

Thank you Darren for the kind words of introduction, and thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to the citizens of Calgary and Alberta. TELUS is truly helping to make our communities a better place.

I am proud to be part of moving decision-making about investments closer to the communities being served ... and in bringing TELUS closer to local, grassroots, community organizations.

Our goal ... is to showcase TELUS' leadership in corporate philanthropy, by focusing on ... arts and culture education and sport ... and health and well-being in our environment.

Since 2005, our community board has invested \$1.6 million dollars in more than 100 not-for-profit organisations here in Calgary. We support grassroots initiatives for youth and their families.

I would like to thank the Calgary Homeless Foundation and YWCA Safe Haven ... for sharing some of the remarkable work they are doing with youth and citizens in Calgary.

The video you saw earlier illustrates the opportunities in which our Calgary Community Board has invested time, resources and funds.

I also applaud Dr. Gayla Rogers, Dean of the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Calgary, who allowed our board to partner with her in the Digital Storytelling experience.

By helping victims of homelessness, family violence, and other kinds of abuse to tell their heart-wrenching personal stories ... we are together empowering our less fortunate citizens ... and bringing greater awareness of social injustice in our community.

Our desire ... is to share the innovation of digital storytelling with TELUS' other community boards across the nation and to inspire communities to adopt a similar program.

I am tremendously proud of the remarkable work of my colleagues on the Calgary Community Board, whose images are appearing on the screen.

It is their unwavering commitment that has made it possible for us to accomplish so much in such a short time.



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Each of our board members is a respected leader in a wide range of fields ... and they are committed to making our communities healthier and more vibrant . . .

Thank you for investing your time in creating a more caring ... compassionate place for our children, youth and their families.

There is so much more yet to do in our communities ... and we look forward to another year of assisting even more grassroots initiatives.

Thank you.