

# CALGARY POLICE YOUTH FOUNDATION

MAY 2024 E-NEWS

## DONATE TODAY THROUGH ROGERS BIRDIES FOR KIDS PRESENTED BY ALTALINK!



Once again, CPYF is a participating charity in the Rogers Birdies for Kids presented by AltaLink matching program. From May 9 – August 31, 2024, all donations made through Birdies for Kids will be matched by up to 50%, with 100% of donations going to the Calgary Police Youth Foundation.

Thanks to your support, Rogers Birdies for Kids presented by AltaLink has raised over \$112 million for over 270 children and youth charities across Alberta.

Donate today at <a href="https://rogerscharityclassic.com/cpf/">https://rogerscharityclassic.com/cpf/</a> and help us create a brighter future for all children and youth!

#### POWER PLAY SOCCER KICK OFF

This month, CPYF officially kicked off the 2024 Power Play soccer season! Power Play is a free, weekly program aimed at teaching children and youth how to play hockey (fall) and soccer (summer), while fostering relationships with CPS officers. Participants have the opportunity to learn from and interact with officers in a safe and supportive environment, while developing their skills on the field and on the ice.

Thank you to all of our Power Play supporters who have helped make recreational sports available to those who might not otherwise have access. We are incredibly grateful for your support!



#### TIM HORTONS SMILE COOKIE CAMPAIGN

The 2024 Tim Hortons Smile Cookie campaign is officially complete! CPYF would like to extend our sincerest thanks to Frank, who selected us as his charity of choice for his four Tim Hortons locations, and to everyone who purchased a Smile Cookie in support of CPYF.

Throughout the campaign, Frank's restaurants raised an incredible \$13,555.81. These funds will support children and youth in our community through CPYF funded programs, helping to keep them safe from crime and victimisation.



### LAST CALL FOR SHAW FAMILY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS!

May 29, 2024 marks the deadline to apply for the Shaw Family Foundation Scholarship. This \$15,000 annual scholarship helps to advance education by providing scholarships and bursaries to students who are in need of financial assistance, setting 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. Learn more and apply today at <a href="https://yycyouthfoundation.ca/scholarship/">https://yycyouthfoundation.ca/scholarship/</a>.

#### **CPS COMMUNITY GAMES**

This month, as part of our Bridges to Brighter Futures program, CPYF partnered with CPS District 8 office to host two fun sports days with students in the community.

On May 3, students from Dr. George Stanley School faced off against officers in a fun volleyball tournament. Then, on May 8th, the officers took on students from Father James Whelihan in a friendly basketball tournament.

These events provided youth with the opportunity to build relationships with CPS officers, fostering a sense of trust and community. Students were also provided with jerseys and swag bags, courtesy of CPYF.

Thank you to all of the officers who helped plan and execute these impactful events, and to Save-On-Foods, Shoppers Drug Mart, Sobeys and SportChek for supporting the events.









## YOUTHLINK SUMMER SAFETY DAY

This past weekend, CPYF joined our friends at the YouthLink Calgary Police Interpretive Centre and the Calgary Police Service for their Summer Safety Day!

Children, youth and their families visited YouthLink Calgary to learn more about how to stay safe throughout the Summer. This included bike safety tips and a demonstration by the CPS Mountain Bike unit, cyber safety presentations, and meet and greets with various CPS units.

CPYF was on hand to share more about the nine children and youth crime prevention, education, and early intervention programs we support, and to give away prizes for those who completed their activity passport!



#### **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 **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!







#### BEACONS OF HOPE RECAP

On May 11, CPYF took part in the third annual Beacons of Hope celebration event at McMahon Stadium. This fun, family friendly event brought members of the public together for a day of activities, live music, crafts, police demonstrations and more to celebrate all of the brave CPS members who keep our community safe.

We are grateful to the Beacons of Hope organizers and volunteers for putting on another fantastic event and to all of the donors and sponsors for supporting the event and CPYF. We can't wait to see you all again next year!







#### CARIBBEAN YOUTH SUMMIT

Earlier this month, CPYF was part of the second annual Caribbean Youth Summit. This event featured incredible guest speakers, breakout sessions, informational booths, cultural performances, a resource fair, and more.

Participants had the opportunity to make connections and build relationships within the Caribbean community, while also learning about personal identity, social responsibility, mental health, and financial literacy.



