



*Recognizing the Innovation &
Creativity of Not-for-Profit Organizations*

*Awards Luncheon
September 12, 2018*

DUNCAN CRAIG LLP
LAWYERS MEDIATORS

To celebrate 100 years of continuous legal practice, Duncan Craig LLP developed the Laurel Awards in 1994.

The laurel wreath has been a symbol of high honour for more than two thousand years. The history of the laurel is traced back to the early Greeks and Romans, who bestowed wreaths upon community leaders, scholars and athletes who had excelled in their endeavours.

In keeping with this tradition, Duncan Craig LLP established the Laurel Awards to honour organizations that further their objectives through exceptional creativity and innovation. Gold, silver and bronze awards are presented each year with honorariums of \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 respectively.

In addition to these three awards, the Staff Choice Award is given to the organization selected by Duncan Craig LLP staff as their favourite. The winner is presented with an honorarium of \$1,000. Last year we introduced an Audience Choice Award which is voted on during the luncheon. The winner is presented with an honorarium of \$500.

Duncan Craig LLP's approach to the practice of law is both proactive and passionate, as we work to honour our commitment to bring law to life in the community.

Use the hashtag **#yegLaurelAwards** to live tweet throughout our luncheon. We have included the Twitter user names for our Nominees in this program and you can follow us at @dcllp.

The following distinguished members of our community served on the 2018 Laurel Awards Selection Committee:

Mr. Sol Rolinger, QC

Chair – Senior Counsel, Duncan Craig LLP

Mr. Percival E. Odynak, QC

Co-Chair – Partner, Duncan Craig LLP

Mr. Colin Clish

Principal/Director – Clish Development Corporation

Ms. Anita Fleming

Director of Business Development and Real Estate -
Canadian National Railway Company

Mr. Brad Kennedy

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Ms. Lesley MacDonald

Founder, Producer, Host – Global News Woman of Vision

Mr. Les Creasy

Regional Tax Manager, MNP



In 2018, fifty-two projects were nominated by nonprofit organizations for consideration of the Selection Committee to receive the 2018 Gold, Silver, Bronze, Staff Choice and Audience Choice Laurel Awards.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

KATHY HAWKESWORTH

Edmonton Community Foundation

Kathy Hawkesworth (LLB TEP) is the Director of Donor Services at Edmonton Community Foundation. Before discovering her passion for gift planning, Kathy was a tax advisor practicing within a law firm and a national accounting firm. Since leaving private practice and joining ECF, Kathy has helped hundreds of donors establish hundreds of different endowment funds that now provide meaningful, ongoing support to the causes important to them. Kathy is the past chair of the Edmonton roundtable of the Canadian Association of Gift Planners (CAGP). She's also a member of STEP (Society of Trust and Estate Professionals), the Estate Planning Council of Edmonton, and the Wills & Estates Section of the Canadian Bar Association.

Outside the office, she leads a quiet but busy life – a sandwich generation mom of young adults and a daughter of an elderly dad. She loves food, travelling, and has a personal fitness goal to be skilled and strong enough to go heli-skiing – maybe this year, maybe next...

Edmonton Community Foundation (ECF) was founded by Edmontonians to reinvest in the community and its people.

Our roots in the community run deep. Although ECF was formed by the Edmonton Community Foundation Act passed in 1971, it wasn't until 1989 that we became truly active – thanks to a combined investment of \$15 million by John and Barbara Poole, George and Rae Poole, and Robert and Shirley Stollery on behalf of their families.

The founding families of ECF decided to make the initial investment based on a recommendation from Eric John Slatter, who was a highly regarded solicitor and charitable sector advocate. He traveled to a number of Canadian cities to see what made other community foundations successful. Today, the laneway leading to ECF's offices has been named Slatter Way in his honour.

Immediately following the first public announcement of ECF, a gift of \$500 was received from Bob and Margaret Cormack – who hold charitable receipt #1 as a result.

Since then, our asset base has grown to more than \$500 million, and we have granted more than \$170 million to support charities in Edmonton and throughout Canada.

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM

Ricardo Miranda was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, representing the constituency of Calgary–Cross, on May 5, 2015. On February 2, 2016, Mr. Miranda was appointed Minister of Culture and Tourism. He is also a member of the Economic Policy Committee and the Legislative Review Committee.

He previously served as chair of the Standing Committee on Alberta’s Economic Future; member of the Select Special Ethics and Accountability Committee; and member of the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund.

Prior to his service with the Legislative Assembly, he was a flight attendant for 15 years, and worked as a servicing representative, member organizer, and research representative with the Canadian Union of Public Employees in Alberta.

Miranda holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Calgary, and is working towards a secondary degree in industrial relations with a long term view of obtaining his PhD. He is multilingual and fluent in Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, French and English.

CITY OF EDMONTON

Jon Dziadyk is committed to standing up for north side communities and has a proven track record of volunteerism. Prior to being elected Councillor for Ward 3, Jon worked as a professional urban planner in Edmonton. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Masters in Planning. Jon is a member of the Alberta Professional Planners Institute and the Canadian Institute of Planners.

Jon is also an active member of the Naval Reserve and serves as an Intelligence Officer with the rank of Lieutenant Navy. He is patriotic and enjoys serving our Country, as well as our City.

Jon is a strong advocate for creativity and freedom of speech. As a Councillor, he sits on the Urban Planning Committee, the Community Standards and License Appeal Committee and is Co-Chair of the Edmonton Salutes Committee. He is the lead on the Council Literacy Initiative and serves in a secondary role for both the Community Hubs and Northern Relations initiatives. His desire is to keep taxes low while investing in community infrastructure and encouraging civic engagement.

In his downtime, he likes to write fiction and hang out with his wife, Karly.

THE NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2018 LAUREL AWARDS ARE:

ADEARA RECOVERY CENTRE

adeara.ca

@adeararecovery

Program: Addiction & Recovery Training for Professionals

Program Description: Developed detailed Addiction & Recovery training program initiated as part of our accreditation process as the quality and consistency of supportive training for staff is limited in the field. Project goals were established to deliver informative in-depth training to meet accreditation requirements, enhance quality of care and provide professional educational supports to staff. We have a goal to develop this program further to allow other similar organizations the opportunity to attend these workshops - The workshops are developed in modules format including: Understanding addictions, concurrent disorders, behavioural applications, Staying sober, recovery, change model, Trauma Informed Care and others... has been in production for 18 months and tested to our team - we are expanding the project to 21 hours to allow organizations opportunity to use Canada Alberta Job grant and develop as a revenue stream to cover costs of facilitation as well as make it affordable across non-for-profit sectors. Our goal is to fully launch Fall session November 2018.

AL SHAMAL SHRINERS OF NORTHERN ALBERTA

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Program: Ensuring All Children Have an Equal Opportunity in Life

Program Description: Programs that assist children to retain their independence and to ensure that their ailments and requirements are being addressed with compassion and the best healthcare that our hospitals or treatment centers and our doctors can provide. Our PTF staff are skilled at finding or amending a program for each situation. Every child, every situation is different. The main aim is get the child and a parent/guardian to the correct hospital as safely and as speedily as possible with no cost to either the child or the parent/guardian. We have patients who are now adults come and assist us in spreading the word on what we do. They become ambassadors for our association. They have a purpose in life and are life itself so full of happiness and joy it can be overwhelming.

ALBERTA ADAPTABILITIES ASSOCIATION

adaptabilities.ca

@AdaptAbilities

Program: Hearts in Action Summer Camps

Program Description: Hearts in Action (HIA) Summer Camps were conceived in response to a gap in standard summer programming. There was unmet demand for camps that were suitable for people with special needs. Since inception of HIA in 2004, the program has grown steadily and now includes themed camps each week throughout July and August. Participants are supported in a ratio setting, according to need, and are encouraged to socialise, connect with community, explore personal interests and develop skills. Families and caregivers enjoy some respite while their loved one is attending a camp program. HIA programming is eligible for funding through two provincial programs: Family Supports for Children with Disabilities (FSCD), and Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD). Registration opens each May, as does the recruitment and hiring of summer employees. In 2018, AdaptAbilities will hire 69 people to deliver HIA programs. Camps take place at multiple locations in Edmonton and the entire program is coordinated by a dedicated AdaptAbilities staff member.

