

# Edson Friendship Centre

*A caring, respectful environment for those in need to nurture their spiritual, emotional, mental and physical well-being.*

## Our Vision

*A community where differences are embraced and all people thrive.*

## Our Values

### **Respect**

We foster an environment in which all individuals are valued and heard.

### **Compassion**

We are non-judgemental, and incorporate empathy, patience and trust in our interactions with others.

### **Different Ways of Knowing**

We seek first to understand things from the perspective of those we serve.

### **Continuous learning**

We adapt to the evolving needs of the people we serve through ongoing personal and professional development

### **Partnerships**

We leverage the strengths and skills of others in the community to maximize the value we bring to the people we serve

## Our Goals and Objectives

### **Goal 1 Effective Programs and Services**

- Strengthen and expand programs and services that focus on priority needs within the community.
- Reduce the number of "one-off" services provided that are available through other organizations
- Increase involvement in, and advocacy for, more appropriate and affordable housing options and supports.

### **Goal 2 Community Awareness and Support**

- Raise awareness about what we do, why we do it and how we support people in the community.
- Create and strengthen partnerships that will benefit the people we serve.

### **Goal 3 Cultural Hub for the Community**

- Increase awareness of Indigenous culture within the community
- Increase education and understanding of the Indigenous culture among staff, clients and the community.
- Increase inter-cultural understanding and build stronger bridges between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

### **Goal 4 A Strong, Stable Organization**

- Increase community participation in the Friendship Centre
- Increase effectiveness of staff, Board of Directors and volunteers.
- Improve internal and external communication.