

## **MEDIA** ADVISORY

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

## Life Kits for Edmonton's most vulnerable to be assembled at MacEwan University

**Edmonton** – MacEwan University faculty, staff and alumni volunteers will gather to put together Life Kits filled with winter supplies for people in Edmonton who are experiencing houselessness.

For several months, Dr. David Danto, the dean of MacEwan's Faculty of Health and Community Studies, has been reaching out to collect donations of items that can be included in the Life Kits. Once the backpacks are assembled with warm clothing, notepads and caring notes from MacEwan students, they will be distributed by Boyle Street Community Services.

"MacEwan University is an urban campus. We educate people who support health and community, and we have a responsibility to address well-being here," says Dr. Danto. "The Life Kits project reminds us of what we care about, what brought us to the Faculty of Health and Community Studies and MacEwan University, and why we do the work we do."

In addition to receiving donations of a variety of items from local businesses, a group of students from the Department of Public Safety and Justice Studies banded together to buy dozens of warm hats. Alumni of the Correctional Services program have also been gathering cold-weather items.

Media are invited to join us as volunteers assemble the Life Kits. Dr. David Danto and Kassidy Green from Boyle Street Community Services will be available for interviews.:

Thursday, January 19, 2023

1 p.m.

Room 9-207

Robbins Health Learning Centre, MacEwan University 10910 104 Avenue NW.

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