AUTISM EDMONTON

autismedmonton.org

@AutismEdmonton

Program: Family Navigator Program

Program Description: To provide proactive post-diagnosis support to families with children newly diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), Autism Edmonton and Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital have teamed up to deliver the Family Navigator program. The goal of the program is to connect families with the appropriate level of service, help them navigate the system, and improve their access to supports in the community. It also intends to improve communication and service delivery for families, reduce duplication in services, and allow for improvement and development of individual programs. Last year, which was the first year of program implementation, over 125 families residing in Central and Northern Alberta have received support through the Family Navigator program. This program is ongoing, and we hope to expand it in the future to serve even more families.

BERKELEY'S PLACE

berkeleysplace.com

@BerkeleysPlace

Program: D.E.W.S. (Dog Early Warning System)

Program Description: The D.E.W.S. is a simple way to communicate at a distance, whether unfamiliar dogs may be approached. The mission is to reduce the risk of negative encounters with dogs by establishing a safety protocol using traffic light colored dog bandannas to alert oncoming pedestrians, and by teaching the public the point of etiquette, that no dog should be approached without first obtaining permission from its owner. D.E.W.S. is not meant to label a dog as being either good or bad, but rather to give responsible guardians an opportunity to indicate how their dog must be approached. The owner continues to remain responsible for incidents involving their dog. An owner may choose to possess all three colors to use at various times depending on the way they wish people to interact with their pet. Green means the dog is known to be friendly; yellow means approach with caution and red means do not approach. Red does not mean the dog is aggressive - the dog may be in training, recovering from surgery, elderly, sick or injured.

BRAIN CARE CENTRE (BCC)

braincarecentre.com

@BrainCareCentre

Program: Words Be Heard

Program Description: Words Be Heard is a 6-class workshop teaching communication skill to adults with expressive aphasia. These individuals will learn functional communication strategies so that they may have more successful interactions within their community. Volunteers are matched with those impacted by aphasia to practice communication strategies and engage in everyday conversation to promote confidence and skill. Aphasia ID cards, communication books, and a fully customizable app are provided free of charge to ensure that communication within the community is successful. Brain Care Centre hopes to provide this free workshop to all of those impacted by aphasia. The individuals participating in this program are learning valuable skills to better communicate in the community. Some face difficult challenges communicating with people whom may not be aware of the effects acquired brain injury may have. Words be Heard gives clients strategies for communication to be independent in their community by providing aides in technology.

CAMROSE & DISTRICT VICTIM SERVICES SOCIETY

Program: Camrose Victim Services Dog Program

Program Description: The Project is a continual program that evolves every day. The conception of this project began in 2011 and started in April 2013 with Lucy, the first Victim Services dog in Alberta and 2nd in Canada. Lucy is a working team member in the Camrose & District Victim Services Unit. Lucy goes to court to be with victims when they testify, she joins “littles” in forensic interviews, she goes to our local University during exam time to lower stress levels in students, she goes to our local Women’s shelter on a weekly basis to interact with the women and children, she attends sudden deaths and also goes to various schools. Lucy is an ambassador for the City of Camrose and the Camrose County. She has paved the road and set standards for the dogs who have followed her in the province. Lucy has also worked in many court rooms throughout the Province when requested by other Victim Service Units. Our Goal is to have as many Victim Service/Child Advocacy Centre dogs placed as we possibly can in the near future.

CASA: CHILD, ADOLESCENT AND FAMILY MENTAL HEALTH

casaservices.org

@CASA_FDN_YEG

Program: Adolescent Day Program-Animal Assisted Therapy Component

Program Description: CASA’s Adolescent Day Program (ADP) is a tertiary level multidisciplinary program providing a bio-psycho-social approach to enhance the mental health of adolescents who have not experienced success in outpatient treatment and require a more intense level of care. Youth in grades 8-12 attend the program at CASA Centre for approximately one semester, in which they attend class and therapy throughout the day. Our goal is to help the adolescent and family develop skills to enable them to experience increased success in school, peer relationships and family dynamics. Using a Dialectical Behaviour Therapy approach, the youth learn skills in mindfulness, distress tolerance, emotional regulation and interpersonal effectiveness. From April to May 2018 ADP partnered with Dreamcatcher Nature-Assisted Therapy to provide 6 weekly sessions to enhance the learning of these skills. The animals the youth partnered with included horses, donkeys, llamas and chickens. The therapy was structured to provide opportunities for the youth to challenge themselves and learn new things about themselves.

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Program: Parents Helping Parents, a partnership with Family Smart, Institute of Families

Program Description: CASA would like to implement the Family Smart Program at all 4 CASA sites. CASA will be able to establish the Together-Centred™ model, that is the foundation of FamilySmart® Practice, into everyday practice at CASA. This change management strategy means youth, parents and clinicians will support each other to work through challenges with caring, connected relationships, working well together and understanding power to achieve better outcomes for children and their families. The experience, expertise and contributions of youth, families and clinicians are embedded at a much deeper level and acknowledged, respected and valued through adoption of the Family Smart program. It is anticipated that we will begin implementation in January 2019. This approach will change the experiences of youth, parents and clinicians in a children's mental health setting.

CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION IN ALBERTA

cpalberta.com

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Program: Dance Without Limits

Program Description: Dance Without Limits is currently Alberta's only accessible, integrated dance class designed to accommodate the special needs of children with disabilities. With the assistance of volunteers, children learn basic dance moves, while engaging in physical activity in a community setting with their peers, which encourages a healthy lifestyle and increases self-esteem. Social integration will help children engage with others and build social relationships. As a bonus, parents and caregivers are treated to a dance recital where they can watch their loved one's shine. Our goal is to create an inclusive, non-judgmental environment where kids can grow at their own pace however their bodies allow them. We encourage family registration so that children can dance with their siblings. We strive to offer an affordable program for families who often deal with unexpected expenses. Statistically, youth with disabilities have a significantly lower rate of participation in extracurricular activities than youth without disabilities. They are at a higher risk of facing isolation, poor self-esteem and self-concept throughout their lives. Dance without Limits builds skills and strengths that help youth face obstacles with courage and optimism, now and in the future.

CHILDREN'S AUTISM SERVICES OF EDMONTON

childrensautism.ca

@childrensautism

Program: EPIC (Encouraging Physical Activity in Children)

Program Description: EPIC is aimed at providing children and youth diagnosed with autism with increased opportunity to participate in physical activity according to their abilities and preferences. Children and youth are encouraged to explore and engage a variety of activities that respect their needs and provide the level of support required to participate to their fullest extent. EPIC offers the opportunity to participate in physical activity programs through two service streams: Direct service provision and the provision of participation supports in partnership with already established clubs/programs. We are currently finishing a "Direct Service Provision" block of services at the Maier Centre Gym and we will be initiating our work with our community partners over the summer. Another block of Direct Service Provision will be running in the fall and throughout the school year. The partnerships developed through the summer with community groups will continue into the fall with seasonal physical activities. The overall budget of the program will depend on the number of families who access both the direct and community streams and this cost will be covered by a combination of government funding, service fees, and community grants.

CHIMO ANIMAL ASSISTED WELLNESS LEARNING SOCIETY

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Program: B.A.R.K Kids Program (Behaviour Affection Respect and Kindness)

Program Description: The B.A.R.K program is for youth, aged six to seventeen living in WINGS of Providence second stage women's shelter, who have survived family violence. Agency volunteers from CAAWLS come to the shelter every two weeks to allow the youth to engage in activities, develop relationships with the dogs, interact with the volunteers and each other. Youth at WINGS typically live in the shelter for six months, which allows them ample time to participate and fully engage with the program. Our goals are to ease the feelings of stress and anxiety caused by trauma through interaction with the animals. Trained therapy dogs represent a safe, non-judgemental "being" the youth are safely able to love. Spending time with the dogs brings the kids a much-needed sense of peace and comfort. It also provides a chance for youth to express feelings of loss stemming from leaving their own pets behind. In addition to the inherent benefits of the program, group activities are designed to promote skill building. Children learn boundaries and develop their social skills as well as safety strategies, work through conflict scenarios and practice cooperative play.

