



# Newsletter

## Cridge Helping to House the Homeless!

by: Greg Hatton, Manager of Communication and Fund Development



### CELEBRATING 135 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE!

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**Homeless people and housing affordability are certainly among the most visible priorities these days for Victoria and the Capital Region District. One might see this problem as a huge elephant, and we all know that the only way to eat an elephant is one bite at a time.**

Similarly for The Cridge Centre for the Family on the homeless and housing scene, is to take a few of those bite-size chunks. We're taking the portions that we know we can chew – in other words applying ourselves to the areas of the task that we know well, in which we have years of experience and where we can do more of what we know best.

The Cridge Centre's areas of expertise in housing are:

- Supportive transitional housing for survivors of brain injury (according to Volunteer Victoria's *Realnet* Team, 52% of homeless people had evidence of traumatic brain injury).
- Supportive transitional housing for women and children who have been impacted by relationship violence
- Supportive transitional housing for immigrant and refugee families who have been impacted by political violence
- Supportive transitional housing for vulnerable older single women
- Assisted living for seniors

We are currently working on two new exciting developments:

- 1) We have a plan to renovate two townhouses into eight units of supportive transitional housing for vulnerable single women typically over the age of 45. In the past, these townhouses each being 2,000 sq. ft., 6-bedroom units, served as group homes. Today as these units are vacant, we are working on renovation plans to create eight one-bedroom, 500 sq. ft. units of new housing. Fulfillment of this plan will not only increase our capacity to continually help more homeless women along the path to independent successful living over the long term, but also make a positive current capacity impact of more than 6% to Victoria's overall transition housing capacity, according to recent Victoria *Vital Signs* numbers.

What amazes most people is that the cost estimates are less than \$55,000 per unit. Renovating to increase density by making use of existing space is good stewardship and an excellent "bang-for-the-buck".

- 2) Recently announced by MLA Richard Coleman, Minister of Housing and Social Development, The Cridge Centre for the Family has been selected to operate a 20-unit apartment building in Victoria.

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Ray, Nik and Steven take a well-deserved coffee break.



Residents of The Cridge Seniors' Village Centre enjoying lunch and being served by friendly staff.



***"Part of the secret of success in life is to eat what you like and let the food fight it out inside."***

**~Mark Twain**

## Cridge Seniors Enjoy Fine Dining with Chef 'Nik'.

By: Sharon Klein

***"For me, cooking for someone is the best gift you can give and I feel very fortunate to be serving seniors as they have given so much to us and contributed in making our lives better. I'm lucky because being a Chef is not a job to me; I really enjoy what I do and earning a living at it is a bonus!"***

**Nikolas Milonas, Executive Chef, Cridge Seniors Centre**

Okay, I will admit it! I try to arrange my meetings at The Cridge around mealtimes, hoping I might get lucky and be invited to enjoy one of Chef Nik's meals with a staff member. When I did manage to successfully secure a meal, I found the experience not only to be a culinary joy, but saw how much the residents enjoyed a healthy, appetizing meal together.

The dining room at The Cridge Seniors' Centre is a modern, bright room with windows on all sides and a grand fireplace at one end. During the summer months, tables are set out on the patio amongst The Cridge's mighty Garry Oak trees. There, it is likely you would be entertained by the activities of The Cridge's daycare children playing on the grounds while the Chefs cook up ribs over the BBQ. Top off this exquisite venue with the delicious meals that Chef Nik and his crew serve and you have nothing short of a fine dining experience!

I was delighted for the opportunity to interview Nik for The Cridge's newsletter and on the morning of our appointment was lead through a spotless, well organized kitchen to where Nik was doing his "paper work".

When 'Chef Nik' was asked about his training, work and where he gets his inspiration from, he stated, "I really love to cook....my inspiration comes from my mom".

"She made everything from scratch for us- even ice cream and you could taste the love in the food. It's been instilled in me and I am grateful to my mom. I'm also inspired by other chefs who really love to cook like Jaques Papin, Tom Colicchio who is the head judge for Top Chef and Chef Michael Smith. I frequently go out to see what's cooking in our local restaurants. My favorites are Camille's, The Brasserie, Heron Rock Bistro in James Bay, to name a few. For me, cooking for someone is the best gift you can give and I feel very fortunate to be serving seniors as they have given so much to us and contributed in making our lives better. I believe in serving people fresh food grown as close to home as possible as it provides the best taste and nutrition."

