrounds. Building partnerships with organizations like Bridges of Love is integral to building a comprehensive emergency management system in our Province. These partnerships are crucial to our success and ensures that when the time comes, we can work together at the speed of trust.”

Shane Schreiber, Former Managing Director AEMA, 2020