



# CALGARY POLICE YOUTH FOUNDATION

**FEBRUARY 2022 E-NEWS**

## THANK YOU, SHAW FAMILY!



This month, the Shaw Family announced an incredibly generous \$35 million donation to the Glenbow Museum. This donation will allow the museum to offer free admission forever upon its reopening in 2024.

This donation is an impactful gift to our city and plays an important role in making arts and culture accessible to all.

As a friend to the Calgary Police Youth Foundation, the Shaw Family with special recognition of JR Shaw received the 2021 Philanthropic Leadership Award in honour of their significant community impact.

## CPYF VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BEST!

Over the past month, our talented volunteers have helped with a number of important projects. From organizing our inventory to collecting unsold calendars, our volunteers are making a difference for children and youth in Calgary through their generous contributions. Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers!





## MEET OUR NEW POWER PLAY AMBASSADORS, RHETT WARRENER AND TIM HUNTER!

On Wednesday, February 9th the Calgary Police Youth Foundation announced that Calgary Flames Alumni, Rhett Warrener (pictured) and Tim Hunter would be joining the Power Play Program as Ambassadors. Through Power Play, Rhett and Tim will help share the much-loved Canadian sport of hockey with children and youth in a safe and supportive environment. Each week, the Ambassadors will have a chance to join Program participants and members of the Calgary Police Service on the ice where they will help the youth develop their skills, improve their skating, and offer mentorship. Tim even prepared a special message for participants, which can be seen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gmP6HuoK9RU>



Power Play is a free, weekly drop-in program that engages youth ages 6 to 17 and gives them the opportunity to learn how to skate (winter) and play soccer (summer) while interacting with CPS officers in a safe and supportive environment. Power Play provides Calgary's youth with healthy physical activity for the critical after-school hours – the time youth are most likely to be tempted by high-risk, criminal behaviour while building relationships between vulnerable communities and the Calgary Police Service.



We are so excited to welcome Rhett and Tim to the Power Play family and are extremely grateful for their ongoing support.

## READER SURVEY: WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE?

As we continue to improve our monthly e-newsletter, we want to hear from you about what you enjoy and what you want to see more of! Let us know what interests you most from the list below and we will work to include it in upcoming editions. You can email your response to [CPYF@CalgaryPolice.ca](mailto:CPYF@CalgaryPolice.ca).

- Stories about Children and Youth in CPYF Programs
- Upcoming Events and Campaigns
- How You Can Support CPYF
- CPYF in the Community

# INTRODUCING BRIDGES TO BRIGHTER FUTURES - A CPYF COMMUNITY INITIATIVE



This year, the Calgary Police Youth Foundation is launching our seventh crime prevention Program for children and youth – Bridges to Brighter Futures. This new program consists of multiple targeted community initiatives led by the Calgary Police Service.

These initiatives will include District Office Initiatives designed by CPS officers, Diversity Unit projects, a back-to-school backpack campaign, summer and holiday hampers, YouthLink Calgary summer camps, a traffic safety video for students, and a customized camp experience.

All of these community initiatives present an opportunity for children, youth, and their families to connect with the Calgary Police Service in a positive way in the communities which they live. This helps children and youth to recognize police as trusted adults they can go to for help.

Throughout the year, we will share more information about these community initiatives along with opportunities for you to get to involved. Stay tuned!



## THANK YOU, CPS!

The crime prevention, education, and early intervention Programs supported by CPYF would not be possible without the Calgary Police Service. Each of these Programs are run by dedicated officers with the goal of strengthening the relationships between children and youth and police.

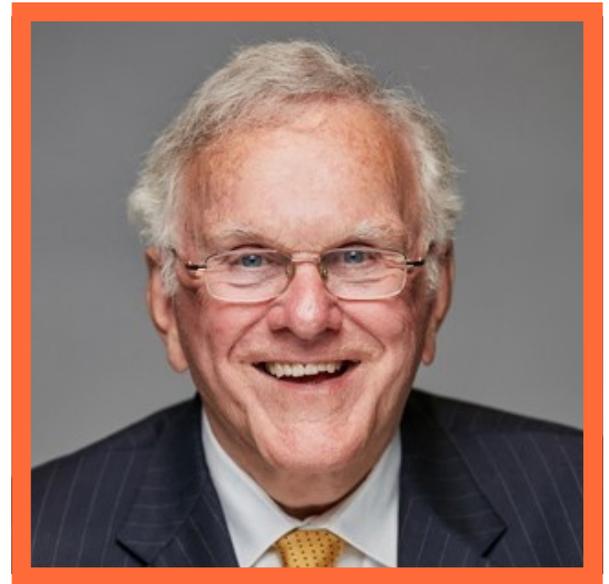
Many of the children and youth supported by these programs have a fear of police or have had negative interactions with the police in the past. These officers work directly with the children to help rebuild trust in the community and to show them that the police are someone they can turn to if they need help.

We are so grateful for the officers in these Program and for everyone at the Calgary Police Service helping to keep children and youth safe from victimisation and crime.

