



CALGARY POLICE YOUTH FOUNDATION

JANUARY 2024 E-NEWS

LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE YOUR 2024 CPS CALENDARS!

**NOW
ONLY
\$10!**

In an effort to sell out of our remaining stock and to make a difference in the lives of those we serve, we have decided to pass additional savings onto our supporters by lowering our calendar price to just **\$10!**

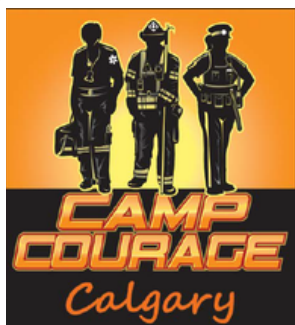
By purchasing a calendar, YOU are helping to make a difference in the lives of children and youth by helping to keep them safe from crime and victimisation. Get your discounted calendars today online (www.CPYFStore.ca) or at your local Safeway and Sobeys locations!



JOIN OUR CALGARY POLICE HALF MARATHON TEAM - KMS FOR KIDS!

Registration is now open for the 2024 Calgary Police Half Marathon and we want YOU to join our team KMs for Kids! Register today for the 5K, 10K or half marathon and join us in an effort to raise funds in support of children and youth through the CPYF Pledge Program. Together, we can make a positive impact in the lives of children and youth! Sign up [HERE](#) to join our team today!





APPLICATIONS FOR CAMP COURAGE CALGARY ARE NOW OPEN!

Camp dates: July 15 – July 21, 2024

Application deadline: March 20, 2024

Camp Courage Calgary is a week-long, free camp for young women, girls and gender diverse youth ages 15–18 who are interested in pursuing a career as a first responder. The camp provides participants with the opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge of what it is like to work in emergency services, while empowering participants to reach their full potential through information, education, and inspiration.

Camp Courage unites guest speakers, fitness professionals and women who are currently serving as first responders to share their experiences with participants and to provide mentorship for those considering a similar career.

Camp Courage Calgary is a collaborative initiative delivered by the Calgary Police Service, Calgary Fire Department, and Alberta Health Services. It is funded by the Calgary Police Youth Foundation and the Bridges to Brighter Futures Program, proudly supported by the Shaw Family Foundation.



Applications are now open for the 2024 camp. Visit <https://campcourage.ca/apply/how-to-apply/> for more information!





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.



VOLUNTEER PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDED 2025 CPS CALENDAR CAMPAIGN

We are looking for a few new volunteer photographers to assist with our 2025 Calgary Police Service Calendar Campaign. You will have the opportunity to have your pictures featured in some of the most sought-after calendars, which highlight the CPS Mounted Unit, Canine Unit, and Traffic Section Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

Interested individuals are encouraged to reach out to us at CPYF@calgarypolice.ca with samples of their photographs or a link to their portfolio. Please note that due to the subject matter of the photos, chosen photographers will be required to complete a full background check.

PROGRAMMING UPDATE

CPYF is excited to announce that in 2024 we will be expanding our programming to include two new programs, ReDirect and BridgingBytes.

ReDirect is a collaboration between the Calgary Police Service and the City of Calgary that supports youth ages 12-18 who are engaging in hate or ideology based conflict with others. Teams comprised of a police officer and a social worker work with the youth to build resiliency by increasing life skills, improving conflict resolution abilities and by connecting them to their community.

BridgingBytes aims to empower children and youth accessing programs supported by the Calgary Police Youth Foundation and Calgary Police Service by providing access to technology and fostering digital literacy skills. The program seeks to bridge the digital divide by supplying computers, laptops, and tablets to children and youth who do not have access to these tools for learning and skill development. The overarching goal of the program is to empower children and youth to leverage technology as a tool for education and personal growth, ultimately fostering a more inclusive and equitable society.

We are extremely proud to provide funding and support to these two programs, and to expand our support to even more children and youth in 2024.



MEET THE CPYF ISSP TEAM

In 2022, CPYF received funding from the provincial government to expand the Integrated School Support Program (ISSP) to communities across Alberta. To help execute this expansion, we welcomed in two new CPYF team members, Gillian (left) and Shannon (right), to lead on this project. Since then, we have successfully introduced ISSP into 23 new schools, with even more to follow!