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"I come from a family of cooks. My mom's side of the family has owned restaurants in Vancouver since the 60s and I have two uncles who still own restaurants there. Being of Greek heritage I remember all the feasts we had when I was growing up, all the laughter and joy in people's faces and, luckily for me, this has continued throughout my life. I have been actively working in the culinary field since I was 15 years old learning from many talented chefs along the way. I received my formal training at Camosun College Interurban Campus obtaining my Red Seal diploma in cooking in 1996. Most recently, I completed the Advanced Pastry Training course in 2005 at Malaspina University College. I have won an award twice for Food Safe Excellence from Vancouver Island Health Authority. This award is given only to establishments that meet the highest standards in food handling and sanitation. I achieved this in both The Cedars and now here at The Cridge by implementing operational systems for all food services staff to follow that meet these high standards."

"Most recently at The Cridge I've had the honor of cooking for members of The House of Commons and the Legislative Assembly of B.C. Last month I had the pleasure of cooking for His Honour the Lieutenant Governor Steven L. Point. It was a busy day for all of us and we were putting the final touches on everything. I did not want to do a pretentious menu, but wanted to serve what we normally serve to our residents. We made two types of home baked buns. One was french rolls and the other one was focaccia buns, which were both delightful. For the main course we had a choice between Beef Bourguignon in potato puff nests or Halibut and Salmon Medallion with lemon butter sauce. For dessert we made warm Raisin Pudding Cake with raspberries and Ice cream. I really enjoyed the entire fanfare with the bag pipes as His Honour came into our building and we had a really great time making all the beautiful food for everyone."

"In the last seven years I had the pleasure of helping to bring about three non-profit Assisted Living Residences namely The Cedars at Dawson Heights,

Jesken Arie in Langford and now The Cridge Seniors Centre, which I must say is the best and most unique seniors' residence designed so far because of its great legacy and incredible people."

"I'm lucky because being a Chef is not a job. I really enjoy what I do and earning a living at it is a bonus. We have a great team here with Steven Fox – Sous Chef, Ray Nisbet – First Cook, Baljit Parhar – Prep Cook and Vu Huynh – Prep Cook.. We are part of a terrific service team led by Steve Baird, Manager of the Seniors' Centre and Sarah Smith, Assistant Manager. I feel very fortunate to be a part of The Cridge Centre for the Family. This is truly a great organization and it speaks to my heart as it helps all members of society. From the CEO, Shelley Morris to all the staff members at The Cridge Centre, everyone puts their heart and soul into their work each day and it shows."

Mealtime at The Cridge Seniors' Centre is one of the highlights of the day for the residences. Chef Nik makes sure they get healthy meals based on the Canadian Food Rules and serves fresh produce that is bought the same day from a local market.

Family and friends are welcome to join a resident during mealtime and Chef Nik makes sure holidays like Thanksgiving, Christmas and Valentine's Day are celebrated with a special meal. Chef Nik states, "I serve them what they want to eat and they also have two choices of entrees on a meal menu". The testimonials below demonstrate how much the residents appreciate Chef Nik's culinary skills and the special care he takes in preparing their meals.

"The food and service are number one."  
Paul Cocco, Resident

"The food is great, I really enjoy the meals and eat every bit. The service is unbelievable and the staff is very accommodating."  
Len Nyquist, Resident

## Canada Day BBQ at the Seniors' Centre!



## “Cridge Helping House the Homeless”

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Under an Operator Agreement, The Cridge will begin to serve more survivors of brain injury and other supportive transitional housing tenants along the path to independent living. The process to move in new tenants will be gradual as the occupancy agreements of current tenants will be honoured.

### What is Supportive Transitional Housing?

Supportive Transitional Housing is very important for our community because it makes the difference that helps people move on successfully with their lives. The term ‘transitional’ means that the housing arrangement is for a limited time. For *Cridge* tenants, this means a one-year lease renewable twice for a limit of three years.

