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Health in the Inner City: A Photo Essay

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This boy faces an uncertain future in Edmonton's urban core.



Drums pound during a round dance hosted by an inner city social agency.



The pain of addictions and homelessness is expressed in powerful music.



Thanksgiving dinner at the Boyle Street Community Co-operative (Oct. 14th)



Betty Nordin is a former street person who has written a number of poetry books. In her newest book, entitled *Straddling the Fence*, she speaks about the dividing line between two cultures and two ways of life. Betty has had to reconcile her Aboriginal and European ancestry, as well as her life on and off the street.



A women's health group learns about breast self-examination.



Wendy and Larry outside the school where they seek shelter at night.

Aboriginal people are over-represented in Edmonton's homeless population. They make up 40 percent of the street population but only represent about 4 percent of the total population of the city.