



# CALGARY POLICE YOUTH FOUNDATION

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## BRACKO HOMES PARADE OF CHRISTMAS TREES

The Calgary Police Youth Foundation is excited to be one of eleven charities chosen to participate in the 2023 Bracko Homes Parade of Christmas Trees. As part of this event, each charity decorated a Christmas Tree to display at the Bracko Homes showroom. Each charity then collects non-perishable food item donations under their tree in support of the Calgary Food Bank, and whomever has the most donations by January 1, 2024 wins the \$3,000 grand prize!

We encourage everyone to visit our "Calgary Police Youth Foundation" themed tree at Bracko Homes and bring a donation in support of the Calgary Food Bank.

Thank you, Bracko Homes for inviting us to be part of this incredible fundraiser, which supports a variety of charities in Calgary, including CPYF!

### **Bracko Home Furnishings Showroom**

5711 6 St SE, Calgary, AB T2H 1L7

*Donations are being accepted from Nov. 16, 2023 - Jan. 1, 2024.*



# FRIENDS IN THE COMMUNITY: ROBINSON OUTREACH AT RIVERCROSS RANCH

The Robinson Outreach at Rivercross Ranch (ROARR) is a registered charity that offers Equine Assisted Learning (EAL) to children, youth and seniors. These programs help participants become strong and confident while learning valuable life skills in a fun exciting atmosphere working with horses.

The benefits of Equine Assisted Learning for children at risk has been well documented. Children and youth from the CPYF supported Multi Agency School Support Team (MASST) program have been accessing ROARR services for more than 2 years and the positive impact on the children is very evident to see.

Over the course of time, ROARR has been able to provide multi-day summer camps in July and August, as well as some newer opportunities where children and their families participate in free Saturday day camps during the Spring and Fall Seasons.

Many of our MASST program participants have had the chance to participate in this very important program and the feedback has consistently been amazing. Hear what they have to say:



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*“ROARR has been a very positive experience for my son. He enjoyed going every time, getting to work with the horses. It got him to be patient, especially when working with them. The program got him excited so that he wanted to go and not because he had to go. It was very nice for me to go watch my son. I also enjoyed seeing his face when I watched him. He also got to meet other kids who liked being there and working with the horses.” - MASST Parent*

*“When our daughter first started with ROARR it was very hard to communicate with her. She was lashing out with violence and now she talks about what makes her mad, more than fighting now. Thanks to ROARR our family is better than it was a year ago. There's more passion than aggression now and we hope to keep working with ROARR in the future!” - MASST Parent*

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MASST and CPYF truly value our collaboration with ROARR and have witnessed first hand the positive impact it can make on children and their parents. Thank you, ROARR for making these incredible programs available to the children and youth we serve!



## 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.



Thank you to our friends at the **Shaw Family Foundation** for their ongoing support of the Bridges to Brighter Futures program. Your support means the world to us and is truly making a positive impact on 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!





# CHANGES TO THE FEDERAL ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX (AMT)

As outlined in the 2023 Federal Budget, there are impending changes coming to the AMT which may impact your charitable giving in the form of publicly traded securities.

Canada Revenue Agency has Proposed new Alternative Minimum Tax legislation that will likely be finalized this year. If you are planning on gifting public shares to charity, have capital gains as a significant portion of your portfolio, have capital losses to carry forward or are selling your business, we encourage you to do some research and in-depth planning before 2024, as the consequences of the new AMT rules could be substantial.

Given the intricate nature of the AMT rules, we strongly recommend seeking guidance from a qualified tax professional for any inquiries or concerns. Consulting with a tax professional will not only help address your questions, but also provide insights into how you may be affected by the upcoming AMT changes.



## MEET THE FRONTLINE BAND!



FrontLine, the Calgary Police Service's Rock/Country band was formed in 2012. At the time, CPS was looking for a contemporary band that could be utilized in the community as an outreach channel for the Calgary Police Service. Made up entirely of both serving and retired police officers, FrontLine has allowed them to showcase their musical talents.



Over the past 11 years, FrontLine has brought their spin on some classic tunes, performing at various events, from community association Stampede Breakfasts and BBQ's, to CPYF fundraising events supporting youth initiatives, military vets and Missing Children's Society, to rodeos and even wedding receptions.

If you are interested in having FrontLine play at your private, corporate or community event, please contact Steve Adair at [Frontline@calgarypolice.ca](mailto:Frontline@calgarypolice.ca) or 403-369-0044.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2023 CHIEF YOUTH COURAGE AWARD RECIPIENTS

This month, CPYF celebrated our 2023 Chief Youth Courage Award recipients at the annual Chief's Awards Gala. This incredible evening was filled with smiles, laughs, great food, and inspiring stories. We would like to sincerely thank our friends at the Calgary Police Service for allowing us to be part of this special event and for making this a memorable evening for our award recipients and their families.

Below we have highlighted the stories of each of our award recipients. We hope that you will join us in congratulating these amazing young people on the strength, resilience and determination they have shown during their time in their respective CPYF program.



## **Ayham Brimo – Multi Agency School Support Team**

The 2023 Multi Agency School Support Team (MASST) Chief Youth Courage Award is proudly presented to Ayham. Ayham joined MASST in June of 2021 after being referred to the program through his school. Throughout his time in MASST, Ayham has developed a great relationship with his team, and has benefitted greatly from their mentorship. Ayham is described as a bright, polite, and considerate young man, who has displayed ambition, maturity, and responsibility throughout his time in MASST. Over the past few years, Ayham has also embraced his entrepreneurial spirit. Starting with a small window washing business in 2022, Ayham has now moved on to starting his own clothing company featuring hoodies and t-shirts. We are honoured to

present Ayham with this award in recognition of the drive, determination, and ambition he has shown since joining the MASST program.



