



CALGARY POLICE YOUTH FOUNDATION

APRIL 2023 E-NEWS

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

From April 16 – 22, CPYF celebrated National Volunteer Week! We spent the week highlighting our incredible volunteers and the impact they have on the lives of children and youth in our community.

Thank you to everyone who donates their time, talent and treasure volunteering with us and helping to support our various events and campaigns throughout the year. It means the world to us.

If you are interested in getting involved and want to volunteer with the Calgary Police Youth Foundation, please email us at CPYFVol@calgarypolice.ca.



ROLLER-SLED HOCKEY TOURNAMENT



This past weekend, CPYF partnered with the Calgary Police Service, the Calgary Flames Alumni and the PX3 AMP Sports Academy to host a fun indoor roller-sled hockey tournament for children and youth. Participants of all abilities had the opportunity to try roller-sled hockey, while meeting CPS members, Flames Alumni Curtis Glencross and Jamie Macoun, along with the NHL's first mascot, Harvey the Hound.

This event was a great opportunity to bring children and youth with varying abilities together, while positively interacting with members of the Calgary Police Service. We love helping to provide children and youth with the chance to try something new, while building connections and trust with the Calgary Police Service.

BEACONS OF HOPE

Come on down to the Beacons of Hope celebration on **May 13th from 12PM – 5PM at McMahon Stadium**. This family-friendly public event is a fantastic opportunity to have some fun, learn more about the Calgary Police Service, and show your gratitude to the police officers who work hard to keep our communities safe.

This event will have something for everyone, including:

- Meet and greet with specialty Calgary Police Service Units
- Skill Zone, including K9 Demonstrations and Cadet Drills
- Kids Zone, including inflatable obstacle course.
- Crafts and games
- YouthLink Calgary museum exhibits
- Tug-of-War competition
- Performances by local artists
- Pipe band performance with dancers
- Face painting for children and youth



We encourage everyone to offer a message of gratitude directly on the Beacons of Hope website (<https://beaconsofhope.ca/>) for all CPS members to see. These messages help uplift CPS members and serve as a reminder to them that their challenging work and dedication is recognized and appreciated by our community.

You can also donate to Beacons of Hope and help us reach our \$150,000 fundraising goal! All proceeds raised from this event will directly benefit children and youth and help keep them safe from crime and victimisation.

If every supporter generously gave just \$10, we could make an incredible impact for our children and youth. Please consider helping us reach our goal. Learn more and donate today at:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/calgary-police-foundation/campaign/beacons-of-hope-2023/>



YouthLink Calgary 50/50 Raffle

In partnership with Beacons of Hope, our friends at the YouthLink Calgary Police Interpretive Centre are also hosting a 50/50 Raffle with all proceeds supporting the continuation of crime prevention programming that helps keep kids Safe for Life!

Tickets are available online until Sunday, May 14th and the winner can take home up to \$10,000! Learn more and purchase your tickets today at:

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/beaconsofhopeandyouthlink>



MONTHLY CPYF BOUQUETS

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.



With the rising violence in our city, now more than ever we are grateful for the work the **Calgary Police Service** does to keep our community safe. Thank you for prioritizing the safety of children, youth and families and for all of the sacrifices you make as you serve our city. We appreciate all that you do each and every day.



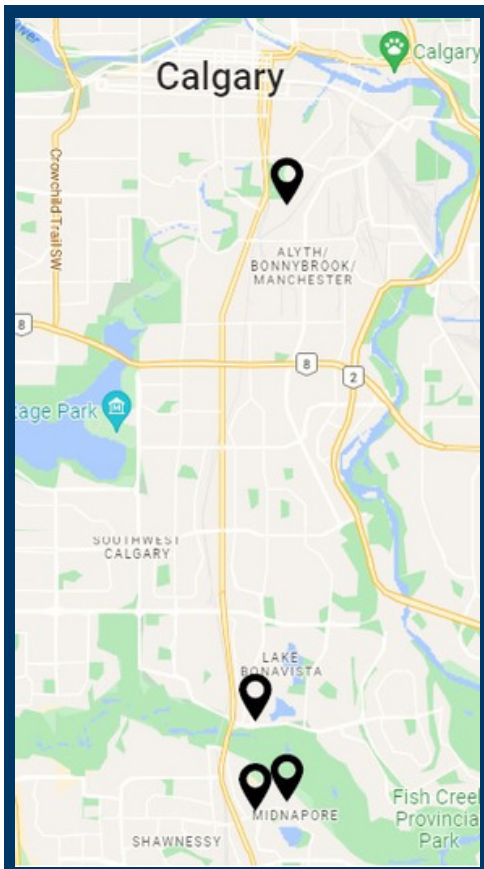
Thank you to our friends at **Corus Entertainment** for being our official CPYF media partners! By sharing our stories with your audience, you are helping to support children and youth in our community, keeping them safe from victimisation and crime. Thank you for your ongoing support!



