

# CALGARY POLICE YOUTH FOUNDATION

**JANUARY 2023 - E-NEWS** 

#### HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE CALGARY POLICE YOUTH FOUNDATION

Welcome to our first E-News of 2023! As we say goodbye to 2022, we want to take the opportunity to sincerely thank all of our donors, supporters, and volunteers who helped make this past year such a success. Thank you for making a positive impact in the lives of the children and youth we serve.

As we look forward to 2023, we are excited to share all of the incredible events and campaigns we have in store. These activities help raise critical funds that help keep children and youth in our community safe from victimisation and crime. See below for a few highlights of what is to come in 2023!







- **Speaker Series (March, June, Sept, Dec)** Join us for our quarterly Speaker Series as guest speakers and expert panelists delve into a variety of topics focusing on mental health.
- Chief Youth Courage and Philanthropic Leadership Awards Celebration (TBD) Join us as we celebrate seven incredible youth from CPYF funded programs, along with an outstanding local philanthropist.
- **Beacons of Hope (May)** Celebrate the sworn and civilian members of the Calgary Police Service while showing your appreciation for all that they do to keep our city safe at Beacons of Hope.
- **Backpacks (Aug)** This year, CPYF is pleased to be providing 1,000 backpacks to Indigenous and marginalized youth in Calgary. These backpacks are filled with essential school supplies, snacks, and a gift card.
- **Hole n Fun (Sept)** Hosted at Bearspaw Golf Club, Hole n Fun features an 18-hole golf tournament, dinner, raffles, and more.
- **Holiday Hampers (Dec)** CPYF will be providing 1,000 hampers filled with essential supplies, food, and gifts to families in Calgary throughout the holiday season.



#### **MONTHLY CPYF BOUQETS**

Thank you to our friends at **Burnet**, **Duckworth**, **and Palmer LLP** for providing the Calgary Police Youth Foundation with pro-bono legal services. Your knowledge, experience and expertise are invaluable to our organization, and we sincerely appreciate your ongoing support. This gift of time and talent enables us to channel essential charitable dollars into Programming intended to keep children and youth at risk of crime and victimisation safe, today, tomorrow, and always.





Thank you to our friends at the **Calgary Police Service** for all that you do to keep our communities safe each and every day. The Child and Youth Programs we fund would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of both sworn and civilian CPS members. Thank you for your ongoing support and for making a difference in the lives of the children and youth we serve.

Thank you to our friends at **Corus Entertainment** for being our official CPYF media partners! By sharing our stories with your audience, you are helping to support children and youth in our community, keeping them safe from victimisation and crime. Thank you for your ongoing support!







#### LAST CALL FOR 2023 CALENDARS!

The time is now to get your 2023 CPS Canine, Mounted and Motorcycle Calendars. These stunning calendars are only available until January 31, 2023 on our online store (**www.CPYFStore.ca**) or at one of our retail partner locations. The best part? All calendar and merchandise proceeds help support CPYF programming that keeps children and youth safe from victimisation and crime.

There is also still time to enter our Kids Calendar Colouring Contest! Submit your little one's work of art online by emailing us at **CPYF@CalgaryPolice.ca** or share it on social media using the hashtag #CPYFColouringForKids. All of our amazing winners will be announced after the contest closes on January 31, 2023.







### REGISTRATION FOR THE CALGARY POLICE HALF MARATHON IS NOW OPEN!



Run for a cause on Oct. 1, 2023 and help us build a Brighter Future for All Youth! Registration is now open for the Calgary Police Half Marathon, 10K and 5K races and all participants have the opportunity to raise funds for CPYF through the Pledge Program! Every dollar raised supports children and youth in Calgary through CPYF funded programs and ensures they have the resources they need to stay safe from crime and victimisation.

We are also excited to offer a variety of prizes for our top individual and top team pledge earners! Stay tuned for more details as we will be revealing the prizes closer to race day! For more information or to register today, visit:

https://calgarypolicehalf.ca/

## ISSP PROVINCIAL EXPANSION UPDATE

The Integrated School Support Program (ISSP) is a wellness initiative that is intended to provide intensive, wraparound services to address a variety of needs in a diverse school and community. The goal is to improve academic performance and the social, emotional, and physical well-being of children. We want to enhance and make accessible the supports and resources necessary to fulfill this goal. The ISSP model consists of five key elements including nutrition, physical education, after-school programs, a positive police presence, and the support of mental health professionals.



We are pleased to be able to share that thanks to generous grant funding the CPYF received from the Government of Alberta we will be able to expand the program into approximately 22 communities across the province. This funding is part of their Child and Youth Health Services Initiative which is heavily focused on supporting the mental needs of our young people. In alignment with this, the funding will be applied to one of the five key elements of ISSP, the Mental Health Professional. The expansion will be done using a phased approach over the next 2 years.



Currently, we have expanded into two more schools in Calgary and are working with them to ensure that all of the necessary elements are in place to provide a comprehensive model. We are also well under way with conversations and school selection in six other communities where we are hoping to be ready to officially launch the program in March 2023. The next phase of the roll-out is scheduled for September 2023 and will see five more communities and schools implement the program. We hope to have the program embedded in all of the communities that have been selected by the Government of Alberta by September 2024.

#### **HOLIDAY HAMPERS WERE A HIT!**







Last month, CPYF, along with our friends at the Calgary Police Service, delivered 1,000 holiday hampers to children and youth in our community. These hampers provided families with essential supplies such as food, personal care items, and cleaning supplies, along with books, toys and a grocery store gift card to ensure they had everything that they wanted and needed during the holidays.

We received so many notes and cards of appreciation from families who received a holiday hamper that we wanted to share some of their sentiments with you!













Volunteers assembling Holiday Hampers in December 2022.

## HERE'S HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN 2023!

One small act of kindness and generosity can make a positive impact on the children and youth we serve. Below are just a few simple ways you can start the year off right and get involved with the Calgary Police Youth Foundation.



**Promising Futures** – Join Promising Futures, our monthly giving campaign, and help support children and youth all year long! Monthly Giving is an easy and convenient way to give and helps donors make a large impact over time.



**Volunteer** – Our programs, events, and campaigns throughout the year would not be possible without the support of our amazing volunteers. These individuals generously donate their time, talent, and treasure to make a difference for children and youth.



**Donate Gifts in Kind** – We are grateful to accept a variety of donated goods and services in support of various events and campaigns throughout they year. Have something you would like to donate? Let us know at CPYF@CalgaryPolice.ca.



**Planned Giving** – Leaving a legacy gift to the Calgary Police Youth Foundation is a great way to give while helping to sustain future funding for the children and youth we serve.



**Make a One Time Donation** – Donating online is easy! Visit www.Donate2CPYF.ca and make a donation to help keep children and youth safe from victimisation and crime.



**Shop Online** - Visit our online store at www.CPYFStore.ca to purchase goods throughout the year such as our Cooking with Kids Cookbook, calendars, merchandise and more!