CHIMO ANIMAL ASSISTED WELLNESS LEARNING SOCIETY

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Program: Endless Pawsibilities

Program Description: Initially begun as a program to assist Learning Strategies students with completing learning objectives, Endless Pawsibilities' first two years were devoted to working one-on-one with students. The human half of the volunteer team provided coaching and encouragement for activities such as reading out loud, making presentations and teaching tricks to the dog. The dog was an integral participant in all activities. In the third year, many of the students were re-integrated into the regular classroom so the program evolved to serve a greater client base. From a health class where grade 6 students learned about stress reduction and listened to the dog's heartbeat as well as their own to a grade 2 science class learning about three dimensional shapes and building a house with a cube and a prism for the dog to fit into, the possibilities seem endless. Programming occurs bi-weekly and activities are decided upon based on curriculum and in consultation with the teacher. The \$1,500 program is funded through the IODE Canada: Cooking Lake Chapter.

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Program: PAWS on Learning

Program Description: This research project set out to observe whether a select group of children with executive functioning disorder could improve social and occupational functioning through targeted weekly interactions with wellness dogs. These students are affected by intergenerational trauma, so this program was created to help them regain a sense of playfulness in their lives and reduce anxiety and trauma. Wellness animals provide support by reducing anxiety and helping the students to identify and express feelings. Teachers selected the students for the program based on children's socio emotional needs and it was designed based partially on the Alberta Health Skills curriculum. The students and dogs worked in small group settings on a weekly basis and involved basic animal contact, to redirect attention and facilitate sensory / cognitive processing. The primary goal for the program was the development of social skills in an educational environment with canine interaction and ran from September to June, twice a week. Included in this broad goal were improvements in the following: anger management, relaxation, participation in group activities, voice tone, eye contact, trust, developing patience and understanding, building self esteem and self confidence, promoting empathy.

CHIMO ANIMAL ASSISTED WELLNESS LEARNING SOCIETY

caawls.org

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Program: When Life Gets Ruff, Stay Pawsitive!

Program Description: This animal wellness program is an anxiety, depression, and stress-relief program for students at Boyle Street Education Centre. The majority of youth at Boyle Street Education Centre (BSEC) are survivors of trauma. The great majority of students are of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit backgrounds. Issues like mental health challenges, racism, abuse, extended periods of unstable housing, and other traumas substantially inhibit the success of the young people that live with them. The degree to which a youth is supported through managing his or her trauma is the single greatest determiner of their ability to thrive in school. Students who have experienced extreme traumas can learn and, with the correct supporting services and relationships, can positively connect and contribute to the world around them. As such, the animal wellness program is an important part of the wraparound student services program at BSEC. Many students at the school are uncomfortable with individualized counselling but are very much in need of accessing wellness and mental health supports. The animal wellness program allows students to access supports in a low-key, fun, and engaging setting with very little pressure.

CHRISTMAS BUREAU OF EDMONTON

christmasbureau.ca

@ChristmasBureau

Program: Celebrating of Volunteers (Volunteer Program)

Program Description: Volunteers are essential to our work. Without them, much of what we do would not be possible. Last year, 900 volunteers shared 8,500 hours of their precious time and energy to help support families, seniors and children in need. They help by taking donations, working at events, delivering hampers, office support, and much more. Our volunteers support our work because they believe in the cause and they are true philanthropists in that they do not expect anything in return for their time. However, we believe it is important to show our appreciation and keep them engaged by providing incentives such as gift card draws, pizza lunches, and treats at coffee breaks. Additionally, each year we honour our volunteers through an Evening of Celebration. It's an opportunity to meet and personally thank our volunteers for their continued support. We also take the opportunity to recognize the contributions of our special volunteers who have demonstrated outstanding support for our organization.

CRIPSIE

cripsie.ca

@CRIPSIE1

Program: Introduction to Rehearsal and Performance

Program Description: This program was intended for participants who have little no experience with integrated dance, rehearsal and performance. Participants were introduced to the rehearsal processes including developing movement material, working on dance specific skills and building a piece. Beginning on September 17th, 2017 Co-Artistic Director Lindsay Eales, who is also a registered occupational therapist with considerable expertise in adaptation and inclusive dance, worked with a small group of dancers. Dancers were asked to identify an aspect of dance that they wish to work on (for example, a dancer might choose to work on musicality, moving quickly or slowly, or on turning movement). Dancers with similar goals were grouped together and asked to develop movement that explores that skill. Dancers were also being exposed to the process of generating movement from improvisational prompts and having that movement shaped into a final piece. This piece was presented for friends and family in January 2018 at Orchesis Dance Society's Dance Motif. The program was evaluated by a short survey at the conclusion of the program. We sought feedback on the length of class, the format, the instruction and a sustainable fee for participants.

DISCOVERE

ualberta.ca/engineering/community/discovere/
@DiscoverE_UofA

Program: DiscoverE Afterschool Clubs and Lunch Clubs

Program Description: We are hoping to offer more than double the number of after school clubs this upcoming school year and are launching our lunch clubs. This involves creating new and ongoing curriculum for each grade level from Kindergarten to grade 12. We will create general science content as well as coding specific content. This also provides an opportunity for us to build great mentorship relationships with the youth at the schools. These clubs will run from September - June in at least 10 schools in Edmonton. To run one club, it costs \$2000. We get many schools who cannot afford to cover this cost, so we offer bursaries to schools that meet our requirements. Our goal is to reach as many at risk youth as possible, so these schools are a priority for us. After school clubs and lunch clubs will help us reach way more youth that cannot attend our on-campus programming. They may be restricted by their location, transportation or other monetary barriers. These clubs allow us to bring our programs to the kids and open registration for more youth.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S INTERNATIONAL AWARD CANADA – ALBERTA, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES & NUNAVUT DIVISION

dukeofed.org

@dukeofedAB

Program: Youth Resiliency Challenge

Program Description: The Youth Resiliency Challenge is a response to the need for innovative and effective youth programming that supports successful intervention, reintegration, and development for youth involved in the justice system. By enabling and facilitating greater community participation, the project will foster personal growth and development in the lives of youth between the ages of 12 and 17. Utilizing the Duke of Edinburgh's Award framework as an outline, youth participating in the Youth Resiliency Challenge will be guided and mentored through the four different components of the Award program at each level (Bronze, Silver, and Gold). Participants are provided the opportunity to strengthen their capacity for participating in and contributing to their communities in a positive and productive way through activities related to the following four component areas: Community Service, Skill Development, Physical Activity and Outdoor Adventurous Journeys. The programming also facilitates an opportunity for the youth to be formally recognized for their achievements by the Government of Alberta and the British Royal Family.

EDMONTON CHINESE GARDEN SOCIETY

ecgs.ca

Program: Nine Dragon Wall

Program Description: The project is in partnership with the City of Edmonton. Stage 1 of the Chinese Garden has been completed. Part of stage 2 including Friendship Entrance Gate and the walking path has been completed. Nine Dragon Wall is part of the stage 2 which is an important feature of the Chinese Garden. We expect to start the construction this year and if the materials can be shipped in time for the construction, we can finish it this year. If late delivery of the materials, we may have to finish in 2019. We are in negotiations with the supplier in China. The Wall is designed by ISL Engineering with the support the Francis Ng Architect. The estimated budget is \$400,000. This is a very preliminary cost estimate. Once the design is completed, the drawings will be sent to China for crafting and shipment will be delivered to Canada. Once the materials arrive in Canada, we will tender the project for lowest bid among at least three contractors. The completion is expected late this year or next depending on the delivery of the shipment.

