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# Project Joy.

Helping seniors connect.

## Update

Wow. I can't believe how quickly time is flying! I can honestly say that 3 months ago I would never have imagined what started out as a family project would turn into an amazing success story called Project Joy. I am so proud of what has been achieved so far. I want to thank you for your support. I want to thank the many local businesses, talented individuals, dedicated volunteers, and founding businesses who are contributing their time and energy.

We are bringing your donations of tablets and phones to local senior facilities and are helping hundreds of seniors connect with loved ones. The feedback we are receiving touches our hearts and speaks to the incredible power we have as communities to reach out in times of need. Although this started out during the COVID-19 lock-downs, it has become very apparent that this need has been here all along. The isolation many seniors feel is heart wrenching. Being able to help someone connect to a loved one with your donated devices has made such a difference to so many people. The success of Project Joy is because of each of you. With this growth we are ready to seek our official society designation.

I also want to tell you about a partnership Project Joy has to support at-risk youth. We are providing tablets so youth can continue with their schooling during the Pandemic. Any devices that seniors facilities haven't been able to use have been donated to this program. I want to thank the John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights for working with Project Joy.

We still need devices and ask that you continue to drop them off at our depots all over Alberta. We would also ask you to us help spread the word by sharing our social media posts. Thank you for your help and continued donations! Your support is appreciated by so many.

Emily Jenks  
Project Joy Founder





## Parade of Hope

Our first annual Parade of Hope held in Spruce Grove and Stony Plain was a huge success! Over 50 vehicles and small businesses came out to bring smiles to seniors at facilities in Parkland County. We were honoured to have Searle Turton our local MLA come out and support us!! Six facilities were visited in 2 separate parades. Stony Plain's volunteer fire crew came out to spread some cheer. We want to say a huge thank you to the community for coming together and making this happen. Can't wait for next year and many more to come.

## *Thank You*

We are thankful and appreciative of the businesses who have donated to Project Joy. This month our featured businesses are: Image School of Dance and RJ systems. Special mention to Action Transportation, Boilermakers Lodge 146, and Speedy Glass. We couldn't do this without you



## Have Old Devices?

Demand for them is growing. Please consider donating them to Project Joy. If you know of someone at a company upgrading their technology, please spread the word of Project Joy. We are always looking for sponsors and if you are considering making a donation to a non-profit society please keep us in mind.

**Help us to help seniors connect with their loved ones.**

## Volunteer Profile

Thank you to Angela Reynolds who has donated about 100 masks to our volunteers and supporter businesses to keep us safe "I am a mother of 5 and a grandmother of 7 (so far)..



I worked with special needs children at schools for 20 years. I was working at a daycare but now I am unemployed and looking for work. I am making face masks for Project Joy because I know how important it is for seniors to be as safe and healthy as possible, and I know the masks will be helpful for obtaining that goal. I am extremely honored to have this opportunity to help with Project Joy."

