


# Homeless youth prevention campaign arrives in Calgary

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A man who is pushing a shopping cart across Canada to support the end of youth homelessness has made it to Calgary.

[The Push for Change](#) campaign rolled into the city Friday to walk and raise money for The Boys and Girls Club and Raise the Roof.

The national campaign started about a year and a half ago in St. John's, Newfoundland when a formerly homeless youth from Vancouver, Joe Roberts, decided he wanted to give back.

Roberts, who is now a successful entrepreneur, said they wanted to start a conversation with youth, community stakeholders, front-line service providers, educators, police, and government.

"We got to engage with the federal government and got to meet the prime minister and we've seen the federal government make a \$11.2 billion investment in social housing, two months after that they made another \$8 million investment in youth homeless prevention, a large chunk of which is actually going to be spent here in the province of Alberta," he said.

One hundred per cent of the proceeds made during the campaign will go toward homeless youth initiatives; so far over \$500,000 has been raised.

Roberts has traveled 7805 kilometres — walking 24 kilometres a day. His next stop is the Rocky Mountains in Banff, through Revelstoke and eventually making his way to the lower mainland in Victoria.

The campaign ends with a celebration in front of the public library in downtown Vancouver on September 29.

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