‘Supportive’ at The Cridge refers to our ***Dovetail*** Program. **This program is at the heart of our mandate as a social service agency to provide aid and service to children, adults and families to help maximize their opportunities.** The Cridge Centre’s *Dovetail* Program staff are experienced, caring and competent. We have two on-site counsellors, one home support worker and a community outreach worker to provide services at no cost to existing, new or future residents.

Social and recreational opportunities are a part of our *Dovetail* program services. Activities have included: art therapy workshop, spa nights and craft nights, berry picking, international pot-luck dinners, hiking and movies. Our on-site *Dovetail* program includes space for communal gathering and craft activities, as well as vans available for group outings.

Our five *Dovetail* program staff have a combined 80 years of service doing what they do best – helping

women in need and giving them the hand up that they need to move on successfully in life. We are very proud of the staff who work with our tenants, offering education, support, encouragement, crisis management, counselling and recreation.

We like to think that Mary and Edward Cridge would be pleased if they could see what we call **The Cridge Centre for the Family** today. It all started by a simple act of giving. Mary and Edward opened the doors of their own home first to orphaned children and then reached out to the vulnerable women of the late 1800s.

### Housing Innovation Opportunities:

The Cridge Centre for the Family participated in the first *Faith in Action* housing workshop in Victoria on October 18<sup>th</sup>. This was an event during Housing Action Week that reached out specifically to the faith communities across Greater Victoria.

If individuals or a group within your local congregation are interested in the homeless and affordable housing topic, we’d be happy to chat with you particularly about opportunities for our transitional housing graduates. Fact is, they’re ready to become among the most qualified and reliable rental tenants in your community!

**Faith in Action Website**  
[www.victoriafaithinaction.ca](http://www.victoriafaithinaction.ca)



May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace,  
 The gladness of Christmas give you hope,  
 The warmth of Christmas grant you love.

~Author Unknown

The Cridge Centre for the Family wishes you and your family a very blessed Christmas and a happy, healthy new year!

## Lieutenant Governor – Our Welcomed Guest!

**The Honourable Steven L. Point, OBC, was a welcomed guest for dinner at The Cridge Centre for the Family Seniors' Centre in September. He accepted the invitation from Shelley Morris, Cridge CEO, in order that we might welcome him to his new role as Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia and introduce ourselves.**

His arrival at 4:00 pm, a beautiful sunny afternoon, on September 10<sup>th</sup> was heralded with dozens of children from The Cridge Children's Centre waving flags of Canada they had made that day and cheering him along the driveway through the grove of Garry Oaks leading up to The Cridge Seniors' Centre.

The Cridge Management Team – Marlene Goley, Geoff Sing, Steve Baird, Sarah Smith, Paula West-Patrick and Gregory Hatton – and Board President Dr. Greg Cran were there, outside the front entrance, to greet His Honour, his Honorary Aide-de-Camp Commander Emile Chartrand, and Pipe Major John Major.

Inside, the Grand Lounge was filled with the smiling residents of the Seniors' Centre. His Honour was introduced to every resident and took time to shake hands and to share a moment of conversation and lots of smiles with each one there.

The Cridge Seniors' Centre is the beautifully refurbished 66,000 sq ft 77-unit assisted living heritage building site that was once the BC Protestant Orphans' Home that opened in 1893. The Grand Lounge that is the 'living room' for today's senior residents was for decades the 'playroom' for orphanage children until the late 1960s and then as the gym for the child care centre up to the time of the opening of the new centre just three years ago.

Before dinner was served, His Honour took the opportunity to say a few words. He spoke of the respect for seniors he had learned through his upbringing in the aboriginal culture; he spoke of his respect for the seniors at The Cridge Centre and how respect is shown to them with such fine facilities, caring staff and the experience of daily dining together. He spoke with wisdom and care as well as with concern for the younger generations.



Pictured Left to Right: Geoff Sing, Steve Baird, Marlene Goley, Shelley Morris, His Honour, Dr. Greg Cran, Paula West-Patrick, Sarah Smith and Greg Hatton.



His Honour greets Isobel McDowell, a resident at The Cridge Seniors' Centre.

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He spoke of the need to be mindful of the Creator and that when we pass from this earth what matters most is what we have given to others.

