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**News Release**  
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## **Students spread joy with Christmas cards and letters to seniors**

**Calgary, Alberta** – The spirit of giving is alive in a group of students at the [Calgary French & International School](#), who are crafting personal letters and Christmas cards that will be delivered next week to a group of city seniors who might not otherwise get to enjoy the season's greetings.

The Grade 7-9 students are sending holiday cheer to as many as 130 seniors in communities managed by Silvera for Seniors, an affordable housing provider and partner in the RESOLVE Campaign.

The partnership came about during the students' studies on homelessness as part of an optional [UNESCO](#) class, which this term is examining the theme of human rights.

During their research, they discovered RESOLVE, which is a capital fundraising campaign to build affordable housing for 3,000 homeless and vulnerable Calgarians. Social studies teacher Jennifer Connolly said the students watched a video (<http://youtu.be/AYtiVLB92g8>) and were moved by the stories of people struggling in our community and how RESOLVE is helping, through its nine partner agencies. They decided to dedicate their fundraising component of their studies to the Campaign, which will happen early next year with a Gratitude Banquet.

But as Christmas neared, they also felt compelled to do something immediate to bring joy to the city's most vulnerable and connected with Silvera for Seniors through RESOLVE.

On Friday, they will be crafting personal letters and cards for seniors that will be delivered sometime next week.

In addition to the letters, a cooking class at the school will bake cookies to be delivered, too.

**What:** Media are invited to video or take pictures as students make their cards and letters and bake cookies.

**Who:** Students Jorden Raychaudhuri, Grade 9 and Zane Sereda, Grade 8, along with teacher Jennifer Connolly will be available for interviews. A RESOLVE and Silvera for Seniors spokeswoman will also be on hand and available for an interview about the Campaign.



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**When:** 1:15 p.m. for interviews. Card making from 1:30 to 2:30

**Where:** Calgary French & International School, 700 77th Street S.W.

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***About RESOLVE***

RESOLVE is helping to end homelessness by raising \$120 million to build affordable, supported housing for 3,000 vulnerable Calgarians. Our partners include: Accessible Housing, Bishop O'Byrne Housing, Calgary Alpha House Society, Calgary Homeless Foundation, Calgary John Howard Society, Horizon Housing Society, Silvera for Seniors, The Mustard Seed and Trinity Place Foundation of Alberta.  
For more information, visit: <http://resolvecampaign.com/>

***About Silvera for Seniors***

Silvera for Seniors provides affordable housing to more than 1,500 lower-income seniors across 26 communities in Calgary. A non-profit organization, Silvera has been an advocate for those in the "silver era" of their lives for more than 50 years. Silvera believes seniors are a vital and important part of our communities and are valued as such.  
For more information, visit: <http://www.silvera.ca>