EDMONTON DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION

edaa.ab.ca

@EDAA1957

Program: ADAM - Accessible Dentistry for All Minors

Program Description: For homeless teenagers, their teeth are the last thing they think about. They are more worried about where they will sleep that night or what they are going to eat next. The overriding objective of Project ADAM (Accessible Dentistry for All Minors) is to provide homeless/displaced teenagers with oral health information, tools and skills as well as access to basic dental treatment. Through in person visits to shelters, our volunteers will help these teenagers understand that by looking after their teeth daily, they can prevent bigger problems later and maintain their overall health. Through funds and donations to EDAA, volunteer RDAs will provide the teens with the basic tools (i.e. toothbrushes, floss, and toothpaste) and educate them in the proper skills they need to accomplish and maintain good oral health. Our volunteer Dentist will visit YESS on a regular basis to provide these teens with a basic oral examination to identify current dental needs. When needs are identified, we will make referrals to the Boyle McCauley Health Centre SHINE clinic for basic treatment as needed.

EDMONTON HUMANE SOCIETY

edmontonhumanesociety.com

@EdmontonHumane

Program: Humane Education and Outreach

Program Description: The EHS Humane Education program educates people of all ages through offerings focused on instilling the values of empathy, compassion, and kindness towards animals, people, and the environment. In 2017 we focused on expanding the offerings and the full complement of courses was published in our first ever course catalogue. Six new courses were added, aimed at youth between 5 and 14. The program operates with a break-even budget, aiming to offset the costs with revenue generated through program registration fees. The courses are delivered by a Humane Educator as well as volunteers. There is an online registration process where parents or teachers can determine which camps or classes are the best fit for their children based on age and interest. By educating the community on responsible pet ownership EHS addresses the root cause of pet overpopulation and issues of animal neglect. As an animal shelter that takes in thousands of homeless and neglected companion animals each year, we see the impact that lack of education can have. Education helps our short-term goals of lowering pet overpopulation in the Edmonton region and our longer-term goal of raising future generations who value the lives of all companion animals.

EDMONTON INTERNATIONAL STREET PERFORMERS FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION

edmontonstreetfest.com

[@YegStreetFest](https://twitter.com/YegStreetFest)

Program: Edmonton International Street Performers Festival – Volunteer Program

Program Description: The Edmonton International Street Performers Festival is an annual celebration of the art of street performing. Street performing is at its heart an art form that thrives on inclusivity and StreetFest extends this inclusivity to all aspects of our festival. “All are welcome” applies not only our audience, but also our volunteer corps. Made up of over 220 dedicated individuals aged 14 and up, with all levels of ability and from all walks of life our volunteers are a vital part of our festival. We have many volunteers who come to work each day of the festival and have volunteered with us for multiple years, as well as multiple generations within one family. The volunteers contribute to every aspect of the festival including our board of directors, office tasks leading up to and during the festival, festival site set-up, audience services, patron information, and litter control. We recognize the participation of each volunteer through “volunteer perks” packages, a mid-festival barbecue party and gala reception with the artists and staff on the final day of the festival. StreetFest provides a healthy, catered snack and meal program for our volunteers for each shift.

EDMONTON MEALS ON WHEELS

mealsonwheeledmonton.org

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Program: Extended Production Hours

Program Description: The goal of this project is to maximize our current facility to improve existing space utilization, create new volunteer opportunities, and redistribute heavy staff workloads by increasing staffing and extending work hours of the kitchen. Shifting working and opening hours to include evenings, is something that we have been working towards for quite some time. In 2015, we started this shift with ‘evening deliveries.’ One Meals on Wheels staff member stayed at the office until 5:30pm to coordinate the delivery of frozen meals, and groceries to clients. This shift started with Wednesdays, and soon expanded to include Thursdays as well. The change allowed us to not only reduce workload of the daytime Volunteer Drivers but enabled us to engage a new demographic of volunteers who are not available during traditional business hours. These extended hours will allow us to expand services to meet growing community need, improve the utilization of our current production, and to further capitalize on recruiting volunteers who are not available during traditional business hours. Volunteer shifts in the kitchen will be available up until 7pm.

EDMONTON SPACE AND SCIENCE FOUNDATION (TELUS WORLD OF SCIENCE - EDMONTON)

twose.ca

@TWoSEdm

Program: TWISE Science in Motion Outreach Program

Program Description: Science in Motion (SIM) is a province-wide STEM education outreach program which transports the wonders of science to remote and aboriginal schools and communities. SIM brings the excitement of science to rural communities that are at least 100 kilometers away from Edmonton. The SIM team travels from Fox Lake to Stand Off and everything in between, and in 2016-2017 provided science experiences to 30,897 students from 98 schools. The SIM team consists of four full-time educators – all of whom hold a Bachelor of Education degree and can draw out elements of the Alberta Science Curriculum. SIM members deliver a selection of our 35 available hands-on programs to classrooms, and leading school-wide science assemblies. Many small communities lack the resources to equip their schools with fully functional science and technology labs and are too distant for regular field trips into major centres. SIM was created to bridge this gap and provide on-site opportunities for experiments, demonstrations and hands-on activities. By offering unique and valuable learning opportunities to remote rural communities and Aboriginal Reserves, Aboriginal youth across the province are encouraged and motivated to continue their education.

HAYING IN THE 30'S

hayinginthe30s.com

@hayinginthe30s

Program: Haying in the 30's

Program Description: Haying in the 30's is celebrating its 20th Annual Event this year on August 5 and 6. New attractions are being built including an archive building that will tell the story of how Haying in the 30's came to be. Visitors will be treated to a trip back to what it was like to live in the 30's. There are replica buildings, animals, clearing of fields, making of hay, shingle making, log cutting, well boring, music and food. Workbees are held every Wednesday starting May 30th until the day before the event. Gardens are planted, buildings are set up and built, site maintenance such as cutting grass and building repairs are done by volunteers who come out to help. Success of the weekend is that every dollar raised goes to victims fighting cancer. The more money raised, the more people we can help. Attendance has been increasing every year, including those who camp on site free of charge for the weekend. Those wanting to volunteer are increasing every year as are those who bring their teams of horses. The interest of those willing to help and the numbers of people attending the event are our measure of performance and success.

HISTORY CHECK MOBILE APP / FRIENDS OF HISTORICAL NORTHERN ALBERTA SOCIETY

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@HistoryCheckApp

Program: History Check Heritage & Tourism Mobile App

Program Description: Community Menus, Near Me location features and interest driven searches all aim to help travelers explore and engage in the many historical sites & stories, attractions & services of northern Alberta. These are a few features available on the newly launched History Check mobile app. For local organizations and businesses, all site listings are free while our advertising option is through additional keywords for our search functions. This cooperative and collaborative effort will keep growing as users and collaborators continue to add sites and information. By adding the historical places and stories available on a single application and future website version, we are able to engage people in the history and create a self guided tour through the addition of other attractions and services.

HOPE LIVES HERE ANIMAL RESCUE SOCIETY

hopeliveshererescue.net

Program: Animal Rescue

Program Description: The program focuses on giving second chances to dogs who desperately need us. Majority of our rescue animals are homeless or abandoned with nowhere to go. We fulfill a great relief for Edmonton Humane Society but receive no government funding. All the funds we receive are from events/donations and adoption fees. By building relations with the people on the First Nations Communities first, we have gained trust. Keeping the dog population under control is not only beneficial for the dogs, it is for the residents as well. This has been our mission since our inception in 2012. We started with a passion and mission to save animals and have transformed that into helping people as well. We rely solely on donations to exist, with your help we can pay down some existing vet bills and continue to be able to rescue the animals that need us. When we have the funds available, we also provide assistance to owners who simply do not have the funds to cover certain necessary medical expenses. Our goal is to give back to all communities as much as we are able.

