

SEEING THE WORLD IN HIGH-RESOLUTION

We are now well and truly into the New Year of 2022 and with this reality comes a wagon-load of hopes, dreams, expectations and resolutions for all of us.

For the purpose of this piece I want to park on the word resolution. A resolution is a typical effort or commitment made by people traditionally around New Year's Eve at midnight. Usually it is a commitment toward betterment of oneself and the world around them.

According to the Oxford dictionary a resolution is "a definite decision to do or not to do something."

When we are considering the many needs in the world around us resolutions, when made with intent, can be good things. We can resolve to volunteer more for a worthwhile charity. We can consider donating to a shelter or food cupboard. There are lots of things one can resolve to do for the sake of others and themselves.

But I want to talk about another meaning for resolution that dovetails nicely into the first. Resolution can mean the clarity with which we see something. In the world of computers and photography resolution refers to an image – how clear is the image? How detailed?

Oxford calls this kind of resolution "the power...to give a clear image."

A resolution as a commitment is a good thing but without an understanding and clarity of the world around us these commitments can be difficult to create and maintain.

I would suggest that for the coming year you consider the quality of the image of the world around you. Consider the resolution at which you are seeing things. Do you have a low resolution view that glosses over some of the harder to see aspects of our world, country, province, city and even neighbourhood?

Can you see the hunger, crime, addiction, mental and physical health needs, within your sphere? If you can, are you seeing those at a high enough resolution to try and comprehend their source and some of the things you and yours might be able to do to alleviate these things?

We have a tendency to pass through the world in low resolution and this means we can miss the most important details of those things I mentioned – details like the people who they affect. It is the people who are the most important considerations when we look at the world around us.

Not only does a high resolution view of the world show us the things that may not be as they should but it can also highlight the brilliant vibrancy and the good that is woven like gold threads through everything as well.

This kind of view reminds us that all things broken can be fixed. It is a perspective that leans toward hope and is motivating to make those commitment-based resolutions in the first place.

So then – when considering resolutions one must consider the "resolution" one sees the world in if you get my meaning.

At the Jubilee Fund we try to maintain a higher resolution view of the world so we can best impact it in a positive way through various efforts to alleviate poverty. If you are still considering your commitments please consider the Jubilee Fund

Peter Cantelon,
Executive Director



Monica Dueck, Fund Development Manager, announcing the new Rent-Guarantee Program for at-risk women at our 2021 Champagne Brunch

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