After dinner His Honour was escorted on a brief tour of the archive hall depicting the legacy of The Cridge Centre for the Family founding members. It was a great privilege and certainly a great pleasure to have Lieutenant Governor Point as our guest, continuing a tradition of friendship between Government House and our Society, first as The Orphanage, and now as The Cridge Centre for the Family.

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# A Remarkable Woman - A Remarkable Life!



By: Shelley Morris, Chief Executive Officer

**This story is about a remarkable woman whose remarkable gift of self-sacrifice and perseverance made an enormous contribution to what has become the City of Victoria. Mary Cridge would not know the contribution to our community that would be made through the lives of hundreds of orphaned children whose lives were channelled toward pathways of excellence and life-long values. She would never know...yet we do, and we honour her life and her memory.**

Charles Dickens starts writing his novel *Hard Times*; the Republican Party is founded in Wisconsin; the United Kingdom declares war on Russia, known as the Crimean War and Florence Nightingale leaves for the front; the Charge of the Light Brigade takes place; 10,000 die from cholera in London; the French fashion label Louis Vuitton is founded as is the watch company, Timex, the year is 1854...

In the midst of a changing world a young minister in England, Edward Cridge determines to make a life for himself on the new frontier and applies for a Hudson's Bay chaplaincy at Fort Victoria.

Within a span of three weeks in the fall of 1854, Edward was accepted to his post, courted and married his friend Mary Winmill and the two set off on a six-month sea voyage on the *Marquis of Bute*. Mary Cridge was a small woman with a mighty spirit. Having taught children and shared in the work of her local church, Mary had, as Edward put it, "yielded her consent to my suit" and with faith and fortitude embarked in short order on her amazing journey. Imagine, six months of hard sailing through the winter months.

Finally, on April 1, 1855 from the deck of the ship, Mary saw her new home. I can't imagine how different it might have looked as they anchored off Clover Point – but I think it must have been beautiful.

These were the days of Governor James Douglas and while the gold rush of 1858 would cause the population of the Fort to soar, it was still relatively small at the time.

When the ship moved to the Inner Harbour the next day, Governor Douglas sent a small boat out with an invitation to dine that evening. After six months aboard, Mary set foot ashore and went to their new quarters which the Governor had provided for them. Cridge wrote "we entered the spacious though empty apartments destined for our reception, my wife fairly danced for joy at our release from the long and tedious confinement on shipboard. The very emptiness of the rooms was a charm".

There was precious little time to gather their breath before they immersed themselves in their community. Mary as the minister's wife and as mother to a growing family was an integral member of the community.

Mary's mighty spirit, great resolve and faith would be called on in late 1864 and early 1865. Scarlet fever hit the young city and Mary's heart was torn apart as she watched four of her children die. Frederick was ten months old, Edward, age 7, Eber, age 6 and Grace, age 2.

Was it that heart-breaking loss that motivated Mary to start to take in homeless children? Was it her innate Christian charity? Probably both played a role as she and her dear friend Mrs. MacDonald led the community to receive orphans into their homes. While we know it today as The Cridge Centre for The Family, their actions led their husbands and their community, across denominational boundaries, to the founding of the BC Protestant Orphans' Home in 1873...

Canada was six years old with Alexander Mackenzie as its second Prime Minister; Ulysses S. Grant was President of the United States; the Northwest Mounted Police (later renamed the RCMP) was founded; Tchaikovsky composed the *Tempest*;

the New York stock market crashes (in 1873 – who knew?); Emily Carr was a well-known two year old in the Fort and one woman, Mary Cridge, forever changed the face of our city and awakened a philanthropic compassion that is alive and well 135 years later.

Mary Cridge died in 1905 at the age of 78. A remarkable woman, a remarkable life.

*With thanks and credit to “The Home” by Vernon Storey, Terry Worobitz & Henry Kennedy*

*With thanks and credit to the UVic History Department, Anne Pinder, Sean Pollitt, Caroline Duncan & Cassandra Morton*

## Interested in Volunteering?

*Life's most  
persistent  
and urgent  
question is:  
What are you  
doing for  
others?*

Martin Luther King, Jr

**There are many opportunities to volunteer at The Cridge Centre for the Family, and they are all interesting and fulfilling!**

There are about a hundred people who give their time and talents through volunteering at The Centre. Volunteer opportunities exist in child care, services for women escaping relationship violence, services for adults with disabilities, seniors' centre and Cridge Respite.

