



# CALGARY POLICE YOUTH FOUNDATION

## DECEMBER 2021 E-NEWS



From all of us at the Calgary Police Youth Foundation, we wish you a very Happy Holidays and a peaceful and prosperous New Year! We can't wait to see you in January and to share all that we have in store for 2022. On behalf of the children and youth we serve - thank you for your ongoing support!



## LAST CHANCE - YOUTHLINK CALGARY HOLIDAY 50/50 CASH RAFFLE

Time is running out for you to get your tickets for the YouthLink Calgary Holiday 50/50 cash raffle! The jackpot is currently over **\$12,000** and with your help it could climb to \$20,000 – meaning that our grand prize winner could walk away with up to \$10,000 cash! How great is that!

All ticket proceeds support YouthLink Calgary Police Interpretive Centre, a cutting-edge police museum where crime prevention and community policing are at the heart of everything they do. YouthLink Calgary helps youth and adults tackle emerging issues on Safe for Life topics including gang prevention, drug prevention, online safety and understanding healthy relationships.



**YOUTHLINK CALGARY HOLIDAY 50/50 RAFFLE**

Tickets are available for purchase until midnight on December 16th, and YouthLink Calgary will announce the grand prize winner on December 17th at 9:00a.m.! So, don't delay! **Get your tickets today at: <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/youthlinkcalgary>**

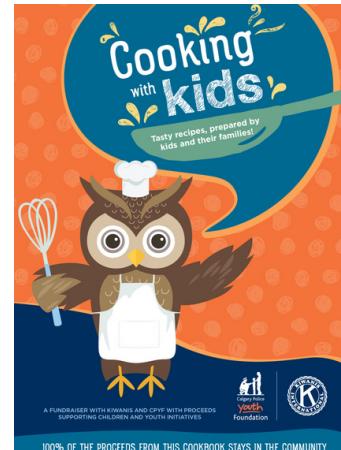
# HOLIDAY SHOPPING SOLUTIONS

Did you leave your holiday shopping until the last minute? Don't fret! CPYF has you covered. Check out our online store ([www.CPYFStore.ca](http://www.CPYFStore.ca)) and shop for all of your favourite items including:

- 2022 Canine, Mounted and Motorcycle Calendars
- Merchandise including socks, stuffies, and guardian bells
- Cooking with Kids Cookbook

We have also recently introduced three new holiday bundles which perfectly pair your favourite 2022 Calendars with fun merchandise, while offering you up to \$5 in savings!

Don't want to order online? Our calendars are also available at a variety of retailers throughout Calgary & area. Visit our website at [www.yycyouthfoundation.ca/calendars](http://www.yycyouthfoundation.ca/calendars) for more details!



## THE CPS CADET CORPS ARE THE BEST!



CPYF has been lucky to have members of the Calgary Police Service Cadet Corps supporting our work this year in a variety of different ways.

Throughout the fall and winter, they have been joining us weekly at the Calgary Telus Convention Centre to help with calendar order fulfilment and organizing and sorting shipments of donated goods we distribute to the community with the help of our colleagues at CPS. These Cadets are always ready to lend a hand no matter the ask and we are so grateful for their support!



# KIKI'S CARE BOXES - GIVING FAMILIES 1,000 REASONS TO SMILE



This week, CPYF began our Kiki's Care Box distribution! Over the next week or two, 1,000 care boxes filled with food, supplies, personal care items, toys and gift cards will be distributed to children, youth and families in need.

Through the generous support of our donors, along with the funds raised from the sales of the Cooking with Kids Cookbook and Kiki's Care Boxes, we have truly made a difference for families in our community while spreading joy this holiday season.

**Thank you to all of our incredible sponsors and supporters, including:**

## Sponsors:

Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.  
TopCo Oilsite Products Ltd.  
Gateway Tubulars

## Supporters:

RBC Foundation  
Calgary TELUS Convention Centre  
I Can for Kids



**Finally, a special thank you to all of our Corporate Volunteers, the CPS Cadet Corps and CPYF Volunteers who assisted with assembling Care Boxes!**

# ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR UPDATE



The Calgary Police Youth Foundation has made a decision to postpone our Estate Planning and Wealth Management webinar until January 26th, 2022. Our sincere apologies to those who had already registered and were looking forward to the event. We hope that you are still able to join us in 2022 for this informative seminar.