GET YOUR SMILE COOKIES IN SUPPORT OF CPYF

This year, CPYF is excited to announce that we will be one of the benefitting charities of the Tim Horton's Smile Cookie Campaign. When you buy a Smile Cookie from **May 1 - 7**, 100% of the proceeds go to local charities and community groups, including the Calgary Police Youth Foundation!

CPYF is grateful to partner with four local Tim Horton's locations for this year's Smile Cookie campaign. The proceeds from every Smile Cookie sold at these locations will go to CPYF, supporting our mission to keep children and youth safe from victimisation and crime. Thank you to our dear friend, Frank for nominating us as his charity of choice and directing Smile Cookie funds from his four franchise locations to CPYF.



Locations Supporting CPYF include:

- 40 Midlake Blvd SE
- 15425 Bannister Rd SE
- 3840 MacLeod Trail SE
- 13615 Bonaventure Dr SE

Smile Cookies are also available from each of the four locations by pre-order. Buy some for your office, deliver them to a friend, or treat yourself - all in support of children and youth in our community!

If you are interested in ordering your cookies in advance, or have general inquiries about the Smile Cookie campaign, please contact Catherine McDowell at cmcdowell@calgarypolice.ca.



CYBER SAFETY EVENT AT BUCHANAN SCHOOL

Last week, CPYF partnered with CPS District 3 Office to provide 10 tablets and an educational cyber safety presentation to students at Buchanan School. These new devices will help meet the increased need for technological resources for students in the community while allowing the school to utilize them for years to come. They will also help students to stay connected with teachers and peers, complete required course work, and learn how to stay safe while interacting in a digital environment.

As part of the event, students and parents were also given an educational cyber safety presentation by Mike Kim, an educator at the YouthLink Calgary Police Interpretive Centre, where they learned how to stay safe in an online environment.



This event is one of many initiatives planned for 2023 between the Calgary Police Youth Foundation and the Calgary Police Service as a part of the Bridges to Brighter Futures program – proudly supported by Shaw Family Foundation. Bridges to Brighter Futures provides children and youth the opportunity to positively interact with CPS officers in their community while learning about staying safe from victimisation and crime.



ACCESSIBLE EASTER EGG HUNT RECAP



On April 1, CPYF partnered with the Calgary Police Service Tactical Unit, CNIB, The Rachel Project and International Association of Bomb Technicians and Investigators (IABTI) to host an accessible Easter Egg Hunt for children and youth with sight loss.

Held at Stanley Park, this innovative, family-friendly event featured special 3D-printed beeping eggs, allowing children and youth with sight loss to participate in this fun Easter tradition. The event also included games, a petting zoo, and even a special visit from the Calgary Police Service Canine Unit and Mounted Unit.

Thank you to the planning committee and all of the incredible volunteers who made this event special for the visually impaired community. We couldn't have done it without you!

CHEER ON OUR DRIVE OF CHAMPIONS PARTICIPANTS AND CO-PILOTS!



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Drive of Champions is a unique fundraising event that provides deserving children and youth with the opportunity to co-pilot an amazing vintage or supercar, while helping to raise money for child and youth crime prevention, education, and early intervention programs funded by CPYF.

Members of the public also have the opportunity to get in on the fun at our Drive of Champions Cocktail Reception on June 2nd. Guests can enjoy appetizers, drinks, and a special viewing of the Drive of Champions cars, while having the opportunity to bid on a ride in one of our featured vehicles.

Tickets to the Cocktail Reception are available online for \$100 each. Quantities are limited, so get your tickets today and secure your spot! **Tickets:**

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/calgary-police-foundation/events/drive-of-champions-cocktail-reception/>

We also invite the public to catch the excitement at the start line at Lugntuz. Watch our Drive of Champions parade hit the open road on Drive Day – June 3rd! Join us at the start line to see a variety of vintage and modern supercars and cheer on participants as they start their Drive of Champions journey. More details are available on our website at: www.DriveofChampions.ca

We also want to thank all of our Drive of Champions sponsors. Thank you for making this event special for all of our co-pilots and for helping to support children and youth in our community.



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