

Hello Social, Check Out Our Donor Updates Below

This quarterly report offers valuable insights into the direct impact your donation(s) have had in supporting our priority populations.

Winter may be in full swing, but we're taking a moment to reflect on the sunny days of summer! **You might be wondering why we're sharing Q2 (July 1st-September 30th) data now. Here's why: We are reporting Q2 data, as it has just been verified.**

While we like to keep our donors as up-to-date as possible, we want to ensure you get the most accurate information. To bolster this accuracy, our data undergoes a rigorous verification process, which takes our staff some time to complete.

We will publish our next donor newsletter in the spring, and you will then hear from us about Q3 data. Thank you for your support—it shines in every season!

90,294

Safer Sex Supplies Distributed

+74.7%

increase from the previous quarter

64,959

Safer Substance Use Supplies
Distributed

1,998

Naloxone Kits Distributed

+10.6%

increase from the previous quarter

177

HIV Self-Testing Kits

Calgary Updates

We asked the participants in our Calgary Support Services meant to them, here are some of their answers:

"[SafeLink Alberta] helps me when I need to cry, laugh, or vent. You are always there."

"It taught me how to be patient with my addiction and safely use (not that I re-used the bads) and has brought more people to my life. SafeLink Alberta and SafeWorks is more than just drug use."

"I love you guys, you've helped me in so many difficult parts in life. I never felt judged or out of place XOXO"

On July 30th, we hosted a Community Clean-Up and BBQ at our Calgary office, mobilizing staff, volunteers,



and residents to tackle the litter and substance use debris impacting the Sunalta neighbourhood.

Together, we cleaned up alleys, streets, and nearby businesses, removing hazardous items like needle debris to create a safer environment for everyone. Beyond improving the area's physical appearance, this effort reduced potential health risks and helped relieve the burden on local businesses.

We fostered an environment that encourages engagement, connection, and shared responsibility for maintaining our neighbourhood by addressing this visible debris.

The BBQ following the clean-up provided a meaningful opportunity for our participants and community members to connect, share stories, and strengthen social bonds.



2427

Drop-in space contacts

877

Street-Based Outreach Contacts

2,290

people received food

+19%

percent increase from the previous quarter

+43%

percent increase from the previous quarter

565

people received hygiene supplies

This summer, SafeLink Alberta's outreach team was busy creating safer spaces during some of Calgary's most vibrant events. During the Calgary Stampede in July and Calgary Pride in late August, our team hit the



streets of downtown Calgary, equipping partygoers with naloxone kits and safer sex supplies. We also supplied local bars and venues with condoms during these high-energy celebrations, ensuring resources that reduce risks were accessible where they were needed most.

These efforts go far beyond resource distribution. They reduce the spread of sexually transmitted infections, prevent drug poisoning fatalities, and build trust with individuals who may face stigma when accessing traditional health services. By engaging directly with the community during the Calgary Stampede and the Calgary Pride Parade and Festival, our team connected individuals to non-judgmental, life-saving support.

From July 1 to September 30, our Calgary team distributed 85,116 condoms—an 85% increase from the previous quarter.



What is Systems Navigation?

You might have noticed that SafeLink Alberta describes our services using Systems Navigation instead of Case Management. What is the difference?

Case management is a process that focuses on coordinating care, while systems navigation focuses on identifying needs and addressing barriers to accessing resources.

Systems navigation identifies an individual's needs and strengths and works with other agencies to address barriers to accessing resources. During case management, a case manager creates a plan for a participant, whereas a systems navigator works further upstream to ensure that the participant can access these services independently.

Case management can be considered reactive, whereas systems navigation is typically proactive - encouraging our participants to use their autonomy and build confidence in navigating the support they need. **SafeLink Alberta provided 275 unique registered participants with support services this quarter.**

Medicine Hat Update

On July 16th, SafeLink Alberta hosted a free



Community BBQ, made possible by the support of the City of Medicine Hat Community Vibrancy Grant.

The event brought the community together to learn about reducing risks, receive naloxone training, and explore our drop-in space, all while enjoying a meal in a welcoming environment. Importantly, it also provided an opportunity to engage individuals with lived experience. Three community members received honoraria for their contributions, working a combined 12 hours to help set up, serve food, and support engagement efforts.

This celebration not only addressed social isolation by fostering connection but also provided a sense of worth and practical resume-building experience for those involved. Together, we created an impactful

day of learning, sharing, and empowerment, reflecting the heart of our mission.

