

Major Milestones

20
YEARS

- In 2000, President Frank Devlin challenged Rotarians and clubs to create employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.
- As a parent of a child with a developmental disability, Wendy returned home and began her research to learn that there is an unemployment rate of close to 80% for individuals with developmental disabilities.

600
JOBS

- In 2001 the Edmonton Mayfield Rotary Club created the Rotary Employment Partnership in partnership with Inclusion Alberta and Government of Alberta.
- The Government of Alberta provides the funding for the partnership, and Inclusion Alberta connects individuals with developmental disabilities to the jobs created by Rotarians and assists the employers to sustain employment by utilizing natural support.
- The Government of Alberta hired Jodi Reid in 2001, and while she has had a typical government experience of being shifted through various departments, Jodi is still at her job 20 years later, and loves what it brings to her life. [Read about her story here.](#)
- The Rotary Employment Partnership reached a milestone of 600 jobs created when Rotarians Fran and Phil Hochhausen from the Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park and owners of Advantage Home Health Solutions hired. [Watch the story on CTV news!](#)

If you are interested in knowing how your workplace or Rotary Club can become involved, please contact:

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New Jobs Developed

Kelsey M.



Kelsey has just started working at VDG Salumi as a product packer. Her role involves curing and preparing meats, cutting the salami, packaging meats, and placing logo and nutrition fact labels onto the packages. Kelsey's favourite part of her job is learning how to use equipment like the meat grinder and vacuum sealer, and jamming out to tunes with the team. In the future, Kelsey will also be responsible for cutting and pre-packaging charcuterie boards, and attending markets with colleagues to sell products.

Left: Kelsey and Dave package and label meat

Aly B.



Aly B. started a full-time Client Services Ambassador position in the Life Enrichment Department at Canterbury Foundation, reinforcing COVID-19 guidelines and protocols and taking routine temperatures of staff to ensure the safety of everyone. Aly also assists with delivering mail and packages to residents, and performs office administrative duties as required to help the team. Aly is very proud to be serving the community as a frontline worker, making a difference during the pandemic!

Left: Aly checks the temperature of a colleague

Job Seeker Profile

Sam W.

Sam is an enthusiastic job seeker with a love for people and developing new skills. Sam is seeking a part time employment opportunity that allows him to utilize his proficiencies and experience from previous roles in the area of administration and customer service. Sam enjoys being an optimistic part of a team and continues to contribute to the positive culture in the workplace.

For more information on Sam, please contact Debbi Gallant, Rotary Employment Coordinator – Red Deer 403.596.4844



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