



CALGARY POLICE YOUTH FOUNDATION

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POWER PLAY CELEBRATES THE END OF THE HOCKEY SEASON

On March 16, Power Play hosted their annual wind up party, celebrating the end of the 2021/2022 hockey season. They were joined by Flames Alumni and Power Play Ambassador, Rhett Warrener who skated with the youth, shared an inspirational story and autographed photos for participants.

We were also joined by volunteers from Imperial. Their volunteers helped tie skates, organize equipment, and pass out burgers and fries – courtesy of our friends at Peter's Drive-In! The evening was made extra special for one young participant who only spoke French, when a bilingual volunteer from Imperial partnered up with him and was able to communicate fluently. How great is that!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event special for participants! We are excited to start the Power Play soccer season this Spring and to see everyone back on the ice this Fall.



MEET OUR 2022 CHIEF YOUTH COURAGE AWARD RECIPIENTS!

At the 2022 Chief Youth Courage and Philanthropic Leadership Awards celebration on October 21, the Calgary Police Youth Foundation along with the Chief Constable of the Calgary Police Service, will be honouring six children and youth from the education, prevention and intervention Programs supported by the CPYF. These young people have shown tremendous courage, strength and perseverance in their lives and have benefited greatly from the supports offered by the Programs.

Over the next few editions of CPYF E-News, we will be introducing you to each of these six award recipients and you will get to learn more about them through their stories.

Meet Xavier Martinez!

This year's winner for the 2022 Calgary Police Cadet Corps Chief Youth Courage Award is Xavier Martinez. Xavier joined the Cadets in September of 2018. Throughout his time in the program, he has always been known to be a very positive person who keeps an open mind and treats everyone with respect. He has shown continuous growth over the past few years and is recognized as a leader within the group.

As a result of this incredible growth, Xavier was appointed as Chief Cadet in 2021. During his time in the program, the Cadet Corps faced some struggles due to COVID-19. The program had to be temporarily suspended, leaving the future looking bleak. Xavier embraced his leadership role within the Cadets and dedicated himself to helping rebuild the program. Through his passion, perseverance and integrity, he has successfully helped the Calgary Police Cadet Corps rebuild to a level even stronger than it was pre-COVID.



Xavier has one year remaining in the Calgary Police Cadet Corps, though he may need to move on sooner if he chooses to attend university early. Regardless of how much time he has remaining in the program, we are confident that Xavier will continue to grow into an amazing young man. We are so excited to present Xavier with this prestigious award and are grateful for everything he has done for the Calgary Police Cadet Corps.

1. **What do you want people to know about you?** That I value acts of service to the community and to our country.
2. **Who is your hero?** Elon Musk. He is an amazing inventor and entrepreneur who inspires generations. He is also very creative, which I admire.
3. **What do you love about Calgary?** I love the energy in the city. There is a ton of opportunity here and the community is always supportive. I like the city skyline and the environment around us, such as the mountains. We truly are living in “Canada’s Backyard”.
4. **What do you think are the main reasons youth get involved in crime?** Lack of education or lack of positive role models.
5. **What do you think would stop youth from getting involved in crime?** More education so that youth could understand the consequences of their actions and could see that there is a way out.
6. **Where do you see yourself in the next few years?** Studying business in Vancouver. I love the environment there. I would also like to explore the possibility of joining the Armed Forces (Combat Intelligence) or maybe politics.
7. **What do you do for fun?** I like to play golf and tennis, and enjoy hiking in the summer.
8. **Tell us about one thing you would like to accomplish this year?** I would love to have the Cadet program stabilized with good leadership before my time there is up.
9. **How would you describe your perfect day?** First, I would get 8 hours of sleep. Then I would shower, go to Denny’s for breakfast and hit the gym. Next, I would take a trip to the mountains for a hike. Afterwards, I would go to Saltlik for dinner and finish the night watching a comedy movie with my cat.
10. **If you could have a superpower, what would it be?** I would love to be able to shoot lightning.
11. **What message do you have for other youth who might need help dealing with their everyday lives?** I would tell them to take a step back. Breathe. Know that it is ok to be stressed or cry. I would tell them that they are strong and that they are never truly alone.





Meet Paige Low!

This year, our recipient for the Power Play Chief Youth Courage Award is eleven year old, Paige! Paige joined Power Play three years ago and has been an active participant ever since. She is very highly motivated and loves being involved with sports, especially skating and soccer.