We are also looking for people who are interested in planning special events to help build awareness and raise funds. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Geoff Sing at 479-5299 or [gsing@cridge.org](mailto:gsing@cridge.org)

To find out more about volunteering at The Cridge Centre for the Family go to our website: [www.cridge.org/volunteer.htm](http://www.cridge.org/volunteer.htm)



### Planning a Cruise or Vacation?

If so, we thought you should know that **Cruise Holidays Pacific** has promised a **donation** to The Cridge Centre for the Family from **each cruise or travel vacation** booked by someone mentioning the **Cridge donation offer**. So book your **vacation** knowing that The Cridge Centre is being supported even while you cruise and travel the world! Contact: Rhonda Parker, CTC, ACC, President **Cruise Holidays Pacific**, Direct: 250 472-2789 or 1 866 592-8776

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## The Cridge Centre for the Family Annual General Meeting

The 135th Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on September 22, 2008 with members, staff and clients in attendance.

The evening allowed the organization to celebrate a significant year of accomplishment as BC's oldest charitable organization. One of the highlights of the evening was a 'Walt Wingfield-style' skit written and performed by Shelley Morris. She beautifully captured the feelings of courage and perseverance of Mary Cridge, Bishop Cridge, Ada Barner and others who were part of the first decades of The Cridge Centre history.

### Members of the Board of Directors 2008 - 2009:

**President - Dr. Gregory Cran**  
**Vice President - Louise Parton**  
**Secretary - David Rand**  
**Treasurer - Mary-Ethel Audley**

**Michael Cridge**  
**Phil Horton**  
**Colin Moorman**  
**Anne Spicer, CM**  
**Dr. Sylvia Van Kirk**



## Long Term Service Awards

Sixteen staff members were recognized for their length of service to the organization, a combined total of 185 years among the sixteen employees. The staff team at The Cridge are such a remarkable asset to the organization and we love to have the opportunity to shine the spotlight on their dedication and professionalism.

### Twenty Years

**Patricia Bailey**, Executive Assistant  
**Janine Davies**, Higgins House Nursery

### Fifteen Years

**Anita Berisha**, Hill House Volunteer Coordinator  
**David Gavora**, Maintenance Supervisor  
**Marianne Jacques**, Cridge Children's Daycare  
**Tunde Lesage**, Cridge Daycare Nursery  
**Linda Zwick**, Financial Comptroller

### Ten Years

**Mark Fournier**, Macdonald House  
**Rhys Hibbert**, Cridge Children's Daycare  
**Barbara Middleton**, Accounting Specialist  
**Candace Stretch**, Cridge Children's School Age Coordinator  
**Nancy Studiman**, Higgins House Nursery

### Five Years

**Florinda Dicamillo**, Higgins House Nursery  
**Jennifer Jennings**, Cridge Children's Daycare  
**Kimberly Paulo**, Cridge Children's Pre-School Teacher  
**Eliezar Quinones**, Macdonald House

## Thank you to our donors!

Gifts of financial resources are as important as gifts of volunteer time. In this issue we wish to recognize those donors of cash or gifts-in-kind who are providing **\$10 or more weekly**, or **\$500 or more annually** so far in 2008.

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The Cridge Centre for the Family is very grateful to the businesses and individuals listed for their generous and continued support. Thank you, thank you, thank you!



# Our Wish List

## Seniors

- 250 KW Generator and new 800 Amp Switchboard \$ 180,000
  - mini-bus with a lift for our seniors \$ 100,000
  - 3 round patio tables with 4 chairs and umbrella \$ 2,500/set
  - 4 outdoor benches \$ 2,000/ea
- (We will put an honour memorial plaque on them for you)

## Vic High Daycare 'Higgins House'

- DVD video camera \$ 700
- TV & VHS player \$ 700
- commercial or large fridge \$ 2,000
- outdoor retractable awning \$ 3,000
- new carpet & linoleum for playrooms
- new plexi-glass for see-through doors
- gift cards/certificates for groceries, gas/bus passes, recreation, spa treatments, restaurants, book or retail stores
- digital camera \$ 300

