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Holiday Corporate Team Building

The holiday season is the perfect time for businesses to strengthen their teams while giving back to the community. Supporting local Calgary nonprofits through holiday corporate team-building activities not only boosts employee morale but also makes a meaningful difference in the lives of families in need.

Why Holiday Corporate Team Building Matters

Holiday corporate team building combines the spirit of giving with the opportunity to foster collaboration and feelings of making a difference. Here are a few key benefits:

- **Boost Employee Engagement:** Participating in meaningful corporate team building improves morale and creates lasting memories.
- **Align with Corporate Values:** Demonstrating social responsibility enhances your brand's reputation.
- **Support Local Nonprofits:** Strengthen your ties with the Calgary community by contributing to causes that matter.



Stock the Cottage:

The Children's Cottage Holiday Campaign

Our Stock the Cottage campaign plays a vital role in supporting families in our center and those we assist throughout our community. Donations provide essential items—like diapers, clothing, toys, and household necessities—that help families feel safe, cared for, and supported during challenging times. Donations not only help children and parents today but also ensure we enter 2026 with the supplies we need to continue offering vital care, comfort, and resources to every family who turns to us.

Here are just a few examples from last year...





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Wishlist Shopping Challenge:

Cardel Homes Team Building Shopping Spree for Families in Need



Last year, the Cardel Homes team kicked off our “Stock the Cottage” Campaign with a big splash of corporate team-building. Starting bright and early at 8:00 AM, their mission was clear: support the Children’s Cottage Society by fulfilling wish list items.

How They Did It: The team embarked on a \$9,000 shopping spree, using the provided wish list to thoughtfully select essential items for children and families. By 10:00 AM, their vans were loaded with donations and delivered to the Child & Family Centre on Home Road, where cheerful CCS staff gratefully received the packages.

The Outcome: Cardel Homes’ initiative highlighted the power of teamwork while directly impacting families in need during the holiday season. What a great way to incorporate Corporate Team Building into your holiday giving!

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Host a Giving Station at Your Holiday Event:

Turning a Holiday Mixer into a Giving Opportunity



Tim from Deloitte transformed his annual holiday mixer into a powerful opportunity to support the Children's Cottage Society through the “Stock the Cottage” initiative.

How They Did It: Leading up to the event, Tim informed guests that CCS staff would be present to collect toys, essentials, and cash donations while answering questions about the organization. This added a philanthropic aspect to the mixer and inspired attendees to contribute.

The Outcome: By the end of the night, Children's Cottage staff left with two full carloads of donations. Guests reported feeling a deeper connection to the event, knowing their participation made a difference.

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In-Office Donation Drop-offs:

The Grinch Visits the Cottage



During “Stock the Cottage”, the Children’s Cottage Society has a special visitor come visit our center. Through office donations, the Grinch stops at the Cottage every Stock the Cottage season to deliver truckloads of toys and say hello to our children!

How They Did It: In their offices, UniqEnergy and Saturn Oil + Gas set up a tree for all staff and employees to drop toys off when they are in the office.

The Outcome: Since they began their journey in 2020, UniqEnergy Solutions, Saturn Oil + Gas, Wolf Midstream, Altitude Energy Partners, Strathcona Resources, Baytex, Torzen, Pacesetter Directional Drilling, West Rock Energy Consultants and Durham Creek have collected and delivered a truckload of toys to the Children's Cottage Society for Christmas. By Christmas 2022, they estimated they had delivered two truckloads worth of toys and raised \$15,000, which was donated to the Children's Cottage Society.

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Tips for Successful Holiday Corporate Team Building



Plan Ahead:

Review the Stock The Cottage Wishlist to understand our specific needs, drop-off times/location.



Set Clear Goals:

Define what you aim to achieve, whether it's a number of items donated, item value, or total spend.



Engage Everyone

Ensure activities are inclusive and accessible for all employees.



Celebrate Your Impact:

Share the results with your team and on social media to inspire others.

Ready to start planning your holiday corporate team building event in Calgary? Reach out to Katie at kknopp@childrenscottage.ab.ca



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