



CALGARY POLICE YOUTH FOUNDATION

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MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT THROUGH MONTHLY GIVING!

The Calgary Police Youth Foundation wants to keep children and youth safe from crime and victimisation.

By becoming a Promising Futures monthly donor you can help! Can you imagine the difference we can make in the lives of every child and youth in Calgary with a \$10 donation each month! We could reach even more children and youth while ensuring that they all receive everything they need to stay safe from crime and prevent them from becoming a victim of it. Learn more about monthly giving and the impact you can have by visiting our website at: <https://cpf.cpsevents.ca/promising-futures/>.

Not in a position to give financially? There are many other ways to get involved! Share our newsletters with your friends and family, follow us on social media, donate gift in kind items or services, or even volunteer. Every little bit helps make a difference. Visit www.YCYouthFoundation.ca to learn more.



Photos of Programs in Action from Archives

A MASST SUCCESS STORY

The Multi Agency School Support Team (MASST) is an early intervention, school-based program that supports children (5-12 years) who are exhibiting behavior which puts them at risk for negative, possibly criminal patterns of behaviour or victimization into teen years. Recently, one of the MASST teams reached out to us to share a great success story about one of their clients, Adam.



Adam (name changed for confidentiality) like so many other students loves video games, connecting with his friends, and staying up late. Adam, unlike other students, has faced significant adversity in his life including living through family disruption and poverty.

Adam became involved in MASST to help him achieve success at school due to the challenges he faces. From his involvement in the program the MASST Team identified that he needed a safe, reliable way to get to school. Through donor support, via CPYF, the MASST Team was able to provide him with a brand-new bike and helmet. Adam had not owned a bike in over two years and also has some physical challenges, which makes being active difficult for him. Biking is one of the few physical activities he can do pain free.

Over the summer, Adam was worried about how he would get to school on his new bike. With the help of his MASST Team, Adam set a goal to ride independently to school by September. Over several weeks, his team practiced with him and Adam was so happy when he finally made it to school on his bike! This may sound like a small thing, but for Adam this was a big step forward. He is now physically active in a safe pain-free way, and able to attend school every day.

Thank you to our donors, as your support has helped Adam stay well with the generous donation of a bike.

YOUTH VIEWS: HEAR FROM ONE OF OUR CADETS!

The ongoing pandemic is taking its toll on lives and livelihoods across the globe and for our city's youth who haven't yet started on their career paths, the challenge is real. A former Calgary Police Service Cadet told us:



" This was to be an important time for youth to be working and saving money for university or college. For me, I have been struggling to find a job. Without experience my future employment prospects are limited. To secure a job and succeed in the future young people focus on maximizing their social connections and connectivity, however, these efforts have been to some extent thwarted as networking events and job fairs move online."

THANK YOU, CALGARY POLICE SERVICE!

We want to take a moment to send our sincere thanks to all members of the Calgary Police Service for their commitment to protecting Calgary's citizens and our communities.

Words alone can not express our heartfelt gratitude for their duty and service during this pandemic and for their ongoing support of the Calgary Police Youth Foundation.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



CPYF IS CELEBRATING AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE!

June 7th, 2021 marks the Calgary Police Youth Foundation's 10th birthday! Over the past decade, our organization has grown from an idea about keeping children safe from crime to an organization that funds six child-youth programs which help keep thousands of vulnerable and at-risk children and youth safe from victimisation and crime annually.

While there is still a lot of work to be done, we are extremely proud of the progress we have made and wanted to share with you ten accomplishments in honour of our 10 years in the Calgary community!



- In 2011, we provided funding to support the establishment of the Child Advocacy Centre, a place of hope, help and healing for children, youth and families
- The Multi Agency School Support Team Program and YouthLink Calgary were added to the CPYF funding priorities
- We proudly supported our community during the 2013 floods by providing over \$120K in financial aid to children, youth and their families impacted.
- After the devastating floods, we helped relocate and rebuild the Youthlink Calgary Police Interpretive Centre at CPS Headquarters.
- In 2014, we purchased a bus for the use of the Calgary Police Cadet Corps to help with events, volunteering, and equipment transportation.
- The Integrated School Support Program, the Youth At Risk Development Program, Power Play and the Calgary Police Cadet Corps were added to CPYF funding priorities in 2015.
- In 2017, we invested over \$115K in Cannabis education for youth.
- Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we expanded our funding to support thousands of Calgarians by providing basic needs such as food, clothing and technology.
- As of 2020, we proudly support over 9,250 children, youth, and families annually.
- With your help, we have raised over \$17M!

WOODEN BADGES FOR CPS, A DONATION FOR CPYF!

Recently, our new friend Peter from **End of the Grain Woodwork** created a series of replica badges for members of the Calgary Police Service. With over 18 years of experience, Peter has worked to create a quality product for a variety of first responders around the country with wooden plaques dedicated to nurses, firefighters, and doctors, as well as corrections and police officers.

As a police constable himself, Peter knew his brothers and sisters in law enforcement would enjoy his product.

"I have had nothing but positive comments from people. This is what drives me to continue this work. It is a great way to take my mind off the things first responders are exposed to on a daily basis, almost like therapy."



His replica Calgary Police Service badges were extremely popular among service members and as a thank you for permission to use the CPS crest, Peter decided to donate a portion of the proceeds to the Calgary Police Youth Foundation!

Thank you Peter, for your generous donation and for supporting vulnerable children and youth in the Calgary community!

If you would like to see more of Peter's work, check out his Etsy page at: <http://endofthegrainwoodwrk.etsy.com>

CPYF READER POLL:

CPYF is excited to be hosting a quarterly speaker series for our supporters and we want to know what YOU would like to learn about! What topics interest you the most? What information would you find most valuable? Whatever you are interested in learning about, we want to know!

Email us your topic ideas at [CPYF@CalgaryPolice.ca!](mailto:CPYF@CalgaryPolice.ca)



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2021 HIGHLIGHTS - SAVE THE DATE!



With so many exciting events and campaigns to look forward to this year, we want to make sure that you don't miss a thing. Check out our listing below and be sure to mark your calendars! Want to get involved or volunteer, let us know at [CPYF@CalgaryPolice.ca!](mailto:CPYF@CalgaryPolice.ca)

March 2021 - Our first ever Text-to-Donate Campaign (*get your phones ready!*)

April 2021 - Canadian Free Wills Network Month

June 6 - Giant Garage Sale

August 2021 - Backpack Drive

September 2021 - Cooking with Kids Cookbook Launch

October 4 - 2022 K9 Calendar Launch

November 19 - Chief Youth Courage Awards Gala

November 23 - Day of Thanks Telethon

November 19 - 28 - CYCA Silent Auction

December 2021 - Holiday Hamper Campaign



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