

Show Your Stripes

### help build the **new zebra centre**

It takes a herd to help children and youth who have experienced abuse. When danger appears, zebras form a protective circle around their young. Our multi-disciplinary team works the same way in the Zebra Centre.

For over 20 years, the Zebra Centre has resided in a downtown Edmonton office building—not the most child-friendly location. It's time for a bigger, better, more accessible home for the Zebra Centre so we can best serve the children and youth in our community.

#### Show Your Stripes by supporting this essential community initiative.



4,362

children & youth supported last year

> 85% increase since 2019

# building a better habitat for kids

As the first child advocacy centre in Canada, the Zebra Centre leads the way in serving children & youth who have experienced abuse.

We bring together a multi-disciplinary team of specialized partners, community volunteers and caring staff who work together in a child-friendly space to provide important services and supports for children and youth as they navigate through the investigative, judicial and healing process.



The new Zebra Centre has been designed to provide timely access, more personalized supports and additional resources in a free-standing, one-story building with ample parking and transit options. There will be space for our entire herd, including counsellors, detectives, social workers and more!

Current Space	NEW Zebra Centre
13,000 sq ft	30,000 sq ft
4 Child Forensic Interview Rooms	6 Child Forensic Interview Rooms
6 Kid-Friendly Meeting Rooms	15 Kid-Friendly Meeting Rooms
28 offices for 58 people	50 offices for 75 people
4 Volunteer Desks	Large space with more workstations
	<ul> <li>Noy room &amp; snack pantry</li> <li>On-site counselling</li> <li>Sacred wellness room</li> <li>Outdoor green space</li> <li>Improved accessibility</li> <li>Training classroom</li> <li>Remote testimony rooms</li> <li>Space for more partners</li> <li>Upgraded technology &amp; systems</li> <li>Inclusive features, like adjustable lighting and self-regulation furniture</li> <li>Room to expand and grow!</li> </ul>

# how zebra **helps**

#### **Services & Programs**

- Child Advocacy
- Child Forensic Interviews
- Very Important Paws
- Backpack Program & Emergency Supplies
- Care Calls
- Court Preparation & Supports
- Crisis Response

For over 22 years, the Zebra Centre has been serving children and youth who have experienced abuse, supporting them through the investigative, justice and healing process with a continuum of multi-disciplinary resources.

- Trauma Counselling & Referrals
- Safe Caregiver Supports
- Community Education & Prevention
- Community Referrals & Connections



#### **Our Herd**

- 20 Zebra Centre staff
- 50 Partner Staff
- 100 Volunteers
- 2 Accredited Facility Dogs



#### **On-Site Partners**

- Edmonton Police Service
  - Child Protective Unit
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- Children & Family Services
- Alberta Health Services
- Trauma Treatment Service
- Child at Risk Response Team (CARRT)
- Edmonton Prosecutions Service
  - Court Preparation Supports

#### **Off-Site Partners**

- Stollery Children's Hospital
  - Child & Adolescent Protection Centre (CAPC)
- Edmonton Prosecutions Service
  - Court House Supports
- Local schools & educators

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We know that the Zebra Centre is a place that you hope you never have to visit. But in a crisis, when a child discloses being hurt, the Zebra Centre is ready to help! And now, more than ever, we need the support of our community.



## Show Your Stripes — Help us build the new Zebra Centre!

Make your gift towards the new forever Zebra Centre today! Know that you are making a very real difference in the lives of children and youth who have experienced abuse.

#### **Project Budget**

#### **Expenses:**

\$5,168,000 - Build out facility
\$500,000 - Furnishings & equipment
\$500,000 - Transition & moving costs

TOTAL: \$6,168,000



#### **Project Plan**

2021-2022: Exploration & Research February 2023: Community Consultation September 2023: Secure Facility October 2023: RFP for Design & Build December 2023: Finalize Design Plans February 2024: Permits & Resourcing March 2024: Construction Begins Summer 2024: Substantial Completion & Moving Autumn 2024: Operationalize & Open!

#### **Revenues:**

**\$3,079,000** - Funds raised so far! **\$3,089,000** - To be raised from the community

TOTAL: \$6,168,000

The new Zebra Centre has been acquired through a "lease-to-own" arrangement which builds equity and allows for full ownership in the future!

### To learn more or to get involved, please contact:

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