Unfortunately, Paige has had a challenging year. She recently lost her Grandfather, who was very special to her, and her mother, Stephanie, has been experiencing some health issues of her own. Stephanie has told us about how difficult this year has been for Paige and that she has had concerns about Paige's emotional well being. As a coping strategy, their family has made playing sports a priority in hopes that it will provide Paige with an appropriate outlet to express her emotions and bring joy into her life.



The program leads at Power Play tell us that Paige is a joy to have in the program and that they look forward to seeing her each and every week. They are also confident that with the right supports in place, Paige will continue to embrace an active lifestyle and her confidence will continue to grow.

We are thrilled to present this award to Paige, and we know that she will be a great ambassador for the Power Play Program moving forward.

1. **What do you want people to know about you?** I want people to know that I am eleven years old, and I like sports, crafts, and playing video games with my friend, Zaedyn.
2. **Who is your hero?** My Papa, Clifford. He was a role model who was known for being a very sweet and kind individual. He always helped people who needed it and taught me a lot about what is right and wrong.
3. **What do you love about Calgary?** I was born and raised in Calgary and what I love most is being able to meet new people and make a lot of friends.
4. **What do you think are the main reasons youth get involved in crime?** I think it comes from kids not getting enough attention at home or school. They have too much time on their hands and lack affordable programs to occupy their time.
5. **What do you think would stop youth from getting involved in crime?** More affordable programs like sports would help. Also, making sure everyone has access to them.
6. **Where do you see yourself in the next few years?** In the next few years, I will still be in school with all my friends.
7. **What do you do for fun?** I like hanging out with my friends, playing soccer and skating.
8. **Tell us about one thing you would like to accomplish this year?** I would like to improve my skating and work even harder at school to improve my grades.
9. **Describe your perfect day?** I would sleep in and then play a soccer game with all of my friends. Maybe go skating. Then I would make crafts. I like making prayer jars as gifts for my friends and family.
10. **If you could have a superpower, what would it be?** I want to be able to fly. I would go all around the world and visit different countries.
11. **What message do you have for other youth who might need help dealing with their everyday lives?** Be adventurous and follow your gut!

Stay tuned for next month's edition of CPYF E-News where we will introduce you to two more of our Chief Youth Courage Award recipients: Agango, winner of the YARD Chief Youth Courage Award and Emily, winner of the MASST Chief Youth Courage Award!



CORPORATE SURVEY

HOW DO YOU LIKE TO HELP?

There are so many incredible ways for corporations to get involved with CPYF and help support vulnerable children and youth in our community. This month, we want to hear from you! How do you like to support your favourite charities and what options would you like to see available in the future? Let us know by emailing us at CPYF@calgarypolice.ca!

Survey Question: How do you like to support charities?

- Donate
- Sponsor an event or campaign
- Volunteer
- Donate Goods or Services



K9 CALENDARS FOR ISSP STUDENTS!

This year, we had a few remaining K9 calendars left over from our 2022 campaign. To ensure that they found a good home, we reached out to two schools supported by the Integrated School Support Program (ISSP) to see if the students could use them. Of course, they said YES!

Last week, these calendars made their way into the hands of grateful students and will continue to help spread cheer and happiness all year long!

Thank you to everyone who supported CPYF through our calendar campaigns last year. We can't wait for you to see what we have in store for 2023! Be sure to check back in September for more details on our official 2023 Calendar Launch.





CPYF BOUQUETS

Calgary TELUS Convention Centre

Last year, the Calgary TELUS Convention Centre generously provided their Exhibition Hall to CPYF. This space was used for a variety of events and campaigns, including our holiday hampers, Amazon donation giveaway days, and our Chief Youth Courage Awards Silent Auction. Thank you, Calgary TELUS Convention Centre for your ongoing support of CPYF and children and youth in our city!



Oxford Properties

For 2022, CPYF will be moving to a new warehouse space donated by our friends at Oxford Properties. This new space will help us store our inventory, prepare for upcoming events and distribute supplies to children, youth and families in need. Thank you, Oxford Properties for making a difference in the lives of children and youth!



The Calgary Police Foundation o/a Calgary Police Youth Foundation is planning to raise an estimated amount of \$1,738,500 this year on fundraising. It will cost our organization an estimate of \$244,500 to raise this. The money raised will be going to keeping children and youth safe from crime and victimisation. For further information, please contact Susan Cron, Executive Director 403-428-8020. Our address is 5111-47 Street NE, Calgary, Alberta, T3J 3R2. Our charity number is 812 149 714 RR0001.

