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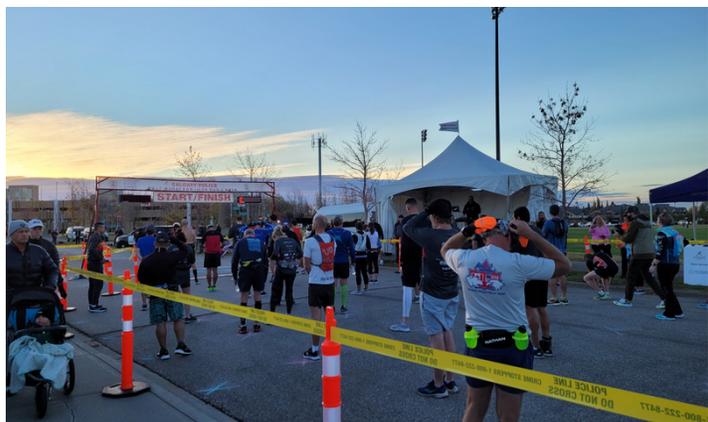
LACE UP YOUR SNEAKERS AND JOIN US AT THE CALGARY POLICE HALF MARATHON!



Registration is now open for the 42nd annual Calgary Police Half Marathon! Join us on October 2, 2022 for the Half Marathon, 10K or 5K race and run in support of children and youth in Calgary. Spaces are limited so register early to secure your spot and complimentary race tee.



Once again, CPYF is proud to be the beneficiary of the Calgary Police Half Marathon pledge program and all donations raised will help keep children and youth safe from victimisation and crime through the seven programs we fund. Prizes will be awarded to the top three individual and top three team pledge earners so start soliciting donations today!



Donate, register, and learn more today at: <https://calgarypolicehalf.ca/>

MEET OUR CHIEF YOUTH COURAGE AWARD RECIPIENTS

This month, we are excited to introduce you to our final two 2022 Chief Youth Courage Award recipients, Kaysaan, from the YouthLink Calgary Police Interpretive Centre and Jacob, our recipient from the Integrated School Support Program (ISSP). We hope that you enjoy learning more about them through their stories below.

Meet Jacob Gerbrandt!

The 2022 Chief Youth Courage Award recipient for the Integrated School Support Program (ISSP) is Jacob. Jacob is an eleven year old student who attended Patrick Airlie Elementary School from Kindergarten until Grade 5. While at Patrick Airlie, Jacob benefitted greatly from the supports offered by ISSP including Kid's Hub, the breakfast program, and the hot lunch program.

Jacob excelled in the daily physical education program and teachers noted that he was a leader who always demonstrated good sportsmanship towards his peers. Around school, Jacob is known for being a kind person who is always willing to help others when needed. At home, Jacob has taken on a leadership role when it comes to his two younger brothers and takes pride in looking after them.

Jacob was nominated for the ISSP Chief Youth Courage Award by his Principal at Patrick Airlie, Anica Robinson. She believes that Jacob has a very bright future ahead of him and she can see him taking on even more of a leadership role in sports and joining a student council. She describes Jacob as an easy person to work with, humble, and always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need.

We are so proud of everything Jacob has accomplished in his young life and are very excited to present him with 2022 ISSP Chief Youth Courage Award.



1. **What do you want people to know about you?** I want people to know that I am helpful, cooperative, a good role model and love interacting with people.
2. **Who is your hero?** Dan Middleton (DanTDM). He is a famous YouTuber and I like him because he is funny and inspirational.
3. **What do you love about Calgary?** I like the people here and the kind community.
4. **What do you think are the main reasons youth get involved in crime?** I think that youth get involved in crime when they don't get what they want. They don't want to ask for help and take things into their own hands (ie. stealing, bullying, etc.)
5. **What do you think would stop youth from getting involved in crime?** Probably more supervision from adults and parents being more involved or engaged with their kids.
6. **Where do you see yourself in the next few years?** I want to be a glass worker like my dad.
7. **What do you do for fun?** I like video games (Mortal Kombat, Minecraft and Fortnite). I also like reading and spending time with my family.
8. **Tell us about one thing you would like to accomplish this year?** I am going to be starting at a new school, so I want to try and make some new friends.
9. **Describe your perfect day?** I would wake up, play some video games. Then I would go to Banff and see the hot springs and gondola. Finally, I would have some fast food for dinner.
10. **If you could have a superpower, what would it be?** I want to be like Spiderman and have super good reflexes.
11. **What message do you have for other youth who might need help dealing with their everyday lives?** Never give up. Ask for help when you need it. Be brave and stand up for yourself.



Meet Kaysaan Nathoo!

