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Temporary Urgent Transition Housing for Parents

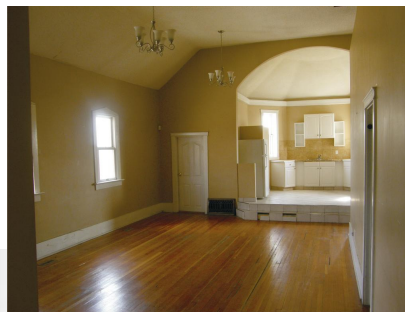
The Calgary Co-Parenting Centre is a not-for-profit agency that helps families going through separation and divorce. We have access to a property at 70 – 6A Street NE. It's an old church that was converted to a residence. In conjunction with using the property as additional office space, we are considering developing one or two suites that would be available to parents needing assistance with getting out of high conflict situations with their children. Parents wanting to utilize the space would need to engage in a parenting coordination process to manage the conflict and assist with expeditiously establishing a functional separation agreement and co-parenting arrangement. Parents would be asked to contribute what they could manage to offset the cost of providing the accommodations to them, and they would be asked to maintain a modest ongoing monthly donation, as a way of reciprocating to others in the future.

The property could be arranged to have a 3 bedroom, 1,400 sf, suite on the main floor, with an additional loft space, a 1 bedroom, 900 sf, basement suite (9 foot ceiling and multiple large windows in the basement), and 1 small office and reception area in the basement.

If adequate community support exists, then we will proceed with this initiative. At this point, the support that is specifically being sought is:

- 1) Support of the Distress Centre, Calgary Counselling Centre, Wheatland Shelter, CPS Domestic Conflict Unit, and perhaps others, in providing public awareness of the availability of the resource/service.
- 2) Support of either Rona or Home Depot in reducing the costs of materials for renovations.
- 3) Support of a few contractors to reduce the cost of renovations.
- 4) Some initial financial support to partially offset monthly costs. 100 people donating \$10 per month would be sufficient.

If you are interested in participating in this initiative, or know of something that will benefit us, please contact Blain Cellars at 403-238-6063. If that number is busy, you can leave a message on his cell phone, 403-701-6647. His email address is bcellars@coparenting.ca. Thank you very much.



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