



CALGARY POLICE YOUTH FOUNDATION

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THANK YOU, CANADA POST!



We are pleased to announce that we were selected as the recipient of the Canada Post \$10,000 Community Foundation grant!

These funds will support the Multi Agency School Support Team (MASST) program, helping to support children 5-12 years old who are exhibiting behavior which puts them at risk for negative, possibly criminal patterns of behaviour or victimisation into teen years.

Thank you, Canada Post for prioritizing children and youth in our community. We are grateful for your support! And thank you to the staff and customers of the Falconridge Post Office for supporting the Canada Post Foundation fundraising campaign to raise money for Canadian charities.



A NEW SCHOLARSHIP FOR POST SECONDARY STUDENTS IS COMING SOON!

The Shaw Family Foundation Scholarship, provided by the Calgary Police Youth Foundation, is a \$15,000 annual scholarship intended to provide one deserving student from a disadvantaged socio-economic background with funding to further their studies in a post-secondary setting, helping to set them up for a lifetime of success.

This scholarship provides funding for tuition, books, and other approved education expenses. In addition to these expenses, the selected recipient will also have the opportunity to be mentored by a member of the Calgary Police Service. It is our hope that the funding and guidance provided to our chosen recipient will help them further their learning and provide them with opportunities that might not have otherwise been accessible.

Stay tuned for more details and instructions on how to apply!

OUR FRIENDS IN THE COMMUNITY THAT CARE ABOUT THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH - THE LUNA CHILD AND YOUTH ADVOCACY CENTRE

In Calgary, the non-profit world is small and we all work together collaboratively for the betterment of our community and the safety and protection of children and youth. One of the organizations that we are proud to be associated with is the Luna Child and Youth Advocacy Centre.

The Luna Child and Youth Advocacy Centre works to ensure that those impacted by child abuse receive the support they need to heal, build resilience, and thrive; and to create communities where offenders are held accountable and that all children are safe.



Luna was created back in 2013 when a small group of community minded leaders joined to transform how child abuse is understood and addressed in Calgary. Since then, Luna (formerly known as the Sheldon Kennedy Child Advocacy Centre) has supported over 15,000 children and youth who have experienced abuse, helping them heal and feel heard.

Together, the Calgary Police Service, CPYF, and the Luna Centre share a common goal of supporting children and youth at their most vulnerable, while helping them build resiliency as they move forward in their young lives. The Calgary Police Service is one of five core partners of the Luna Centre and CPYF is proud to have helped provide initial funding support for the establishment of the Centre in 2013. We are so thankful to have the Luna Child and Youth Advocacy Centre in our city.

To learn more about the Luna Child and Youth Advocacy Centre, including how to get involved, visit their website at <https://www.lunacentre.ca/> or follow them on social media.



Thank you for listening and hearing what my daughter said. The fear of a child – and their parent as well – is that they will not be believed. I know that it cannot be easy to hear the things you hear, and to see the pain that these children experience, but it is people like you who are making our world safer, day by day.

When she is old enough to understand, it will be a great comfort to her when I tell her that she was always believed. And when I explain that Luna was key in keeping her safe and ending the abuse, I know that you will always be seen as pivotal in her young life.

When we first met you, my child, who was normally full of life, had no light in her eyes. Now, I see that spark for life fully lit again. Thank you. From every part of me, I am filled with gratitude.

- Parent whose child and family was supported by Luna

THE 2024 SPECIAL EDITION CPS MOUNTED UNIT CALENDARS ARE OFFICIALLY HERE!

Last week, CPYF hosted our Equine & Art with Chief Constable Neufeld reception to launch of the 2024 special edition Mounted Unit calendar.