Our 2022 Chief Youth Courage Award recipient for YouthLink Calgary is twelve-year-old, Kaysaan! After moving to Calgary from Ottawa, Kaysaan joined YouthLink Calgary for one of their P.D. Day Camps. While attending the camp, Kaysaan stood out to camp leaders due to his leadership skills, inquisitive nature and positive attitude.

Kaysaan also took the initiative to apply to be YouthLink Calgary's 2022 Program Ambassador. As part of his application, Kaysaan submitted a very well-written essay highlighting his passion for equality and diversity.

Kaysaan strongly believes in connecting with other youth from all walks of life and hopes to help bridge the gap between young people and police.

Team members from YouthLink Calgary are continuously impressed with Kaysaan's maturity and drive to learn. He is eager to learn more about the community policing model in Calgary and hopes to share his newfound knowledge with youth throughout the community.

We are excited to present Kaysaan with his award and cannot wait to see the impact he has as YouthLink Calgary's 2022 Program Ambassador. Great job, Kaysaan!

1. **What do you want people to know about you?** I'm twelve years old, in French Immersion school, and enjoy playing soccer. I love Indian food, hiking and enjoying the mountains.
2. **Who is your hero?** Kylian Mbappe. He is a soccer player for Paris Saint-Germain and the French National team. He also has a charity called "Inspired by KM" which is a children's charity that helps kids fulfill their dreams, stay humble and prevent them from resorting to violence.
3. **What do you love about Calgary?** I like the different kinds of food here and being so close to Banff and the mountains.
4. **What do you think are the main reasons youth get involved in crime?** Poverty and youth comparing themselves to others. They might feel the need to steal to 'compete' with their peers.
5. **What do you think would stop youth from getting involved in crime?** Getting more involved with community service, building good relationships and being involved in sports.
6. **Where do you see yourself in the next few years?** I will be in high school and hopefully I am still involved in community activities. I also hope to be pursuing university or a soccer career.
7. **What do you do for fun?** Reading (Harry Potter, Mystery, Crime, Adventure), playing soccer and trying new foods.
8. **Tell us about one thing you would like to accomplish this year?** I want to go to the Stampede for the first time and participate in the parade!
9. **Describe your perfect day?** I would wake up on the beach, eat an exotic breakfast, take a quick swim and enjoy a virgin Pina Colada.
10. **If you could have a superpower, what would it be?** Teleportation! I would use it to visit museums, beaches, and restaurants around the world.
11. **What message do you have for other youth who might need help dealing with their everyday lives?** Don't worry about what others think and always be the best version of yourself.

REGISTER TODAY FOR OUR FREE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH WEBINAR

Join us on June 14th for an engaging and informative webinar on supporting youth mental health. Our panel of experts includes CPS Staff Sergeant Kainth, Wellness Councillor with the Calgary Catholic School District, Liam Sorrenti, and the Founder of Unlocking Hope, Emily Jackson, BSW, MSW, RSW.



We all hear on the news that there is a crisis in youth mental health. Our experts will help you understand the challenges youth are facing today, learn more about their mental health experience in school, and provide you with tips and resources for supporting the children and youth in your life.

Register for free at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/supporting-youth-in-mental-health-tickets-331892217557>



AMAZON GIVEAWAY DAYS



This month, we hosted another one of our Amazon Giveaway Days. Throughout the year, Amazon donates thousands of returned, overstocked or soon to be expired items to CPYF including electronics, cleaning supplies, food, stationary items, personal care items, toys and more.



We then distribute these items to members of CPS for them to use while on patrol or if they encounter individuals in need of support. That way, we ensure that these items end up directly into the hands of those that need them most.

We want to thank all of our dedicated volunteers who helped us prepare for the giveaways days by organizing and sorting all of the items ahead of time and to Amazon for their generous donations to the Calgary Police Youth Foundation.

MEET OUR NEW TEAM MEMBER: ANNIE DRINNAN



The Calgary Police Youth Foundation is pleased to announce the addition of Annie Drinnan to our team, fulfilling the new role of Operations & Projects Coordinator. Annie joined our team in March and is responsible for a diverse range of event planning and execution, administrative support, and inventory management.

Annie joins the team with a diverse net of event planning experience, most recently for the past three years as a Wedding Producer with Lynn Fletcher Weddings. Her work often called upon her to dig deeper, see the bigger picture, and most importantly, provide the best possible care for a new chapter in her client's lives. While challenging, and fulfilling, Annie often felt as though she could not see the fulfilment all the way through for those she served and sought out a new place to land. Joining the Calgary Police Youth Foundation, Annie now feels like she can see the greater impact her career has on her local community, and the importance of keeping our children and youth educated and safe from crime and victimization.