## **Daniel Amare – Integrated School Support Program**

Our award recipient, Daniel joined the ISSP program when he began attending Holy Trinity Elementary School as a Grade 4 student. Throughout his time at Holy Trinity, Daniel has benefitted greatly from the various supports offered by ISSP, including daily physical education and a community focussed environment. Daniel is described by his principal as a passionate basketball player, patient and helpful classmate, and a hardworking student. Daniel consistently demonstrates his passion and drive in and out of the classroom, and is recognized for his positive attitude and sense of optimism among his peers. For those reasons and many more, we are proud to have Daniel

representing the Integrated School Support Program as this year's Chief Youth Courage Award recipient.



### **David Kumi – Youth at Risk Development Program**

This year's Chief Youth Courage Award recipient for the YARD program is David Kumi. Since his time working with the Youth at Risk Development Program, David has thrived. He's engaged with positive recreational activities, excelled academically, and has flourished in school sports.

Since graduating from the YARD program, David continues to work hard at school and is an active participant in community basketball programs. We are so proud of David's hard work throughout his time in YARD and excited to congratulate him on receiving this award.



### **Faith Thomas – Bridges to Brighter Futures**

Faith was a participant in Camp Courage Calgary, on of the Bridges to Brighter Future Initiatives, where she had the opportunity to explore a career as a first responder. Throughout the application process, the selection committee was continuously impressed with Faith's commitment to her community and her academics.

Throughout her time in Camp Courage Calgary, Faith demonstrated growth in her confidence and grit. She showed determination when participating in practical exercises and worked hard to build meaningful connections with her mentors and peers. We are so proud of Faith for the compassion, leadership and care shown during her time in Camp Courage.



### **Iremide Elizabeth Olufowobi – YouthLink Calgary**

Elizabeth has been part of YouthLink through Camp Courage Calgary and their Project Gen YYC program. During her time in these programs, Elizabeth has shown incredible insightfulness, care, and dedication to her community.

She has truly embraced her role as a leader and has become an amazing role model for her peers. Elizabeth is a quick learner who doesn't shy away from engaging with difficult topics, particularly when it comes to issues of race and inequality.

We, along with the YouthLink team see a bright future ahead for Elizabeth and are elated to be able to present her with this award. Congratulations, Elizabeth on all that you have accomplished.





### **Taryn Au – Calgary Police Cadet Corps**

Taryn joined Cadets in 2019 and in the past four years, she has worked her way up to the rank of Inspector. Throughout her time in the program, Taryn has always shown a strong desire to help her community and has even considered joining her family in becoming a member of the Calgary Police Service.

Since joining the Calgary Police Cadet Corps, Taryn has been recognized with a Citizenship Award for the amount of volunteer hours she has put in and is constantly working to better her community. Taryn is described by her cadet leaders as a compassionate, humble, hard working leader that her peers can look up to. We are so proud to recognize Taryn and her accomplishments with this Chief Youth Courage Award.



### **Yahya Hegazy - Power Play**

Throughout his time in Power Play, Yahya has demonstrated a tremendous amount of growth; not only through his skating and soccer abilities, but also in developing a sense of leadership and discipline.

Power Play program leaders describe Yahya as a respectful, dedicated and caring young man who always shows up to the program with a smile on his face. He has shown an openness and willingness to help others and has become a role model among his siblings and peers.

We are so excited to present Yahya with this award and can't wait to see what his future holds. Congratulations, Yahya.



Congratulations to our **2023 Chief Youth Courage Award recipients** and to all of the award recipients that joined us at the annual Chief's Awards Gala. You're stories have truly inspired us and we are grateful to have been part of your celebration.

Be sure to stay tuned as we will be introducing seven new Chief Youth Courage Award recipients in the new year!





# SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER

## Toys “R” Us Toy Drive - Nov. 24

CPYF was excited to join our friends at the Sunridge Toys “R” Us for their annual Black Friday event, featuring a special toy drive in support of CPYF! Each toy donated by shoppers will make its way to a child or youth in need this holiday season, helping to lift their spirit and bring holiday cheer.

Thank you to Sunridge Toys “R” Us for inviting us to participate in this incredible event and to all those who generously donated. With your support, we can make the holidays magical for those we serve.



## 12 Days of Deals Campaign - Nov. 28 - Dec. 9

To help get you in the holiday spirit, we have decided to launch a special “12 Days of Deals” campaign for our 2024 CPS calendars and merchandise! Each day, we will feature a new discount or promotion through our online store ([www.CPYFStore.ca](http://www.CPYFStore.ca)) - helping you to complete your shopping just in time for the holidays!

Each purchase made through our online store directly supports children and youth in our community, helping to keep them safe from crime and victimisation.

## Kiki's Care Box Amazon Wish List

Help us support children, youth, and their families this holiday season by purchasing items from our Amazon Wish List and donating your purchase to the Calgary Police Youth Foundation Kiki's Care Box campaign. Thank you to those who have already sent in a gift, it is now wrapped and waiting for Santa's helpers to deliver the gifts!

1,000 Indigenous and marginalized children and youth in our community will receive a Kiki's Care Box this year and your gift will help lift their spirits and let them know that you care. Browse our Wish List (<https://a.co/dVXZRQU>) today and help make this holiday season special for the children and youth we serve.

