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CHARITY LINK

Your charitable gaming connection

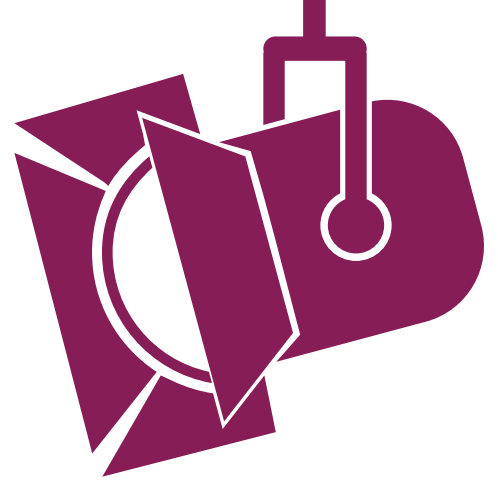
This is the third edition of *Charity Link*. We created this quarterly newsletter to provide you with up-to-date information on charitable gaming in Alberta.

As you may know, charitable gaming revenue is generated through casinos, bingos, pull-tickets and raffles conducted by eligible charitable organizations in Alberta. Eligible non-profit organizations use the resulting proceeds from these gaming events to deliver beneficial programs to Albertans. These charitable gaming events generate millions of dollars annually – more than \$300 million each year.

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CHARITY SPOTLIGHT

A submission from Distress Centre Calgary

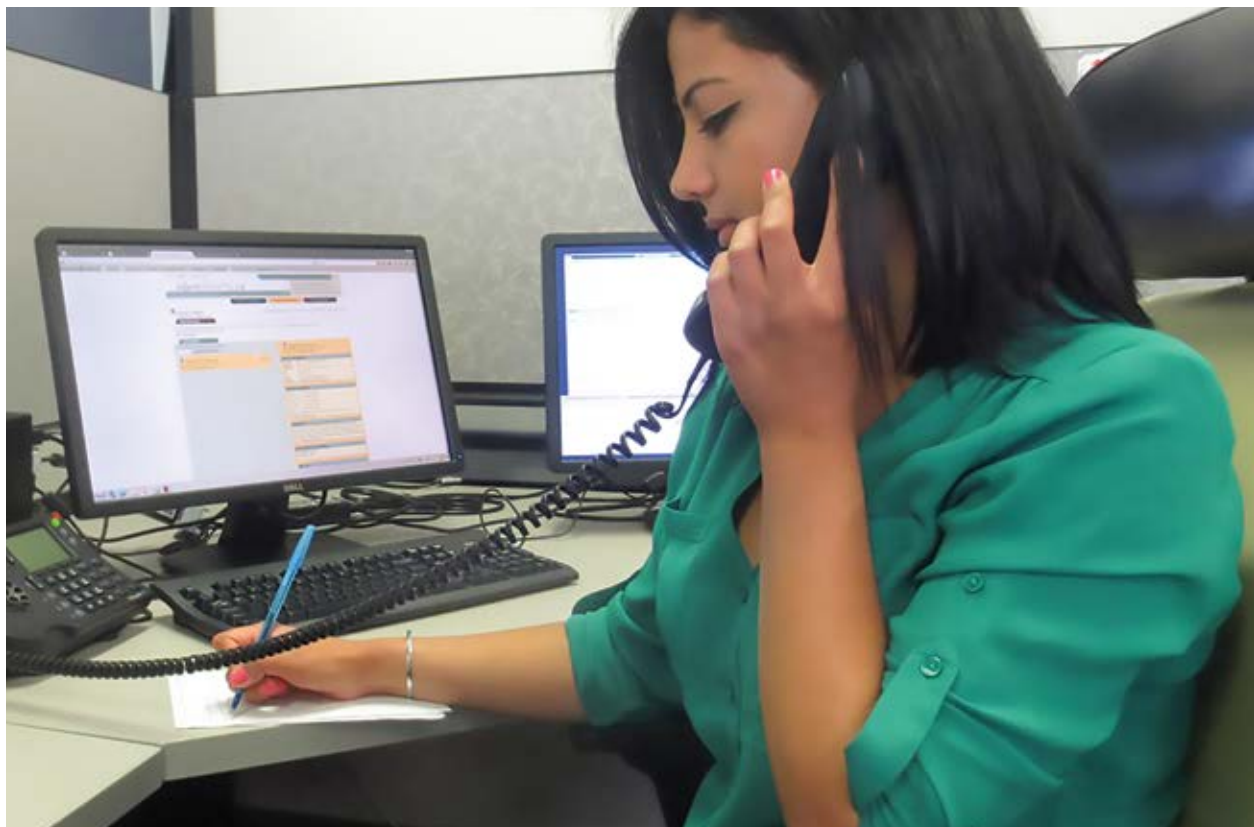


Since 1970, Distress Centre Calgary has been providing crisis support 24 hours a day by phone, **403-266-HELP (4357)**, email (help@distresscentre.com), nightly through online chat and a texting service for youth (**587-333-2724**).

