Start a priority needs drive

A quick start for groups collecting practical supplies for Calgary street outreach.

#BeTheChangeYYC

WHO

Workplaces, teams, schools, congregations or community groups with one organizer.

WHAT & WHY

Collect only items the charity confirms it can use for Calgary street outreach.

WHERE

Collect at your own venue; approved supplies go to BeTheChangeYYC only by arrangement.

WHEN

Plan collection dates after checking needs and receiving capacity. Confirm handoff before travel.

Four steps from idea to handoff

1 Confirm the list first

Tell BeTheChangeYYC your plan, dates and quantities; agree on accepted items and storage.

2 Set up your collection

Assign a lead, bins and a venue. Pair Poster 1 with your group's dates and collection details.

3 Sort, check and count

Keep supplies clean and dry. Set aside unapproved items; give your driver counts and instructions.

4 Deliver and thank

Arrange your own transport, call at arrival and thank people using verified collected or delivered counts.

Approved supply handoff only

Suite 1700, 840 7 Avenue SW, Calgary, AB T2P 3G2.
Donation drop-off: Tue/Wed/Sun 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. | Sat 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Park in the back. Call 587-224-9114 during these hours to arrange drop-off. No pickups.

Confirm the drive with BeTheChangeYYC

Check the current needs list

Call 587-224-9114

34,044

Verified internally

Individual contacts served

Organization-wide contacts across shifts; includes some estimates. Not unique people or a result of this drive.

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General Priority Needs Drive

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Campaign landing page: https://bethechangeyyc.org/donations/

Matching poster: Poster 1 - Give What Calgary Outreach Needs

Organizer quick setup

Group: [GROUP NAME]

Coordinator: [NAME / EMAIL]

Collection location: [LOCATION]

Dates: [START-END]

Approved priority list confirmed on: [DATE / STAFF CONTACT]

Drop-off confirmed for: [DATE / TIME]

Step-by-step organizer checklist

- ☐ Contact BeTheChangeYYC via https://bethechangeyyc.org/contact-us/ and verify current priorities, approximate quantity and storage capacity **before announcing the drive**.
- ☐ Assign one coordinator, choose accessible collection points and set realistic start/end dates.
- ☐ Share Poster 1 and the current priorities link; explicitly state that only approved items are accepted.
- ☐ Clearly label collection boxes by category; keep donations dry, secure and separate from personal information.
- ☐ Inspect items against the confirmed needs list; decline unlisted, damaged, soiled or unsafe goods.
- ☐ Launder and individually bag all clothing. Verify tents contain every component and are usable.
- ☐ Count and group approved items in simple categories; do not claim they have already been distributed.
- ☐ Call 587-224-9114 before delivery to confirm time and call again upon arrival.
- ☐ Deliver items with organizer-arranged transportation. Thank supporters and report **collected items**, not inferred outreach outcomes.

Copy-paste group announcement email / newsletter

Subject: [GROUP NAME] is collecting outreach essentials for Calgary

Hello everyone,

[GROUP NAME] is organizing a practical supply drive to support BeTheChangeYYC, a Calgary registered charity delivering volunteer-powered street outreach to neighbours experiencing homelessness.

Collection dates: [DATES]

Collection location: [LOCATION]

Our approved items: [PASTE CONFIRMED CURRENT LIST]

Please bring only the items on our approved list. Clothing must be laundered and individually bagged. We will coordinate delivery to BeTheChangeYYC, which does not offer pickup services. Current needs can change because storage is limited.

See the latest priorities: https://bethechangeyyc.org/donations/

Thank you for helping us show up for Calgary in a practical way.

[ORGANIZER NAME]

Short Slack / Teams announcement

We're collecting currently needed street-outreach supplies for BeTheChangeYYC from [DATES] at [LOCATION]. Please check our approved item list before donating; launder and individually bag clothing. Details: https://bethechangeyyc.org/donations/ | Questions: [CONTACT].