HORIZONS TRAINING CENTRE SOCIETY

horizonscentre.com

Program: GoGo Green Recycling

Program Description: GoGo Green was a small recycling endeavor started, owned and operated by a local gentleman. The recycling was done out of one vehicle. Due to circumstances, he had to move. Wanting to see his business continue, Horizons Centre was approached about taking it over. This business venture provides employment as well as an employment prep / skill training program and value and inclusion to those working it. They would be filling a demand for a needed community service. In one short year, the operation has shown a 30% growth increase. This has been achieved through word of mouth only. Our first (immediate goal) is to purchase a 12-15 passenger cargo van with rear barn door entry. The secondary goal is that GoGo Green displays a constant growth margin providing a gross income that will cover expenses. Success of this is first dependent on obtaining the van. This would allow us to advertise and expand the recyclable items accepted. We are also exploring the possibility of incorporating some work shifts at our community recycle depot. This would further increase employment opportunity and allow better access to the depot.

HYMNINGBIRDS

hymningbirds.org

[@HymningBirds](https://www.instagram.com/HymningBirds)

Program: To Share God's Love with a Broken World

Program Description: The Hymningbirds began in 2004 as a group of church members who wanted to bring joy to others in community service, with song and giving to those in need. In 2015, The Hymningbirds became incorporated as a non-profit group, 'The Hymningbirds Community Service League'. Through our various Christ-centered ministries, we feed the hungry, clothe the impoverished, visit the bed ridden and encourage the incarcerated. All this work is done by us, The Hymningbirds, going to where they are, meeting them where they are, reaching out to those in need. We have 3 main outreaches: Street Ministry, Family Ministry and Visitation Ministry. Our goals are to build the communities' lost, addicted, less-fortunate or homeless to a sense of purpose and meaning in their lives; that they matter. With our voices in song or in a personal prayer for strength, we long to connect with and encourage the 'forgotten'. We strive to share a glimpse of hope; to share God's love with a broken world. Sometimes, it may be all it took... to save that life, for that day.

IHUMAN YOUTH SOCIETY

ihumanyouthsociety.org

@iHumanYouth

Program: LiNKS Mental Health Clinic

Program Description: Operating since 2013, iHuman's LiNKS Mental Health Clinic was initiated by federal Youth Justice Fund seed funding for three years. The purpose of the pilot was to develop and test a model designed by iHuman youth to impact young offender recidivism rates and mental health stigmatization. The model allows youth to self determine their engagement in their mental health supports. Key features include a non-punitive approach to missed appointments; youth can choose their counselor; and provide informed consent through an artistic medium such as rapping, photography or poetry. A mental health youth worker intakes youth and supports them in building a relationship with a registered psychologist or Masters/PhD counselling student. Once a relationship is established, youth book their own appointments as they wish. LiNKS is free to youth and demonstrates significant engagement by young people who are not accessing existing public mental health supports. The physical location of LiNKS within iHuman creates a sense of safety to the youth through the agency's harm reduction and trauma informed approaches that extend to LiNKS. Providing these services onsite means youth who need to access services will be more likely at iHuman rather than a doctor's office.

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

jfse.org

Program: Holocaust Survivor Support Program

Program Description: The Holocaust Survivor Support Program Goals: Provide support to Holocaust survivors by helping survivors to obtain supports and compensation to which they may be entitled, as well as counselling, case management, social opportunities, and practical assistance. This is ongoing as long as we have a survivor population to serve. What makes our implementation of this program innovative is that we really strive to build capacity in our over 100 clients and assist them to be their best selves. To that end, we go above and beyond our Funder requirements and arrange for community speakers to come in for informational talks, have a partnership with the local EPL to conduct digital storytelling where they can capture whatever story they wish to share, mark every special occasion with celebration or honour. We have deliberately recruited staff that speak the same language as our clients to help foster relationships and reduce social isolation. We have been sending out individualized birthday cards to all survivors and didn't expect the level of appreciation we received.

KIDS ON TRACK ASSOCIATION OF EDMONTON

kidsontrack.org

@kidsontrack

Program: HomeBuilders

Program Description: In the past two years we have successfully completed the launch of a new program called HomeBuilders. HomeBuilders is a preventative mental health program with the goal of supporting children and their parents and equipping them with the skills needed to navigate through the emotions associated with grief and the establishment of a new family structure following divorce, death of a parent or a significant family disruption. This new program was developed in consultation with professionals including a teacher, mental health nurse, a social worker, a mediation worker and a community health nurse. Curriculum that included experiential learning activities at age appropriate levels was developed for three age levels for the children and a parent level. The coping mechanisms children and parents learn through HomeBuilders serve to prevent serious behavior problems and halt self destructive and relationally destructive emotions and actions in children, parents, family units and/or other relationships. The volunteer facilitators who led the classes provided feedback to make adaptations and revisions. Two, eleven-week pilot courses were held between January 2017 and March 2018.

LINKING GENERATIONS SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

linkinggenerations.ca

@LinkingGenerati

Program: Linking Generations Intergenerational Programs

Program Description: Our programs bring two generations together, so they can share their knowledge and life experiences and to encourage volunteering and social responsibility in youth. There continues to be such interest in Linking Generations that many more student and senior applications are continually received than volunteer positions. When we look back even 4 years ago, we can really see how quickly we have grown due to programming demand. To ensure program success we “link” each participating senior with two youth. Each visit has a specific focus and goal in mind - to encourage the sharing of values and cultural differences and bring joy into each other’s lives. Our programs operate in junction within the school year – from September to May each year. Our Junior High Program operates with structured bi-weekly visits between the seniors and youth, while our High School Program operates with structured weekly visits. In September, we will pilot a new Volunteer Grandparent program in response to a lack of opportunities for young & old to relate in an increasingly age-segregated society.

LURANA SHELTER SOCIETY

luranashelter.com

[@LuranaShelter](https://twitter.com/LuranaShelter)

Program: Innovative Child Care Program

Program Description: Understanding the effects of domestic violence in children is a critical part of an effective response and providing interventions that support children exposed to domestic violence is crucial in minimizing long-term harm. By understanding a child's view, we can nurture positive changes, correct distorted ideas, encourage helpful coping, build good interpersonal skills and foster management of intense emotions. Children enter Lurana Shelter with a range of issues that impact both their physical and mental health. Most commonly, they exhibit a range of behaviors including aggression, separation anxiety and poor social interactions. Developmental delays and disabilities are also key issues for children traumatized by family violence. Innovative Child Care provides critical early interventions to facilitate both short and long-term healing and recovery. Supporting women as mothers by fostering good parenting skills, educating and helping them address issues that may compromise their parenting is a vital part of the program. The program is available for children residing in shelter, second stage shelter, as well as children who have left shelter. Most recently, the program was expanded to include children from partnering agencies.

MAKE-A-WISH NORTHERN ALBERTA

makeawishna.ca

[@MakeAWishNAB](https://twitter.com/MakeAWishNAB)

Program: Medical Outreach Committee

Program Description: The goal of the Medical Outreach Committee is to increase the visibility and knowledge of Make-A-Wish in northern Alberta to ensure all qualified children receive a wish. There are many more children in northern Alberta who may qualify for a wish and who deserve the opportunity to receive one. Launched in 2016 and made up of 6 dedicated volunteers, this committee conducts comprehensive and regular outreach efforts in the medical community, creates greater awareness of our mission, and identifies innovative ways to reach wish families and communities. These goals are met through numerous strategies including hospital craft nights, lunch and learns, presentations and collaborative family events with support groups throughout northern Alberta. The excellent work carried out by our Medical Outreach Committee, including recognizing all referral sources and demonstrating to them the impact of a wish, has resulted in an increase in referrals to Make-A-Wish Northern Alberta. The committee continues to foster the ongoing relationship with medical professionals and support groups, engaging and educating health professionals to become advocates for Make-A-Wish.

P.A.L.S. - PROJECT ADULT LITERACY SOCIETY

palsedmonton.ca

@palsedmonton

Program: P.A.L.S. Team Conference

Program Description: Reaching New Heights (RNH), a program of Students for Students in which learners develop leadership and advocacy skills, develop timelines for their role in planning and implementation. RNH develop the list of workshops for the learners, request donations, approve evaluation, shop/prepare food, set up on the day, present speeches during the conference, and evaluate the conference. The goal is changing lives through literacy. The question on the evaluation that asks if the person has learned skills that they will use in the future is an indicator that the learning will have an impact on their life. Eighty percent indicated “a lot”. The adult learners in Reaching New Heights gained skills and confidence in planning, leadership, public speaking, and evaluating. The adult learners experienced informal learning that will lead them to take other opportunities in the community. Two adult learners shared with staff the impact of the workshops on them. A Literacy student realized that as a result of the Apprenticeship Workshop, he could enter a trade and is now registered to enter the welding trade in September. A lady who has knee problems is now registered in Chair Yoga at her local YWCA.