Be sure to watch our social media channels for more information on how to register!



## END OF THE YEAR DONATIONS - NOW IS THE TIME TO GIVE!

The Programs supported by CPYF would not be possible without the incredible support of our donors. Thanks to your generosity, we are able to help over 13,000 children and youth every year, by providing them with the education and resources they need to stay safe from victimisation and crime.

As the year comes to a close, there is still time for you to make a positive impact by making a one time contribution to CPYF. Your donations ensure that these critical Programs can continue and that they will be available to those who need them for years to come. Make your end of the year donation today at [www.Donate2CPYF.ca](http://www.Donate2CPYF.ca).

Below are just a few testimonials we have received from Program participants and parents, highlighting the impact these Programs have had on their lives.

*"I love watching the smile that Power Play has brought to his face. Vesko was having self esteem issues before hand and he has turned around 100% of his happiness." - Nadine, Vesko's Mother*

*"Thank you for giving us a hot lunch and breakfast club, we really love it! I appreciate how much you think about our school, you guys are very thoughtful and amazing!" - Manini, ISSP Student*

*"Thank you for what you did for my son. From changing his behaviour up to support of him [buying a] bike. Now he is very good, and he is developing a positive attitude...He has completely changed!" - Parent of a child in MASST*

# A HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM BRIAN FERGUSON



Dear Friends,

As we approach the end of the year and embrace the season for giving and being thankful it is also a time for remembrance and reflection.

As Chair for the Calgary Police Youth Foundation (CPYF) Board of Directors I take this time to reflect on the past, and the future, so that we may continue to find

innovative ways to keep children and youth safe from crime and victimisation. Looking back over the past two years and the trials and tribulations we have all faced, I am inspired by the endurance and resiliency of our communities and of the youngest citizens we serve.

There is little doubt the ongoing pandemic is a heavy burden for many to bear.

Without exception the highlight of our year, was understanding the impact of the crime prevention, education and early intervention Programs funded by CPYF on children and youth. By developing skills for problem solving, using initiative, demonstrating empathy towards others, goal setting, maintaining a positive outlook on life and being responsible and trustworthy, children and youth are building resiliency to last a lifetime which will keep them safe.

These Programs, which are partnered with the Calgary Police Service, Alberta Health Services, and the City of Calgary – Calgary Neighbourhoods, help children and youth address many negative risk factors such as substance abuse, gangs, unemployment, poverty, peer pressure, and unsafe environments, all of which have been heightened since the start of the pandemic.

Through it all, these individuals continued to display incredible growth, determination and perseverance when faced with challenges and adversity. We have immense admiration for these young citizens and know that with the help and support of the Programs, they will continue to thrive and succeed in our community.

The Programs supported by CPYF would not be possible without the generosity and compassion of our Donors and Sponsors. Thanks to their kind hearts and shared vision for a safer city, children,

youth, and their families can receive support and resources at a time in their lives when they need it most.

I also want to thank our incredible network of volunteers who have continued to support the Calgary Police Youth Foundation throughout the year with our events, campaigns, and programs. We often say we can not do what we do without you, no truer words have been spoken.

While this year has presented us with many challenges, we remain optimistic that our best is still to come. Thanks to our incredible supporters and the unwavering dedication of our Program Staff, I know that in 2022, we will continue to build a brighter future together for all children and youth.

From the Board of Directors and Staff at the Calgary Police Youth Foundation, we wish you contentment, joy, and peace this holiday and always.

Sincerely,



Brian Ferguson



## THANK YOU, CPS!

In this final edition of E-News for 2021, we wanted to thank our friends at the Calgary Police Service one last time. The Child-Youth Programs we support would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of both sworn and civilian CPS members. We are so grateful for everything you do to keep our city safe and we want to thank you for making a difference in the lives of children and youth in our community.

