



SNOWFLAKE HOUSE RESPITE FOUNDATION

Quality Respite Services

Parent/ Caregivers Handbook

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Welcome to Snowflake House!

This handbook was designed to help you get to know Snowflake House Respite Foundation a little bit better. At Snowflake House Respite Foundation we believe that everyone is beautiful and everyone is different. Our goal is to provide you with quality respite services that not only benefit you but also your child (ren). We feel that the best way to serve our clients is to have an open door policy at all times, where parents and or caregivers feel comfortable talking with us about any questions or concerns they have. We will work with you and your family to provide the respite services that meets your family's needs.

OUR SERVICES.

Snowflake House Respite Foundation exists to provide quality respite services to families in the Lloydminster and surrounding areas. At this time we are offering hourly respite services, and as we increase in clients, and employees our goal is to provide extended respite care. Respite means, “break”. Our goal is to give parents and caregivers of those with special needs a much needed break, and to give those with special needs a much needed break from tired caregivers and parents. Respite can look many different ways. It may mean having someone take your child (ren) out of the home for outings, it may mean helping you care for your child (ren), and it may mean caring for your child (ren) while you attend to errands. It could also mean helping you with tasks in your home while you spend special time with your child with special needs, time with your spouse, time to yourself or time with your other children. Don’t be afraid to voice what it is you need, respite is a break and that means a break for what your family needs!

Who We Serve

Snowflake House Respite Foundation is operating to serve families caring for persons with special needs in Lloydminster and the surrounding areas. We are committed to providing services to any family who needs respite care. Snowflake House Respite Foundation operates on both sides of the border, serving Alberta residents as well as Saskatchewan residents. Our goal and mission is to make sure no family goes without much needed respite services.

About Snowflake House

Snowflake House Respite Foundation began with a mother's dream. Our president, Lily Belland has a child with autism. She needed respite care for her son, and realized that respite services were hard to find. Lily's dedication to bring her son and herself much needed respite grew into the knowledge that other families were struggling just as she was and would benefit from an organization that would provide quality respite services. Her passion evoked a spark in others, who became volunteers of Snowflake House Respite Foundation. Through the dedication of volunteers, Snowflake House Respite Foundation has grown to become a non-profit organization, dedicated to providing families with the respite services they need. All of our money to date has been raised through generous donations from the community as well as various fundraisers we have held. To date Snowflake House is comprised completely of volunteers that serve on our board.

Funding

Funding for Snowflake House comes from fundraising, donations and parent fees. In order to keep operational Snowflake House works with FSCD and Saskatchewan Social Services to parents who require respite services. Our base charge is \$22.00 an hour. This means that parents may have to pay some of the cost of services on their own, depending on their coverage through any outside insurances, or services such as the above mentioned FSCD, or Social Services. If you are unsure if you have respite funding Snowflake House staff will help you look into contract information for funding for your child (ren). In becoming a client of Snowflake House Respite Foundation, we offer to be of any assistance that we can to procure funding for you. It is important to note that our respite workers do need to get paid so before services can be offered we will need to work out funding options. Parents are welcome to pay for respite services without outside funding. Snowflake House Respite Foundation is not a babysitting service, however, so we will not take on clients only wishing to have their typically developing children cared for during work hours or other times.