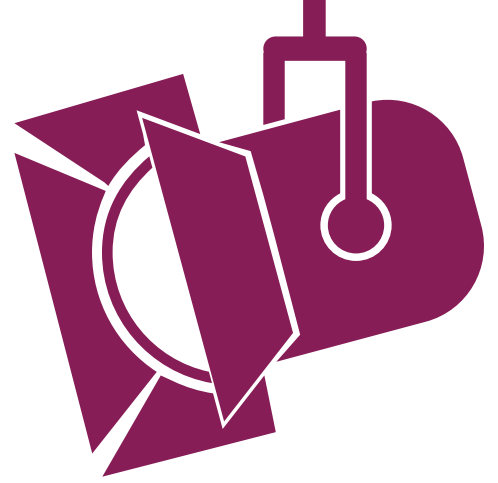
Distress Centre Calgary employs over 240 highly trained volunteers with professional staff and support when needed. Not all issues can be solved in one conversation, so for more

complex situations we offer, at no cost, face-to-face professional counselling for individuals, couples and families. There are thousands of organizations in Calgary that are dedicated to helping people.

To access an entire network of care all you have to do is **dial 2-1-1** or chat online. Our multi-lingual referral service is designed to connect you to the right agency, quickly and easily.



CHARITY SPOTLIGHT



A submission from Big Brothers Big Sisters (Medicine Hat)

Many children and youth in our community struggle with societal barriers and face adversities in their lives like detrimental living conditions, family violence, risk factors for mental health, school issues and identity challenges.

These circumstances have nothing to do with the value of who they are or who they can become but because of these situations, children and youth risk not having the opportunity to live up to their full potential. This comes at a cost to the young person and to society. With the guidance and support of a mentor, these risks can be reduced or even avoided and youth are reminded they can be anything they dream of being.

Big Brothers Big Sisters provides direct service to children by matching volunteers and youth in quality mentoring relationships. Our agency staff members are experts at screening volunteers and matching them with a mentee having similar interests.



The funding that we receive through AGLC assists us in remaining one of the most cost efficient youth program delivery services in south eastern Alberta.

ASK AGLC



Have a question? We've got the answer.

Dear AGLC,

Spending a lot of time working with some of our local charities, I've always wanted to have a better understanding of what they do with the money they take in at a casino night. Is there a way to find out this information online?

Sincerely,

Francois

Hi Francois,

That's a great question!

In the fall of 2018, AGLC will launch a searchable Charitable Gaming Database that will provide you and all Albertans with information about charitable gaming in the province and how it benefits eligible charitable organizations in delivering their programs and services to Albertans.

The database will enable the viewer to search by a number of different categories, such as the name of a charitable organization or by location, to see charitable organizations in a specific town. However, the database will only display current information based on organizations that have conducted a charitable bingo or casino event in the first quarter of this year (April – June 2018). Historical information will not be available.

As a viewer, you will also be able to see the charitable gaming proceeds that are earned by eligible organizations (bingo and casino) in total, as well as by region (based on the location of the organization).

This database will be a great place to learn about charitable gaming in Alberta, the proceeds that are distributed and how these proceeds are spent to benefit Albertans and its communities.

Provide your comments on the charitable gaming model or send us your contact details to participate in any upcoming consultations. Email yoursay@aglc.ca.

Thank you for your inquiry.

~ AGLC



Gaming Information for Charitable Groups



Gaming Information for Charitable Groups (GAIN) provides valuable information for charities about gaming licences and how to spend gaming funds.

AGLC is no longer issuing printed copies of the GAIN manual. Instead, organizations can access and print copies from the GAIN website, which is always up to date as policies are amended. The manual is available for download at gain.aglc.ca and instructions for self-printing are available.

You can attend a free GAIN session in-class, online or by webinar. New schedules are posted online every three months. Register today by visiting gain.aglc.ca. Create an account using your email address and your charitable group's AGLC ID number. Then, choose the session type that works best for you or visit aglc.ca.



WHAT'S NEW?

Raffle Licence Applications



Starting in January 2019, Alberta Gaming, Liquor & Cannabis (AGLC) will begin to accept raffle licence applications from licensed charitable organizations interested in conducting raffles on or through a computer.

Changes to the *Criminal Code* of Canada gave AGLC the opportunity to create more options for raffle licensees, allowing charities to sell and distribute raffle tickets electronically, distribute prizes electronically and select a winner through the use of a random number generator.

If charities have questions about conducting electronic raffles in Alberta, they can contact Raffle Licensing at gaming.licensing@aglc.ca.

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Have your say. 

Email your thoughts on the charitable gaming model to yoursay@aglc.ca

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