

Located on eighteen wooded acres in Southeastern Manitoba, El'dad Ranch has up to 10 residents living on-site in one of three facilities with the support provided by volunteers and staff.

**We support adults with intellectual challenges by building on their strengths, recognizing their worth, and honouring their ability to make informed choices and achieve personal growth.**



## NEW BEGINNINGS:

- A chance to learn new life skills
- A chance to live in a safe and caring community
- A chance to develop self-esteem and explore talents
- A chance to heal emotionally, mentally, and spiritually
- A chance to become a valued member of the community

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A Program of:  
**Initiatives  
for Just  
Communities**



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## Person Centred

We seek to understand and support what is important to the individual. We continually strive to learn and to listen in order to identify what is important now and for their future.

## Holistic Approach

We approach a person as more than the sum of their parts. We seek to find solutions that incorporate mental, physical and spiritual well-being for our participants; meeting them where they are at culturally and spiritually.

## Strength Based

We emphasize the individual's self-determination and strengths. We believe that the participants are resourceful and resilient and therefore should actively participate in their future.

## Relationship Building

We model healthy relationships with our participants based on mutual trust, sharing interests and respect.

## Solution Focused

We focus on the solutions to problems that are affecting the participant's present and future. We look at ways of creating success for them while using current struggles as learning opportunities.

## Community Minded

We work to build a healthy community for everyone through inclusion, contribution, safety and understanding.

STARTED by Addison and Gerda Klassen in the early 1980's, El'dad Ranch, then a program of MCC Manitoba, offered men who were living with intellectual disabilities and at odds with the law, a second chance.

OVER the years, with the help of countless others, the vision has expanded and lives have been enriched. As of 2011, El'dad became a part of Initiatives for Just Communities, an umbrella organization with a Restorative Justice focus. No longer confined to the Ranch, El'dad has branched out to assist both men and women living with intellectual challenges in the Southeast Region.

MANY of our participants are vulnerable and live with deep hurts. For them to heal and move forward, they need unconditional acceptance, to be listened to and to be treated with gentleness, compassion and respect.

FURTHERMORE, with guidance and support, the participants learn to make healthy choices for themselves and develop real hope for their future.

### RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS

Provide continuous care for men who need substantial support. These programs seek ways in which the individuals can live a full life within the community.

### OUTREACH PROGRAM

Assists men and women living in the Southeastern region of Manitoba with an intellectual disability who are able to live on their own with limited supports. The focus is on building positive relationships while providing guidance to the participants.

### HOME SHARE

Connects a person needing support with a care provider who may live together in the care provider's home. The support offered ranges from very close relationships where people share a home and their lives, to more independent room and board situations. These models of support depend on the person's needs and wants.

### ALTERNATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM

Provides round-the-clock support to men who have been in minor conflict with the law. This program focuses on developing positive relationships as well as life skills. It also works towards transition to living successfully in the community at large.

### EL'DAD DAY PROGRAM

Provides structured skill building activities for participants. Some activities are firewood production, building wood products, bee-keeping, nutrition and maintenance. The focus is for participants to be employed as valued and productive members of the community.

### EL'DAD PRODUCTS

As part of the Day Program that provides products and services to the community, participants are involved in all aspects of the work in order to give them opportunities to learn job skills and earn a training wage. Products and services include; firewood, automotive servicing, hand crafted wood products, computer upcycling as well as contractual manual labor.