This year's calendar features stunning images of the CPS Mounted Unit at a variety of locations in Calgary, while also highlighting the incredible artwork of Paul Van Ginkel. Paul has generously donated his original oil painting, *"Equine Angels"* to CPYF to be auctioned off, with all proceeds supporting children and youth in CPYF funded programs. Currently, the bidding sits at \$7,500 and we invite you to place a bid. If you would like to arrange a viewing of the painting or wish to place a bid, please reach out to us at CPYF@calgarypolice.ca for more details.

In addition to the calendar, we also have a new line up of Mounted Unit calendar merchandise available, including mousepads, socks, plushies, puzzles, magnets, tote bags, and limited edition prints of *"Equine Angels"* available through our online store at www.CPYFStore.ca.



Images Above: Guests and the Mounted Unit at Equine & Art event (left), cover of the 2024 Mounted Unit calendar (center) and Paul Van Ginkel with Chief Constable Neufeld (right).

You can find the 2024 Mounted Unit calendar online or at one of our many retail locations:

- Spruce Meadows Shop - 18011 Spruce Meadows Way SW, Calgary, AB
- The Horse Store - 2612 Kensington Road NW, Calgary, AB
- Energy Equine - 281056 Dickson Stevenson Trail, Rockyview County, AB
- Synergy Equine - 64020 - 242 Avenue W, Foothills County, AB
- Lone Star Tack & Feed - Range Road 285, Calgary, AB
- Calgary Muscle & Soft Tissue Clinic (South) - 10 Richard Way SW, #21, Calgary, AB
- Calgary Muscle & Soft Tissue Clinic (North) - 6404 Bowness Road, #104, Calgary, AB
- Calgary Police Credit Union - 5111 - 47 Street NE, Calgary, AB
- YouthLink Calgary - 5111- 47 Street NE, Calgary, Alberta



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!






CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CALGARY POLICE HALF MARATHON PLEDGE PRIZE WINNERS!

On October 1, thousands of runners joined together to participate in the annual Calgary Police Half Marathon. As part of this incredible race, the Calgary Police Youth Foundation collects pledges from individual runners and teams, to raise funds for the seven child and youth programs supported by CPYF. As a thank you to those who collected pledges on our behalf, we award the top three individuals and top three teams with special prizes. Here are our 2023 Winners!

Individuals

-  1. Ava N.
-  2. Anonymous
-  3. Clinton P.

Teams

-  1. District 7 Team
-  2. KMs for Kids
-  3. Run with a Recruiter

We would like to sincerely thank all of the participants who collected pledges in support of CPYF. You have raised over \$8,500 which will help us keep thousands of children and youth in our community safe from crime and victimisation. Thank you!



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.

1,000 Indigenous and marginalized children and youth in our community will receive a Kiki's Care Box this year and we welcome your gift that will not only bring a smile to everyone it will send a message to our vulnerable children and youth that they are not alone and their community cares!

Browse our Wish List (<https://a.co/dVXZRQU>) and help make this holiday season special for the children and youth we serve.

CHIEF YOUTH COURAGE AWARDS UPDATE

This year, CPYF is excited to announce that our annual Chief Youth Courage Awards celebration will be part of the Chief's Awards Gala on November 24, 2023. At the gala, CPYF will celebrate one incredible child or youth from each of our seven funded programs, recognizing their amazing courage, perseverance, and dedication throughout their program journey. We cannot wait to be part of this special event and to share our award recipients stories with all of the attendees. Be sure to stay tuned and keep an eye on our social media accounts as we will be sharing special moments from the awards celebration with our followers.



GIVING TUESDAY 2023



This year, CPYF is planning something special for Giving Tuesday! Giving Tuesday is an annual celebration of generosity that occurs on the Tuesday after Black Friday. This global movement aims to inspire donors and encourages them to come together in support of our community.

In honour of Giving Tuesday, CPYF will be issuing an appeal for donations with a special twist! While we can't reveal all of our plans quite yet, be sure to stay tuned as more information will be released in the coming weeks. We can't wait!



Watch out for the October edition of our Monthly Pit-Stop Newsletter, arriving to your inbox soon!



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