

# Newsletter



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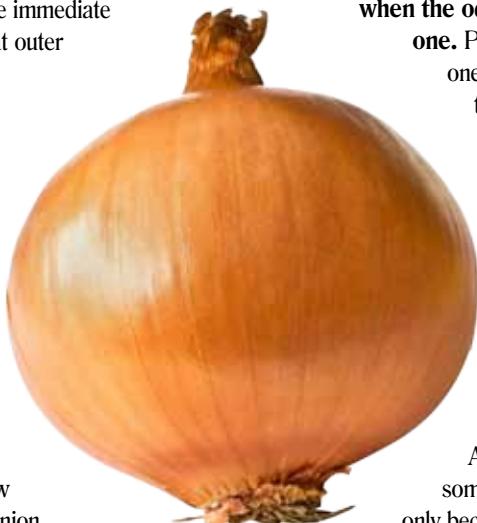
I am struck by how well an onion helps me understand the trials and challenges of the families we serve at Kids Kottage.

The outer layer is thin and very crisp, easily damaged. This layer, symbolizes the initial reason families bring their children and come for help. We help mom deal with the immediate problem symbolized by that outer layer. Mom and children experience relief of stress and increased well-being. Mom is happy to take her little ones home and the children are excited to be reunited with their mommy.

The next visits to the Kottage will be because mom needs help to identify and work on the issues imbedded in the now exposed next layer of the onion. Perhaps that next layer is financial vulnerability, lack of education and unemployment or simmering family violence or ignored mental illness. It is our experience, that without exception, the layers of the onion push into the light lack of confidence and low self-esteem, feelings of inability and ineptitude, pain of grief and loss, perhaps

memories of mom's own experience of physical, emotional and sexual abuse.

Dealing with the outside layer of the onion is just a small beginning. **Becoming a competent successful parent entails a great amount of emotional and internal fortitude, especially when the odds are stacked against one.** Problems cannot be solved one at a time in any given order; the solution to one problem can negatively impact the hard fought solution of problems already dealt with. So much back and forth, changing tactics, trying again, with one's eyes on the goal: **Safe children and strong families.**



All of our families are somewhere 'in the onion'. It is only because of you, our donors and friends, who share your generosity of spirit and understanding and financial resources that Kids Kottage can continue to be a bastion of hope, help and encouragement for families trying so hard to be successful.

**Thank you for all your caring and support.  
Please continue to give as you can.**



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# RADIOTHON 2013 is the BEST EVER!

We launched RADIOTHON 2013 with a challenge to all participants: **'Raise more money'** this year than last year.

Several companies and individuals influenced the amount of money raised by generously MATCHING pledges during their individual hour of Radiothon. Many thanks to our Earth Angel, Mammoet as well as Sunrise Bakery, Edmonton Teacher's Association, Kentwood Ford, Edmonton Area Council One, Daytona Homes Master Builder, Edmonton Kenworth Ltd., John C. Howard Professional Corporation, Timothy G. Muzyka Professional Corporation, ATB Financial, Jim and Sandra Mones, Purdys Chocolates, Bunches Flowers, Cameron Plumbing & Heating and David Percy at Investment Planning Council for showing their support of children and families in this way.

And so the day dawned.

Sponsors AM 930 the Light and 105.9 Shine FM led the way. Already broadcasting from West Edmonton Mall at 6:00 A.M. they informed listeners that Edmonton's only crisis nursery depends on their generosity **to 'be there' when families in trouble need help.** 'Being there' when families need help is the first step to avoiding harm to children and supporting families to be strong.

At 6:00 A.M. Dave Marcynuk and family were

at their places behind the telephones where, incidentally, Dave and Connie have been every 6:00 A.M. on Radiothon Day for the past several years.

When the first call went out for **GUARDIAN ANGELS**, Dave, on behalf of his company, **Xtreme Print**, signed up. What a fabulous start to this sensational event.

