

Founder's Corner



DEK Founder Carolyn Karle with her Beloved Daughter Dayna Elizabeth Karle

Drug addiction can happen to anyone. Mental health and addiction do not discriminate between young and old, or rich and poor, or the neighbourhood you're from.

No one says, 'I want to grow up to be a drug addict with a substance misuse disorder.'

Drug addiction can happen before a person even knows they are addicted. It's a vicious downward spiral that takes over your life. Let's work together to end the stigma, so individuals, like Dayna, who need help, are empowered to get help.

DEK Mission & Vision

DEK Foundation is a Volunteer, Non-Profit Organization

DEK is built on the value of activism; creating change, ending stigma and providing nurturing spaces while also improving the lives of people living with addiction

DEK demands dignity for all through respect, kindness and understanding.

DEK advocates for increased resources and support systems to deal with the ongoing addiction crisis in Thunder Bay.

Our goal is to open a post-treatment recovery home for women.

We are dedicated to supporting and educating the community and helping individuals recover. We foster hope, healing and recovery in the face of addiction.

To learn more, get involved and/or make a donation, please visit

<https://dekfoundation.com>

DEK contact: info@dekfoundation.com

Ongoing Initiatives

Your support is both hugely needed and appreciated

Christmas Stockings and Backpacks for Folks Entering Treatment

December 2024 Stockings:

Please help us fill 60 Christmas stockings by donating to:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/91219>

Tax receipt issued for all donations of \$20 or more.

Christmas Tea - Sunday, Dec. 1st

11 am to 3 pm

Fort William Country Club, 1350 Mountain Road, Thunder Bay

Tickets: \$20/adult; \$10/child 🎄

Huge Christmas Bake Sale; Raffle; Decadent Lunch made with Love; Penny Auction; Live Music; a lovely way to start the season!

Community Care Bus

Travels across city helping vulnerable people during winter season

Staffed with nurses/outreach workers/support staff

Many ways for community involvement
Want to help? Email
<https://dekfoundation.com/contact>

Stay Tuned for **NEW** Spring Giving Campaign 2025

Please give generously to our new fundraising initiative as we strive to raise the bulk of funding for our Stage 2 After-Care Home.

Newsworthy Updates

Lots of Wonderful Events recently Transpired

Charitable Status and Lottery License Granted Summer 2023

DEK has been recognized as a Charitable Foundation and can issue receipts for all donations.

Stay tuned for new and interesting lottery initiatives coming this Spring.

Tree Decorating at Reid's Furniture

DEK, along with 7 other charitable organizations, has kindly been invited to compete in a Christmas tree decorating contest. Our purple and silver 'Tree of Hope' is dedicated to individuals battling addictions, and honours individuals whose lives have been lost. The winning

organization will receive \$5 000. Winner is determined by vote and canned good donations to the RFDA. Please come visit our tree for viewing and voting, December 3-14, at Reid's Furniture!! Winner announced Dec. 14.

September 2024 Ladies' 3rd Annual Golf Tournament

DEK raised \$61 264.05!!
Event held at Fort William Country Club
Thanks to all who generously donated prizes and to all who participated!

Congratulations to Jenn Hainrich, winner of the 50/50 draw at the Golf Tournament. Jenn took home \$12 500.



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We'd love to hear from you

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