REALTORS(R) COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

realtorscommunityfoundation.com

@RCFyeg

Program: REALTORS(R) Community Foundation’s Student Partnership Program

Program Description: This new program provides students with the opportunity to partner with the REALTORS(R) Community Foundation as they work and put into practice the skills they have learned through their various post-secondary programs. The students will focus on producing a fundraising event (Klondike Fest 2018 - Friday, June 22 at the Alberta Aviation Museum) as they work with the Foundation’s Board of Governors and event committee members to organize logistics, marketing, publicity and planning of the event. The event is a fundraiser that will raise money for the REALTORS(R) Community Foundation’s various charities that support hunger, shelter, homelessness and crime prevention. Within nine months, Realtors and friends who volunteer with the Foundation raised over \$250,000 for its charities. This year with the students’ help the Foundation hopes to raise even more! The goal of Klondike Fest 2018 is to raise \$10,000 net profit as 100% of the proceeds is earmarked for the 2019 Annual Big Give Event - the happiest day in the year where we get to give all the money raised to our charities. To offset the costs for this event, the students and committee members seek our sponsorship partners.

REYU PARALYSIS RECOVERY CENTRE

reyu.ca

@ReYuPRC

Program: Locomotor Training Program

Program Description: This program is centred around the model developed by the NeuroRecovery Network created by the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation in the United States. Their program looks at the marked benefits of what 20 locomotor training sessions could do for individuals with spinal cord injuries. Locomotor training is comprised of assisted walking on a treadmill in a body weight support harness system (the LiteGait) for a duration of 60 minutes. Walking is facilitated by a minimum of 3 trainers - people who are trained to walk the legs and support the hips / trunk. The benefits of trainers facilitating walking is the ability to adapt to each individual gait pattern. Due to the complexity of walking, trainers use specific hand placement to cue the appropriate muscles aiding in the proper recovery of the neuromuscular system. Our goal with the Locomotor Training program is to give clients the opportunity to access locomotor training outside of a research or hospital setting with access to state of the art virtual reality, a body weight support and treadmill. The program runs for 1 hour per day, 5 days a week for 1 month for each participant.

SCHOOL OF SKILLS FOUNDATION

schoolofskills.ca

Program: Cyber Bullying & Cyber Crime Prevention Workshops

Program Description: Cyber bullying and cyber stalking has recently emerged as a new form of bullying and harassment today. Since it is a new form of harassment, and it is becoming a serious problem worldwide, it is important that we learn the reasons for bullying over the internet, the psychological effects of the bully and the victim, the motives of the cyber bullies, who is being targeted, and engagement of cyber bullying. School of Skills did a few workshops in past and our aim for future is to organize workshops in community centers and Primary and Post-Primary Schools to provide anti-cyberbullying awareness and prevention strategies. In this context, this workshop:

- Defines cyberbullying.
- Outlines the extent to which schools are required to deal with incidents
- Examines school policy requirements considering the guidelines issued
- Demonstrates whole school approaches to preventing cyberbullying
- Showcases resources available to deal with the issue of cyberbullying
- Shares ideas for youth-led interventions in your school

SELF ADVOCACY FEDERATION

selfadvocacyfederation.ca

@SAF_YEG

Program: Barriers to Belonging Film Fest

Program Description: We have done a series of 5 films that bring awareness to barriers to belonging such as poverty, labelling and access that prevent people living with disabilities from participating fully in the community. Our goal is to educate the public about these barriers and what they can do to help break them down. We try to write, film, and edit two films per year and the films are typically written and directed by self advocates. Our allies assist us with filming and editing. We have had great results, and our films have been shown at various Human Rights symposiums and events. Our membership has increased, and we have been invited to attend and participate in other organizations such as the Edmonton Human Rights Coalition. Our films serve as an introduction to what we do when we do workshops on disability awareness to businesses in Edmonton and area. Since filming a film on how poverty affects people living with disabilities we have met with the Premier's Council on the status of Persons with Disabilities and are actively involved in advising how to review the AISH program. We use our films to illustrate from a humorous point of view the experiences of people with disabilities.

SIDEKICKS MENTORING

sidekicksmentoring.com

@SidekicksMentor

Program: #sponsorofmemories

Program Description: The Sidekicks Mentoring program provides exciting, adventurous and fun monthly activities and events for the members of the program. All members of the Sidekicks program are welcome and are encouraged to participate in the program activities and events at no cost. This is important, because in many cases the children could not participate in the offered activities if there was a cost involved. Group events are included in the program to support the growing number of children that were on the 'waiting list' for a mentor. Children can be on the waiting list for a long time (over a year) hoping for a mentor. Children who are not matched with a mentor benefit from the group mentors that help to plan and supervise the events and interact with the youth in a group mentoring capacity. There are also excellent opportunities for families to connect and spend positive time together. As the Sidekicks program grows and the cost of activities increases, the program struggles. Sidekicks Mentoring does not have a budget for our activities and we rely solely on the support and generosity of community sponsors.

SKIRTSAFIRE SOCIETY

skirtsafire.com

[@SkirtsAfire](https://www.instagram.com/SkirtsAfire)

Program: SkirtsAfire Festival

Program Description: SkirtsAfire Festival is a multi-disciplinary arts festival in Edmonton that celebrates and elevates the work of women. The 4-day festival coincides with International Women's Day each year, and includes visual art, theatre, music, dance, comedy, and spoken word. In March 2018, we held the 6th annual festival to great success. Audiences and artists came together to take in performances, workshops and exhibits that were provocative, passionate, insightful, entertaining and fun. By creating a platform for women in the arts to showcase their talents in a professional environment, we strive to change the severe underrepresentation of female artists at the professional level. No other festival in Edmonton currently focuses its efforts solely on supporting the work of women artists. This year, we were able to hire over 125 female artists and we hope to increase that number every year. By building awareness of the festival, we were able to increase audience attendance and our social media reach. By constantly striving for new, passionate, thought-provoking work featuring artists of all backgrounds, we ensure programming is relevant and impactful to our world today. This year, in light of #MeToo and the recent news of harassment in the arts world, we hosted bystander workshops.

SOCIETY FOR SELECTIONS: A CAREER SUPPORT SERVICE

selectionscareer.com

[@SelectionsYEG](https://www.instagram.com/SelectionsYEG)

Program: Selections Career Support Services

Program Description: Selections strives to be an organization that provides holistic services designed to support individuals with disabilities to live full and inclusive lives. Selections has and continues to develop partnerships at the YMCA of Northern Alberta Child Care Centers (Nellie Carlson School and Stratford School) which have agreed to provide meaningful placements (paid or volunteer) and to also work collaboratively with Selections' Career Development Coordinators. Through these collaborations, the daycares receive competent and dedicated employees, while broadening children's educational experience with the inclusion of persons with disabilities. The goal is to continue with the processes of: intake, job preparation, and placement; and to partner with as many YMCA day centres as possible. Each program participant will proceed through three career development phases (Job Preparation, Placement, and Exit Plan) at stages based on their knowledge, skills, abilities, and experience, in addition to their individual goals, support needs, and challenges. Timelines appropriate for each individual are identified in their Individual Service Plan, as established by the individual, their guardian(s), and PDD coordinator.

SOLIDANCE INCLUSIVE RECREATION

solidance.ca

Program: Inter-Generation Creative Movement

Program Description: Inter-Generational Movement is a creative movement class that will enable children, parents, and community members to move together in an inclusive environment. It is a response to requests from parents:

- 1) who are looking for inclusive opportunities for their children who experience disability; and
- 2) concerned about the financial costs involved in finding care for their children while they are physically active.