## Infants/Toddlers

- outdoor playhouse \$ 500
- outdoor sand/water table \$ 300
- DVD video camera \$ 600
- carpet for nursery play area \$ 1,000

## Women Escaping Violence

- gift card (groceries/gas/recreation)
- 8 matching bedside lamps
- cedar frames for 3 vegetable beds \$ 1,500

NEW ONLY PLEASE: children's underwear and socks (assorted sizes); women's underwear and socks (assorted sizes); women's nightgowns (sizes medium and large); feminine toiletry products; children's pajamas (sizes 2, 6x, 10); women's slippers (sizes small, medium, large); baby monitors; blow dryers; towels and face cloths; children's shampoo, body lotion, deodorant, razors; cotton swabs, band-aids, hot water bottles; teaspoons, tea towels, dishcloths.

## Brain Injury Services

- new dining room tables \$ 2,000
- new stove \$ 900
- pots and pans \$ 350
- commercial grade front load washing machine \$ 1,000
- new living room furniture \$ 3,000
- dishes and 16 place mat settings \$ 400
- gift cards

## Daycare

- mid-size potted plants for foyer \$ 100
- child-sized bike helmets \$ 200
- digital camera \$ 300
- shelving/storage cupboard \$ 500
- bamboo plants to mask chain link fence \$ 500
- indoor area carpets for classrooms \$ 1,600
- chain link fencing to expand playground \$ 2,500
- paving for a bike path \$ 3,500
- outdoor gazebo \$20,000

## Respite

- 5 doz. Rubbermaid storage boxes \$ 600
- 10 large rolls of commercial cellophane \$ 250
- gift certificates for spa treatments, restaurants, book stores, Winners Costco

## History

- create historical display \$ 3,200

## Family Support

- gift cards (groceries/gas/recreation)
- non-perishable food items



Your gift, in partnership with one of B.C.'s most respected charities, The Cridge Centre for the Family, will reach out to generations to come. We have been in the business of caring for 135 years and if you are interested in seniors, children, families with handicapped children, victims of violence, housing or brain injuries, we invite you to visit and talk with us. **Please fill out the "Circle of Care" form to make your donation.**

# The Circle of Care



Yes, I/we would like to join The Cridge Centre Circle of Care!

I/we would like to make a single gift at this time.

I/we would like to give monthly.

Single gift amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Cheque enclosed.
- Please charge my credit card.

Monthly gift amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Void Cheque enclosed.
- Please charge my credit card monthly.

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Please use my gift as follows:

- Where needed most.
- With the following designation: \_\_\_\_\_

## My/our contact information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please detach and mail this form to:** The Cridge Centre for the Family,  
 1307 Hillside Ave., Victoria BC V8T 0A2 Phone: 250-995-6419  
**Thank you so much for your generous support.**  
 Greg Hatton, Manager of Communication and Fund Development

Please note: monthly giving options are available for donors whose annualized support is \$120 and above, or \$10 and above monthly. Donors will be recognized as follows:

- Supporter** - annualized giving total of \$120 - \$499; monthly gift in the range of \$10 - \$40
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- Patron** - annualized giving total of \$1000 - \$499; monthly gift in the range of \$85 - \$400
- Benefactor** - annualized giving total of \$5000+; monthly gift of \$420 and above.



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Charitable Registration # 10807941RR0001

This year marks the 135th anniversary of The Cridge Centre for the Family - British Columbia's longest-serving charitable organization. It all started in 1873 when Edward and Mary Cridge opened the doors of the original orphanage building to homeless children. Throughout our history, starting with an 1892 bequest of \$35,000 from John George Taylor, community support, including planned gifts, has enabled The Cridge Centre to expand and improve to meet demands, make changes, and serve the community well, most recently refurbishing the original orphanage as an assisted living Seniors' Centre.

**What these symbols mean:**



Earning the right to display the **Seal of Accountability** of the **Canadian Council of Christian Charities** bears a high level of distinction. We are a Certified Member of the Canadian Council of Christian Charities.

*"Your application for certified membership is one of the most complete in terms of compliance that we have seen. The Cridge Centre is to be congratulated!"*

David Johnson, Director of Certification  
Canadian Council of Christian Charities (CCCC)



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