Social / poster caption

Our group is gathering practical outreach essentials for Calgary! Join [GROUP NAME] from [DATES] at [LOCATION]. Please donate only pre-approved supplies from BeTheChangeYYC's current needs list: https://bethechangeyyc.org/donations/ #Calgary #BeTheChangeYYC #CommunityGiving

Collection and quality standards

Collect only when currently requested: bottled water/juice; shelf-stable nutritional drinks (Boost/Ensure); vitamin packets; weather-appropriate jackets/rain ponchos; clean toques/scarves/gloves/mitts; new socks; hand/foot warmers; unopened soap, shampoo, lotion, toothbrushes and toothpaste; tarps and complete tents with all parts.

Do not accept: dirty or damaged clothing; incomplete tents; opened toiletries; expired or leaking food/drinks; broken equipment; unlisted bulk items; oversized goods or furniture; items outside the confirmed list. Do not leave donations unattended at the building.

Mandatory logistics and guardrails

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Wrap-up and thank-you copy

Thank you to everyone who contributed to [GROUP NAME]'s BeTheChangeYYC essentials drive. Together, we collected [VERIFIED ITEM COUNTS] and coordinated delivery for the outreach team. We appreciate every practical contribution. Learn more: https://bethechangeyyc.org/

Measurement: dates, number of participants (if known), item counts by category, organizer costs, confirmed handoff date. Never report collection as completed distribution.

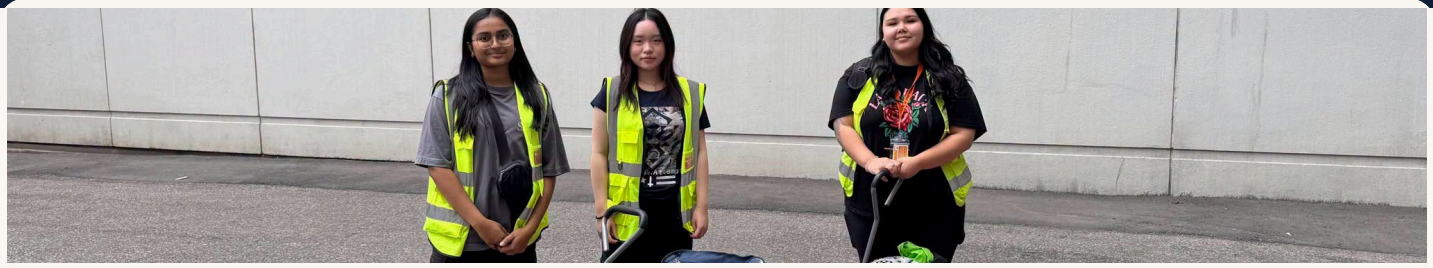
Before the handoff

Give your driver the approved item list, totals and contact number. If something was not approved, set it aside and ask BeTheChangeYYC before loading it.

BETHECHANGEYYC | CALGARY COMMUNITY ACTION

Give what Calgary outreach needs.

Organize a practical supplies drive with your classroom, workplace, team or congregation.



CURRENT PRIORITY DONATION ITEMS

Drinks & nourishment
Water, individual juice, Boost or Ensure and current nutritional priorities.

Warmth & weather protection
Coats, ponchos, gloves, toques, new socks and hand/foot warmers.

Hygiene essentials
Unopened soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes and personal care items.

Outdoor shelter supplies
Tarps and complete tents with all required parts, if listed as current needs.

DROP-OFF ONLY. NO PICKUPS.
Confirm current priorities before collecting bulk goods. Launder and individually bag clothing. Storage is limited.
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DONATE OUTREACH ESSENTIALS

Give what Calgary outreach needs

Check priorities before you collect.



YOUR CALGARY OUTREACH TEAM

WHAT TO BRING

Give only what is currently requested

- New socks
- Unopened toiletries
- Hand or foot warmers
- Rain ponchos
- Tarps and complete tents
- Emergency foil blankets

SCAN: NEEDS & DONATIONS

DROP OFF AT OUTREACH HQ

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OUTREACH PHONE 587-224-9114