In her personal time, Annie can often be found camping, fly fishing our world class waters, gardening, and spending time with family and friends.

Welcome to the Calgary Police Youth Foundation, Annie! We are so excited to have you on our team.



THANK YOU, CORUS!

Once again, we are proud to partner with Corus Entertainment as our exclusive media partners for 2022. Thank you for helping us share our stories and for helping to keep children and youth safe from victimisation and crime.



MAY CELEBRATIONS



From Left: Barbara Pohl, CPYF, Julie Shaw, Shaw Family Foundation, Chief Constable Mark Neufeld, CPS, Susan Cron, CPYF

Shaw Gift Celebration

This month, we hosted an event to celebrate an amazing \$2M donation to the Calgary Police Youth Foundation from Shaw Communications and Shaw Family Foundation. To recognize this generous gift, CPYF hosted a special event located in the main lobby of Calgary Police Service Headquarters. The celebration featured a performance from the CPS Cadet Cadet Corps band, and speeches from Chief Constable Neufeld, Julie Shaw, and Xavier, a CPYF Program Ambassador for the Calgary Police Cadet Corps.

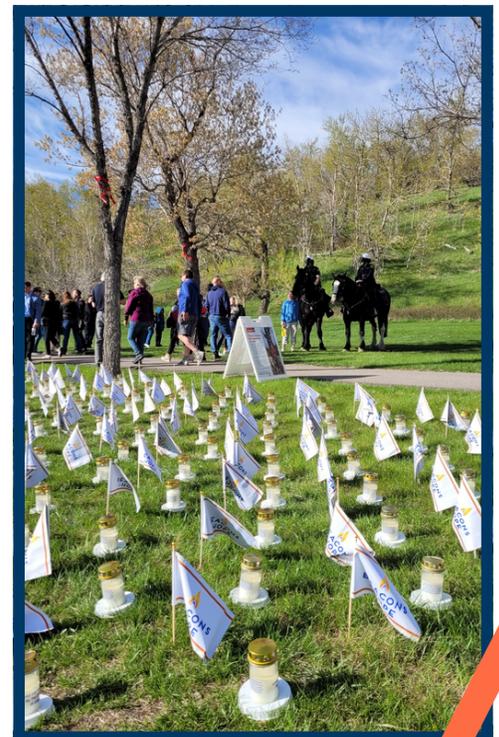
We are grateful to Shaw Communications and Shaw Family Foundation for this generous donation which will be used to fund two new initiatives: Bridges to Brighter Futures and the Shaw Centre for Digital Citizenship and Safety located at the YouthLink Calgary Police Interpretive Centre. Thank you for supporting children and youth in Calgary and for keeping them safe from victimisation and crime.

Beacons of Hope

On May 14th, the Calgary Police Youth Foundation was honoured to participate in Beacons of Hope. This impactful event highlighted the incredible work of the Calgary Police Service and provided an outlet for the public to showcase their support to all sworn and civilian members. The event was a huge success and featured speeches from organizers and members of CPS, musical performances, and interactive displays from a variety of CPS Units.

We are grateful to have had the opportunity to be part of this amazing event and to work with the brave members of the Calgary Police Service each and every day to help keep children and youth safe from victimisation and crime.

You can still share your messages of support or purchase a Beacons of Hope limited edition challenge coin in support of CPYF online at: <https://beaconsofhope.ca/>.





Keeping it Real with Chief Neufeld

On May 16th, we hosted a special event for our donors called Keeping it Real with Chief Neufeld. Guests were invited to join us at the Inn at Officer's Garden for wine and appetizers, before having the opportunity to hear directly from Chief Neufeld about some of the biggest challenges our city faces regarding child and youth safety.

We were also joined by two of our Youth Ambassadors: Kaysaan, who is our YouthLink Calgary Chief Youth Courage Award recipient for 2022, and Alex Loutitt, an Olympic Bronze medalist and advocate for women in sport. Thank you to everyone who joined us at this incredible event!

Dinner with Chef McGreevy

At the end of April, a group of special guests joined us at the Garrett restaurant for an exclusive dining experience with Chef Paul McGreevy.

Guests had the opportunity to get an inside perfective into the workings of a professional kitchen while enjoying delicious offerings from a specially curated menu.

Thank you to everyone who attended this fun event and to Chef McGreevy and the staff at the Garrett for being such incredible hosts!



The Calgary Police Youth Foundation (legal name Calgary Police Foundation) is planning to raise an estimated amount of \$1,386,000 this year on fund-raising. It will cost our organization an estimate of \$156,000 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.