The telephone teams represented their companies with aplomb! Many thanks to the teams from Fairley Erker, KRP, Mammoet, Awards Unlimited, Brownlee LLP, EE Homes, and Enbridge. The Edmonton Eskimo Alumni have sent a telephone team to the Kids Kottage Radiothon for many years and we thank Norrie Bayne, Gary Lefebvre, Dwayne Mandrusiak and John Farlinger for showing their support again this year.

Entertainers add to the ambiance of Radiothon and remind us that Radiothon happens during the Christmas season. So many entertainers gave us the gift of their time and talent this year. We salute Chantel Robertson, Jessica Powell, Kaeley Wiebe, Tea Gonzales, Brenna Antoniuk, Karlyn MacKay, Keltie Monaghan, Daylin Jorgensen, Jeff Kenny, Mackenzie Dayle, Victoria Clark, Kailee Cheung, Eamalie Dufour, Olivia Rose Leaf, Madi Inkster, Christine Kochan, Lilly Hauck, Kayla Munro, Hannah Gazso, Dayna Walker and Sam Souch.

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Team Awards Unlimited  
L-R: Keith Hunt, Terry Hunt, Chelsea Watkins and Tenille Soderberg.



Eskimo Alumni L-R:  
Garry Lefebvre,  
Bayne Norrie,  
John Farlinger and  
Dwayne Mandrusiak.



Xtreme Print Telephone Team  
L-R: Dave Marcynuk, Connie Marcynuk, Emily Marcynuk and Tyler Brenneis.

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This beautiful evening at the Delta South Hotel was made possible by a group of generous sponsors including wine agents, auction donors, auction buyers, and earnest volunteers like the ladies from Beta Sigma Phi, Dana Dyck, Sheila Scharmann, Adrian Scharmann, and Ken and Lisa Buchanan.

Ticket holders sampled wines from all over the world and were enticed by interesting auction items. Food pairings were absolutely delectable and plentiful. Sandro Dominelli again set

# For the Love of Wine

A VALENTINES EVENT FOR THE  
KIDS KOTTAGE FOUNDATION

the mood and ambiance with his soft Jazz Music.

The proceeds will go toward helping families stay together and grow strong, ensuring that children remain safe and free from abuse and neglect. Please visit <http://kidskottage.org/uploads/files/powerpoint/Valentine%20Event%20Power%20Point%202014.pptx> to see all the generous sponsors of our 2014, "For The Love of Wine" Event.

Thanks to each and every one who supported the work of Kids Kottage.



Music by Sandro Dominelli.



For the Love of Wine Committee Chair Troy Chalifoux addresses attendees.

Food and fellowship.

# KIDS KOTTAGE ENTERS AN EXCITING PARTNERSHIP WITH EDMONTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

45th Annual Edmonton Chamber of Commerce

## Golf Tournament

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TOURNAMENT WILL BENEFIT KIDS KOTTAGE.

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Many thanks to Wes Inaba from PURE ARTISTS and JACK COOPER for supporting the young entertainers to participate in our Radiothon.

Thanks PRODUCTION WORLD for managing the sound throughout the day.

The twelve hours of Radiothon could never happen without faithful ‘behind the scenes’ volunteers who generously share their time. We sing the praises of



Quality Movers Management brings their donation.

the often unsung volunteers. Our heartfelt thanks go to Chris Loblick and Bev Munro for their help with the telephone teams.

And “YES, RADIOTHON 2013 WAS THE BEST RATIOTHON EVER.

**Our heartfelt thanks  
to each of you!**

## Mark Your Calendar

### Premier's Breakfast

May 27th, 2014

Northlands

### Volunteer Appreciation

June 17th, 2014

Chateau Louis

### Gala

October 4th, 2014

Chateau Lacombe

### Laugh For Life Gala

**In support of Kids Kottage and Mustard Seed**

October 25th, 2014

Winspear Centre