Gillian and Shannon have developed their very own monthly ISSP e-newsletter to update us on their progress throughout the expansion. If you want to stay updated on all things ISSP, we encourage you to sign up for their newsletter by emailing Shannon at shodges@calgarypolice.ca!

COMING UP IN 2024!

This year, the Calgary Police Youth Foundation is excited to be hosting a wide variety of events and initiatives - all in support of children and youth in our community. Below are just a few of the highlights coming up in 2024. Be sure to stay tuned through our monthly e-news and save the date! We can't wait to see you there!



Beacons of Hope (May 11) – Join us for the third annual Beacons of Hope event where we celebrate both the sworn and civilian members of the Calgary Police Service who dedicate their lives to keeping our community safe.



Drive of Champions (Sept. 20&21) – The 2nd annual Drive of Champions event is a unique, two-day fundraiser, in partnership with the Trellis Society, that has something for everyone. The event includes a cocktail reception and dazzling auction, a memorable drive event for selected children and youth, and a public show and shine.



Camp Courage Calgary (July 15-21) – Applications are now open for Camp Courage Calgary - a camp that provides 25 young women, girls, and gender-diverse youth aged 15-18 with the opportunity to experience life as first responder with CPS, EMS and CFD professionals.



Hole 'N Fun Charity Golf Tournament (Sept. 4) – Join us for a memorable day of golf at Bears paw Golf Club followed by a tasty dinner event and exciting silent auction. Enjoy putting challenges, hole-in-one competitions and so much more, all in support of children and youth. For more info, email CPYF@calgarypolice.ca.



2025 CPS Calendars (Sept. 26) – Highlighting the incredible service animals of the Calgary Police Service, along with the skilled riders of the traffic section, the K9 Unit, Mounted Unit and Traffic Section Motorcycle calendars are a fan-favourite among our most loyal supporters. Stay tuned for more info about our special launch party!



Chief Youth Courage Awards Celebration (Fall 2024) - Join us for a special event, hosted alongside the annual Chief's Awards, that honours exceptional youth from each of the CPYF supported programs.

HIGHLIGHTING SERVICE ANIMALS IN WAR

One of our long-time calendar supporters, Carol Tracey, has dedicated her life to recognizing the role and sacrifice animals have made in the name of war. Over the years, she has written many articles on the subject, helping to raise awareness among members of the public and showcase their thankless work during times of conflict.

Read a short excerpt below that Carol provided following her research into service animals and recognition of the same over the years.

Statues, Sentiments, Sacrifice – November 2021 – Carol Tracey

Recently, in Calgary, a small yet imposing bronze dog statue was unveiled affirming the police dogs who have died in the line of duty; it also serves as a reminder of how we are protected by canine members of the city's police force. This statue has joined others around the world that recognize and honour the animals who have served and continue to serve.

Statues dedicated to animals include Balto, the dog who valiantly aided sick people in Nome, Alaska; Laika, the first dog in space; Wojtek, the bear who learned to carry supplies and was adopted by Polish soldiers; and Poppy, a war horse whose head is bowed down in sorrow, her feet tangled in barbed wire.

In 2004, a spectacular Animals in War memorial, inscribed with the words 'They Had No Choice', became a reality in London, England; and in 2012, a sculpture engraved with similar sentiments was unveiled in Confederation Park, Ottawa. It is located next to the South African War Memorial, which recognizes Canada's supply of 50,000 horses to mounted troops.

Among the myriad animals recruited into arenas of war, the most familiar and recurring image is that of the horse; yet it is equally important to remember other conscripted animals including elephants, camels, oxen, mules, donkeys, countless pigeons, cats and dogs, a memorable goat named Sergeant Billy, and bomb-sniffing rats.

As red poppies begin to emerge evoking remembrances for those lost or injured in conflict, these notable flowers serve to reinforce our commitment to remembering all who fought and died for our freedom. Purple poppies recognize the contribution of animals who serve.

The colour purple reflects an abundance of meanings including wisdom, dignity, and devotion – a befitting tribute with which to salute and remember the sacrifice of animals who display such stalwart courage.