1,467
Drop-in space contacts

+22%
percent increase from the previous quarter

+54%
percent increase from the previous quarter

1,299
Street-Based Outreach Contacts

2,059
people received food

+92%
percent increase from the previous quarter

+50%
percent increase from the previous quarter

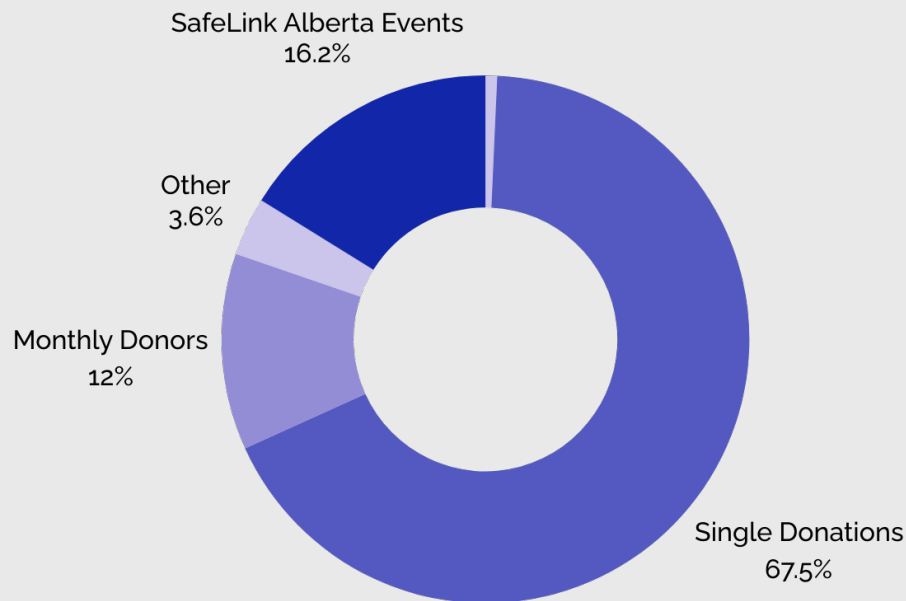
274
people received hygiene supplies



SafeLink Alberta's Medicine Hat office is dedicated to ensuring safer, cleaner public spaces through our Needle Debris Response Program. Our team is ready to respond quickly to reports of needles, glass pipes, and other substance-use debris. This essential service helps protect our community from potential hazards while promoting a cleaner, healthier environment for everyone.

Removing substance use debris from public spaces profoundly impacts community well-being. It reduces the risk of accidental injury, particularly for children and pets, and decreases the transmission of STBBI, like HIV and hepatitis. By providing free biohazard containers, including wall-mounted options for businesses and organizations, we also empower the community to

safely manage and dispose of hazardous materials. From July 1 to September 30, our Medicine Hat team picked up 405 pieces of substance use debris.



Total Donations October 1st-December 20th: \$37,879.21

Breakdown:

Single Donations: \$25,574.72
SafeLink Alberta Events: \$6,119.37
Monthly Donors: \$4,554.19
Other: \$1,360.93
Third-Party Events: \$270.00

Thank You!

Continue Your Support

Donate Monthly: Monthly giving is easy, affordable, and automated, maximizing your impact with lower administrative costs. You'll make a sustained community difference and receive an annual tax receipt. Plus, donate at least \$25/month and get an exclusive branded backpack!

Donate Monthly

Give to Our Endowment Fund: Established in 1994 and now supporting SafeLink Alberta, your contribution to the AIDS Calgary Awareness Association Fund is ongoing support for future generations. Endowments like ours allow perpetual giving, with only the fund's interest spent, preserving the principal to sustain support indefinitely.

Donate to our Endowment

Create a Third-Party Fundraiser:

Inquire About Employee Matching: Many

Support SafeLink Alberta by hosting a third-party fundraiser! Whether it's a holiday celebration, workplace challenge, birthday fundraiser, or community event, your efforts will directly aid our essential programs. From bake sales to charity walks, SafeLink offers resources and guidance to help make your fundraiser a success.

companies offer donation matching programs, doubling or even tripling the impact of your contributions. By donating or volunteering with SafeLink Alberta, you can amplify support. Check if your employer matches donations or recognizes volunteer hours, and submit a request to maximize your impact.

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