



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

ECCO Recycling held our **1st Annual Food Drive** in December and in only three days ECCO clients donated enough food to fill <u>4 full boxes</u> and raised over \$350 CASH in support of **The Veterans Food Bank of Calgary.** 



We also adopted-a-family through the Millican Ogden Community Association this Christmas and *again*, with the help of the entire ECCO family, we were able to give a single Mom and three girls a Christmas to remember.

<u>A heartf elt</u> thank you to all the Drivers and Businesses who helped make these 2 happy endings possible, we couldn't have done it without you!



# Ok, lets talk about the ELEPHANT in the room ..... Covid-19

They say an elephant never forgets and 2020 is most certainly a year we won't forget anytime soon!!! Although 2020 wasn't the year we expected and the start of 2021 looks much the same, there is definitely light at the end of the tunnel as the vaccination program gains momentum. Rest assured, until we have Covid-19 underfoot (hopefully an elephant sized foot), ECCO will continue to monitor the situation and prioritize the health and well-being of our employees, customers, and site visitors, including ongoing implementation of extensive preventative measures in accordance with recommendations from Alberta Health Officials. We deeply value our long-term client relationships and consider the safety of our clients and staff of the utmost importance. May the challenges, and masks, of 2020 soon lie behind us as we look forward to sharing a brighter, healthier and safer 2021 with all of you.



### **Better Late than Never**

ECCO is thrilled to announce a social media presence finally! We will update you, on weather conditions, roads closures, change of hours and client appreciation events in *real time*. We want to have F-U-N! We plan to have at least 1 Draw or Contest each month and other customer appreciation events at our SE Location!

Search ECCO Recycling on Facebook - LIKE and Follow our Facebook page - <u>www.facebook.com/recycleitall</u>

We can't wait to connect with you more often in 2021!!!



#### What's that Honey???

Southern Alberta was a buzz with ECCO's six (6) bee colonies, located in Lethbridge, Aldersyde, Balzac, High River, Mazeppa and here in Calgary at our southeast location. The expression "busy as a bee" buzzed true for our colonies, producing over 800 pounds of honey. ECCO proudly jarred and shared the honey with our clients and food banks in and around the city. Our Beekeeper, Kylie, fed our bees their winter food and wrapped up the hives to keep the bees safe and warm through the winter. Thanks to Kylie we can all look forward to more delicious honey next year.

## BIG THINGS HAPPENING IN 2021... SEE PAGE 2 FOR MORE INFORMATION !!!

# **ECCO CHIPS IS MOVING!**



ECCO Chips is excited about our new location for colouring and bagging mulch in Aldersyde, Alberta!

ECCO Chips is excited to introduce our new location for colouring and bagging mulch in Aldersyde, Alberta!!! The new facility includes the addition of two new buildings to each end of the existing structure. Each new building is 4,800 square feet, added to the square footage of the existing structure, for a grand total of 15,200 square feet. The new building will feature two bagging lines, one moving from the existing facility in Calgary, capable of producing up to 6,000 bags of mulch per day. The second, is an all new bagging line featuring a Sahara X1 Colorizer, Hamer Automated Bagging Line and a Fully Automated High-Level Palletizer, capable of producing up to 12,000 bags per day with half the staff. All of our ECCO Chips staff are moving to the new location and operating two bagging lines is sure to keep them busy! The combined production total of both bagging lines is 18,000, bags of wood mulch per day, the equivalent of 180 metric tonnes of recycled wood each day! Good thing the new site can store up to 20,000 skids of finished product. The dye used in the process is 100% organic, only using vegetable and minerals to create our vibrant ECCO Chips colours, **Charcoal**, **Chocolate Brown** and **Red Brick**.

Look for ECCO Chips at these fine retailers: Golden Acre Home & Garden; Spruce It Up Garden Centre; Greengate Garden Centres; Plantation Garden Centre; Blue Grass Ltd. Nursery, Sod & Garden Centre and Anything Grows in Cochrane.



### **Balzac Location Opening SOON!**

The new facility will feature state of the art sorting and processing equipment, a new scale, and large indoor tipping floor. ECCO's new location will accept a variety of waste and recycling materials for sorting and processing, including; C&D, cardboard, plastic, Single Stream Recycling (SSR), wood, pallets and so much more. The new facility in Balzac is easily accessed from main thoroughfares such as Deerfoot or Stoney Trail (via Dwight McLellan Trail), providing our valued clients with a convenient new option for waste and recycling drop-off and an efficient turnaround.

We anticipate opening in the Spring of 2021!

