

Celebrate #GIVING TUESDAY

Join us this **GivingTuesday, November 28**, for the world's largest generosity movement. Everyone has something to give and every act of generosity counts.

At Our Place this GivingTuesday, we're beginning to prepare a very long shopping list for over 450 residents at our three housing sites, our New Roads therapeutic recovery community, and JAYMAC Place, our home for recovering men. Our goal is to make Christmas as very special time for each person as best we can, despite the challenges they are facing. For many, the community they find at Our Place is the only sense

of family they will have this holiday season, and throughout the year.

"Christmas is often a really difficult time for our residents," says Leah Young, Director of Housing and Shelters at Our Place. "Sometimes it's hard for some folks because it brings up bad memories and there's not a lot of family they're connected with. So having that little piece of Christmas with us at Our Place, to be honest, can mean the world to them."

For GivingTuesday, we're asking you to help us bring light and joy to our

residents this Christmas by helping us to tick all the items off that long shopping list. This year your donations will go towards Christmas gifts for every single person in our housing sites, as well as festive activities and events where they can share the holidays together.

"We want to individualize each resident so there's something special for them on that Christmas morning when there's not usually a lot," adds Leah. "Each site will be a bit different, where they might get together and exchange gifts, or have a Christmas party, or make Christmas cards together, or decorate gingerbread

houses. And we always have a Christmas dinner for folks. It's important and it means a lot."

You can help make sure that those less fortunate in our community have a piece of the holiday season too by donating to Our Place this GivingTuesday. The smiles you will be giving may be the best gift you receive this year.

To make a donation, please visit ourplacesociety.com/givingtuesday or call 250-940-5060.