# ANNOUNCING THE 2022 PHILANTHROPIC LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT - MR. MURRAY MCCANN

The Calgary Police Youth Foundation is honoured to announce that Mr. Murray McCann is this year's Philanthropic Leadership Award recipient.

Mr. McCann is a philanthropist who funds causes in Canada, USA and Zambia, that support children, disadvantaged youth, veterans, orphans, and those in need. Mr. McCann has called Calgary home for 70 years. Graduating as a Chartered Accountant in 1963 he practised his profession for nine years before succumbing to his entrepreneurial spirit and acquiring his first operating company. Over the 50 years to follow, his holding company Aristos Capital Corporation, made numerous acquisitions in ten different industries in Canada, USA, China, India and Malaysia.



With business no longer his primary interest, Mr. McCann spends most of his non-leisure time on his philanthropic activities in Canada and Zambia. These include Rosedale Hospice, Namuso Youth Vocation Skills Centre & Residence, Ebenezer Village Orphanage & School, Patron of the Arts of the Vatican Museum, Homes for Heroes Foundation, United Way, Field of Crosses Memorial and numerous initiatives in centres where his companies did business.

As a result of his benevolence, business acumen and leadership skills, Mr. McCann has been honoured with a variety of awards and accolades including but not limited to the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal (2012), Governor General Meritorious Service Medal (2016), Calgary's Citizen of the Year (2018), Calgary Stampede Western Legacy Award (2018), Alberta's Order of Excellence (2020), Calgary's Top 7 Over 70 (2021) and now the Calgary Police Youth Foundation's 2022 Philanthropic Leadership Award.

Mr. McCann and his wife, Carol, have seven children, nineteen grandchildren and one great granddaughter, all of whom bring them tremendous joy.

We invite you to join us in congratulating Mr. McCann on this tremendous achievement. The Philanthropic Leader Award will be presented as part of the Calgary Police Youth Foundation's Annual Chief Youth Courage Awards Celebration on October 21, 2022.



## COMING SOON: 2022 CHIEF YOUTH COURAGE AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT

Next month, we will be officially introducing you to our six 2022 Chief Youth Courage Award recipients! Each of these children and youth have shown tremendous courage, strength and determination in a CPYF funded Program and we are proud to recognize their incredible achievements.

Chief Constable Mark Neufeld will present each of our award recipients with their award at the Chief Youth Courage Awards Celebration event on October 21, 2022 where they will celebrate with their family, friends and Program team members.

Stay tuned to learn more about each of our amazing award recipients and for more details about the 2022 Chief Youth Courage and Philanthropic Leadership Awards celebration!



## MAKE AN EVEN GREATER IMPACT BY DONATING THROUGH SHAW BIRDIES FOR KIDS!

Once again, CPYF is a participating charity in the Shaw Birdies for Kids presented by AltaLink matching program. From March 1 – August 31, 2022 all donations made through Birdies for Kids will be matched by up to 50%, with 100% of donations going to the Calgary Police Youth Foundation.

Since 2015, Shaw Birdies for Kids presented by AltaLink has raised over \$76 million and has supported over 230 charities benefitting children and youth in Alberta. We are so grateful to be part of this generous program which allows us to make an even greater impact by helping children and youth stay safe from victimisation and crime.

Donate today at: <https://shawcharityclassic.com/cpf/>. Already a monthly donor and want your donation to be matched by Birdies for Kids? Send us an email at [CPYF@CalgaryPolice.ca](mailto:CPYF@CalgaryPolice.ca)!



# HIGHBANKS SOCIETY SENDS THEIR THANKS TO CPYF



The Highbanks Society is an organization in Calgary that assists unsupported mothers and their children by providing a safe, affordable home and a nurturing community.

Over the holidays, the Calgary Police Youth Foundation assisted the Highbanks Society by providing mothers with Kiki's Care Boxes. These care boxes included food, personal care items, and special holiday gifts for their children.

To show their thanks, care box recipients sent us a thoughtful card expressing their gratitude (pictured). We are so happy that we were able to support Highbanks Society members and hope that our Kiki's Care Boxes brought them much needed joy throughout the holiday season.

## BACKPACKS FOR BRIGHTER FUTURES - SUPPORTING YOUTH IN EDUCATION

The Calgary Police Youth Foundation believes that all children deserve the opportunity to succeed in school and in life. For the third consecutive year we will provide backpacks loaded with school supplies and department store cards to up to 800 Indigenous and marginalized students in Calgary and we need YOUR help to make it possible.

The backpacks, will be filled with essential school supplies and will be supplemented with a \$50 department store gift card, all with the goal of setting students up for a successful year of learning.

By partnering with our friends at CPS, Backpacks for Brighter Futures also creates an opportunity for police officers to engage in conversations with educators, students, parents, and caregivers. By building these connections, we are helping to strengthen the bonds within our community and create an environment where students have the opportunity to thrive and succeed.

Donate today at: <https://give.crowdfunding.alberta.ca/CPYFBackpacks>