By providing a program where parents and children (with and without disabilities) can simultaneously engage in physical activity together, we are not only meeting the needs of our community members, we are filling a major gap in Edmonton's current programming by creating integrated environments that foster more engaged and inclusive individuals. We ran these classes from September to November of 2017 and March to April of 2018. We evaluated the programming with a plain language survey asking about program length, timing, participant enjoyment, the clarity of instruction and what participants loved, would change and would like to share.

STEADWARD CENTRE FOR PERSONAL & PHYSICAL ACHIEVEMENT

ualberta.ca/steadward-centre/

[@steadwardcentre](https://twitter.com/steadwardcentre)

Program: Adult Fitness and Recreation - Instructional Group Programs

Program Description: Our Adult Fitness and Recreation program creates opportunities for adults living with impairment to choose the way they move by offering a broad array of individualized and group programs. Individuals as young as fifteen and as experienced as eighty years old have the chance to stretch it out in yoga or dance their way to excellent fitness during adapted Zumba. Funding from the Laurel Awards will go towards our instructional group programming. The group programs we offer include Sit to Be Fit, Circuit Training, Active Passive Trainer classes, yoga, Zumba, and adapted aqua fit. These programs primarily serve individuals living with more severe impairments where access to fitness and recreational opportunities are often quite limited. We welcome all individuals of all capabilities and levels of fitness to participate in our programs and believe access to physical activity should not be a barrier for adults living with impairment. Through the variety of programs offered, we seek to build confidence and inspire lifelong physical activity behaviours for adults experiencing disability to live active healthy lives.

UNITED WAY ALBERTA CAPITAL REGION

myunitedway.ca

@myunitedway

Program: Women United

Program Description: Women United's vision is for some of the most vulnerable girls in our city to complete high school with pride in themselves, their community and their culture. This will pave the way for post-secondary and career opportunities, allowing them to reach their full potential, and live healthy and fulfilling lives. When we empower girls, everyone benefits. Girls who are educated, healthy and supported can transform their communities and pass on the benefits to their children, and to their children's children. This is our chance to help vulnerable teenage girls by helping them through their junior high years and on to high school completion. Women United will raise \$2.5 million in the Alberta Capital Region over five years and will aim to support more than 400 young women to high school completion. The funds will be invested to provide mentoring, Success Coaching, Child and Family Therapy, Nutrition and Lunch Programs, Before and After-School Programs, Spring and Summer Break Programs, and Parent Support. Women United will also support cultural programming and provide youth-led mentoring opportunities, introducing the girls to different career paths and post-secondary education options.

WELLSPRING EDMONTON

wellspring.ca/edmonton

@wellspringedm

Program: Wellspring Edmonton

Program Description: Prior to 2017 there were few support services for people in Edmonton who were facing cancer. Opened in February 2017, Wellspring Edmonton now fills that need. It presently supports 1,600 members and delivers 2,000 participant hours of programming every month. In one year, we have gone from being an unknown resource to a place where almost every family in Edmonton will have reason to enter our doors over the course of the next few years. As the ninth Center in Canada, Wellspring Edmonton is the shining jewel within the Wellspring network. When you combine a beautiful facility with our phenomenal and empowering programming, Wellspring Edmonton is a world-class leader in cancer support. Over 160 trained volunteers operate the Centre under the direction of a small professional staff. The focus at Wellspring is to teach cancer patients and their families how to help themselves, and to empower them so they can "be well" during and after cancer treatment. The programming is offered by professionals, many of whom volunteer their time to facilitate over 40 unique programs and services. Wellspring is a remarkable resource for cancer patients and their families, particularly given the burgeoning stresses on our Provincial healthcare system.

WINGS OF PROVIDENCE SOCIETY

wingsofprovidence.ca

@wingsofprov

Program: The Rocky Forest Daycare & Out of School Care

Program Description: The Home Next Door is a 29-unit affordable housing facility which provides a safe, supportive, fully furnished home to women and children who have left domestic violence. The Rocky Forest Daycare & Out of School Care is located onsite and is fully licensed and accredited. The daycare can accommodate up to 33 children, aged 3 months to Kindergarten and the Out of School Care up to 16 children kindergarten to 12 years. The Rocky Forest Daycare is a Reggio Emilia-inspired, child-centered and child-focused daycare. Early learning programs are carefully planned to tap into children's expressed interests and fully engage their imaginations in daily activity. We are looking to provide the Rocky Forest Daycare and Out of School Care with healthy Canadian Food Guide approved snack, materials and supplies, transportation costs for field trips and iPads to assist with early literacy. Our goal is to provide a safe, healthy, top quality learning environment for children and opportunities to assist with any emotional, developmental and behavioral challenges of these children. The staff work diligently to maintain a warm, trusting environment with the children, and ensures that their physical and emotional needs are being met for proper development.

WINNIFRED STEWART ASSOCIATION

emptiestowinn.com

@wsa1953

Program: Empties to Winn

Program Description: Empties to Winn (ETW) is a simple and convenient way to recycle empty beverage containers. It began 12 years ago with the placement of 75 collection containers in one Edmonton neighborhood. Today, this unique program operates in over 300 neighborhoods in Edmonton and surrounding areas with regular pick-ups from over 13,000 households, businesses, retail outlets, condos, schools, government offices, sporting facilities & community services. Participants have told us that they enjoy receiving a free collection container and bags, a free regularly scheduled pick up service, and a tax receipt for their donation of empties. Each month ETW collects and recycles over half a million containers. ETW was established as a social enterprise that has created a new revenue stream to support the good works of WSA. Each year when we provide the 13,000 tax receipts to participants, we tell a story of an individual in service and the good works of the Association. Engagement equals success. We see people who sign up initially because there is something in it for them, shift their thinking to feeling good about supporting a local charitable organization.

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT & SUPPORT SERVICES

yess.org

@YESSorg

Program: YESS – Interactive Art Program

Program Description: 100% of the youth who come through our doors have experienced trauma, which affects their self-esteem, their ability to trust, and even their brain chemistry. Despite intensive efforts, we currently have thousands of youth in our city who experience housing instability and other difficult realities such as addiction, abuse, mental health issues and that number continues to rise. To break the cycle and begin to see this number decline, we believe it is imperative to walk beside these traumatized youths on their journey towards healing. The Interactive Art Program required a clear proposal that would clearly outline program objectives, timelines, workshop plans and thought process behind the chosen art projects. Reports were ongoing throughout the program – with an expectation of a final report with activities and outcomes that spanned the 8-month period. In October 2017, the YESS Art show “visual voices: Telling Our Stories Through Art” was an opportunity for our youth to participate in showcasing the art they had created over the year. Youth place their pieces up on display and the public can view the art and purchase it. Moreover, this program’s contribution to the well-being and stabilization of our youth has been a tremendous support.

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT & SUPPORT SERVICES

yess.org

@YESSorg

Program: YESS Urban Roots - Garden of Community

Program Description: Youth Empowerment and Support Services (YESS) created the Urban Roots Garden of Community to provide opportunities for homeless youth experiencing difficult realities to engage in their community, while also beautifying an existing, under-utilized piece of City of Edmonton property across from YESS’ Whyte Avenue location. An important factor behind the garden was the idea that gardens are healing, and the space could be used as a piece of YESS’ holistic package for promoting healing for our youth, as well as providing a space for the wider community to share in healing. With the help of numerous volunteers, community and partner donations, and YESS staff, the garden was constructed in June and July of 2017. It included raised garden beds full of vegetables, and flowers, a patio with a set of drums and a piano beautifully painted by local artist Giselle Denis, as well as a small library. Additionally, located in the garden space were picnic benches and other areas to gather, meditate, and relax. The garden officially opened on July 30, 2017 with a community celebration hosted by YESS.

PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE DUNCAN CRAIG LLP LAUREL AWARDS

2017 LAUREL AWARDS

- Gold:** Little Warriors
“Little Warriors Prevent It! Taking Action to Stop
Child Sexual Abuse Workshop”
- Silver:** DiscoverE
“DiscoverE Workshops, Clubs, Camps and Special Events”
- Bronze:** Cultural Connections Institute – The Learning Exchange
“Basic English Program (BEL Program) – ESL in the Community”
- Staff Choice:** Valley Zoo Development Society
“Urban Farm; Nature’s Wild Backyard”
- Audience
Choice:** Stollery Children’s Hospital Foundation
“Stollery Superstars Program”

2016 LAUREL AWARDS

- Gold:** Dreams Take Flight Edmonton
“Dreams Take Flight Edmonton”
- Silver:** Edmonton Bicycle Commuters Society
“You Can Ride 2 Borrow a Bike Program”
- Bronze:** Gateway Association
“Youth in Care Employment Project”
- Staff Choice:** Humane Animal Rescue Team (HART)
“Shelter from the Storm Program and the Food Program”
- Audience
Choice:** Canadian Mental Health Association – Edmonton Region
“Integration of The Support Network and CMHA”

2015 LAUREL AWARDS

- Gold:** Uncles and Aunts at Large (Edmonton and Area) Society
“Strengthening Families Program for At-Risk Youth”
- Silver:** Gateway Association
“We Belong App”
- Bronze:** Nehiyaw Kakeskewina Learning Society
“Maskwacis Life Skills Training Program”
- Staff Choice:** Little Warriors
“Be Brave Ranch”

2014 LAUREL AWARDS

- Gold:** No Stone Left Alone Memorial Foundation
“Remembrance Ceremonies/Education Outreach“
- Silver:** GEOMEER Charitable Society
“Suit Up!”
- Bronze:** CHED Santas Anonymous Incorporated
“Toy Delivery Weekend Dispatch”
- Staff Choice:** Little Bits Therapeutic Riding Association
“Little Bits Therapeutic Riding Association for Persons with Disabilities”

2013 LAUREL AWARDS

- Gold:** Alberta Cancer Foundation
“Dr. Gino Fallone’s Linac MR “
- Silver:** Edmonton Women’s Shelter
“Win House 3”
- Bronze:** Outreach for Life Association of Edmonton o/a Pregnancy Care Centre
“Earn While You Learn Program (EWYL)”
- Staff Choice:** Dogs with Wings Assistance Dog Society
“Victim Services Dog Program”

2012 LAUREL AWARDS

- Gold:** Food for Thought
“Food for Thought - School Lunch & Snack Program”
- Silver:** Hope Foundation of Alberta
“HOPE KIDSTM Aboriginal Post-Secondary Week-Long Camps”
- Bronze:** Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton (SACE)
“Movement and Expressive Arts Therapy Group”
- Staff Choice:** Ardrossan Dreamcatcher Nature Assisted Therapy Association
“Fuzzy Face Express”

2011 LAUREL AWARDS

- Gold:** iHuman Youth Society
“High Risk Youth Uncensored: An Educational Exchange (Uncensored)”
- Silver:** River Watch Institute of Alberta
“RiverWatch Five-Year Expansion Project 2007-2011”
- Bronze:** Partners for Kids & Youth (PKY)
“The Gift Shop”

2010 LAUREL AWARDS

- Gold:** Zebra Child Protection Centre
“A Kids Holiday Party”
- Silver:** YESS – Youth Emergency Service Society
“The Armoury Youth Centre or AYC”
- Bronze:** HIV Edmonton
“Body mapping: Living with X”

2009 LAUREL AWARDS

- Gold:** Terra Centre for Pregnant and Parenting Teens
“Youth Leadership Program”
- Silver:** Dogs with Wings Assistance Dog Society
“Service Dogs for Children with Autism”
- Bronze:** Big Brothers Big Sisters Edmonton & Area
“5th Dimension After-School Homework Club”

2008 LAUREL AWARDS

- Gold:** The Bissell Centre
“Opening Doors Through Identification”
- Silver:** Seniors Association of Greater Edmonton
“SAGE Seniors’ Safe House”
- Bronze:** Boys & Girls Club of Edmonton
“Straight Up on Addictions –Youth Reaching Youth
Information & Awareness Fair”

2007 LAUREL AWARDS

- Gold:** Our House Addiction Recovery Centre
“Our House Addiction Recovery Centre”
- Silver:** The Edmonton Financial Literacy Society
“The Rainy Day Project”
- Bronze:** Pilgrims Hospice Society
“Expressive Arts for Grieving Children and Teens Support Program”

2006 LAUREL AWARDS

- Gold:** Boyle McCauley Health Centre
“The Boyle McCauley Health Centre Dental Clinic”
- Silver:** Seniors Volunteer Driving Centre of Edmonton
“Supportive Volunteer Driving for Frail Elderly in Edmonton”
- Bronze:** CTD Housing Solutions Edmonton Ltd.
“The Home Program”

2005 LAUREL AWARDS

- Gold:** Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers
“Bright Futures”
- Silver:** Edmonton Interfaith Centre
“Walking Together: A Program to Teach the
Appreciation of Religious Diversity”
- Bronze:** Elizabeth Fry Society of Edmonton
“Private Home Placement”
- Bronze:** Junior Achievement of Northern Alberta & NWT
“The Junior Achievement Social Entrepreneurship Program”

2004 LAUREL AWARDS

- Gold:** Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers
“Universal Wizards”
- Silver:** Boys’ and Girls’ Clubs of Edmonton
“West Edmonton Centre Christmas Store”
- Bronze:** Terra Association
“Rocking Grannies Project”

2003 LAUREL AWARDS

- Gold:** Edmonton Community Loan Fund Society’s Project
“The Community Loan Fund”
- Silver:** On “R” Own Home Society
“Generations Growing and Gardening Together Project”
- Bronze:** Boyle McCauley Health Centre
“Edmonton Directly Observed Therapy for Highly Active
Antiretroviral Therapy Project (DOT for HAART)”

2002 LAUREL AWARDS

- Gold:** Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers
“Engineering Technologists Integration Project”
- Silver:** Boys’ & Girls’ Clubs of Edmonton
“The Bruce Campbell Youth Centre”
- Bronze:** Paralympic Sports Association
“One-For-All Summer Camp Days”

2001 LAUREL AWARDS

- Gold:** The United Way of Alberta Capital Region
“The Partners for Kids Program”
- Silver:** Latitude 53 Society of Artists
“Visualeyez”
- Bronze:** YWCA
“Rainbows Program”

2000 LAUREL AWARDS

- Gold:** The Dickinsfield Community Partnership
“Community Connections Program”
- Silver:** The Support Network
“Walk-In Counseling Program”
- Bronze:** The Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton
“Volunteer Initiatives for Volunteer Education (VIVE)”

1999 LAUREL AWARDS

- Gold:** United Way
“The In Kind Centre”
- Silver:** Boys’ & Girls’ Clubs of Edmonton
“Dimensions Program”
- Bronze:** Alberta Council on Aging
“Senior Friendly Program”

1998 LAUREL AWARDS

Gold: Edmonton's School Lunch Program
"Snack in the Shack"

Silver: Strathcona High School Service Club
"Scona Pride"

Bronze: The Citadel Theatre
"The Citadel Theatre Students' Club"

1997 LAUREL AWARDS

Gold: The Edmonton City Centre Church Corporation
"Kids in the Hall"

Silver: Scouts Canada – Edmonton Regional Council
"Edmonton Young Offender Centre Scout Group"

Bronze: Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation
"Peaceful Valley Project"

1996 LAUREL AWARDS

Gold: The Hope Foundation
"Planting Seeds of Hope"

Silver: The Spinal Court Injury Treatment Centre Society
"The Project Wheelchair – The TAB Program"

Bronze: The Friends of the University Hospital
"Edmonton Caring Clowns"

1995 LAUREL AWARDS

Gold: The Edmonton City Centre Church Corporation
"Renovation of Flat-Iron Building for use as a Women's Shelter"

Silver: The Edmonton Meals on Wheels
"Frozen Entrée Program"

Bronze: The Speech Language and Hearing Association
"Don't Miss a Word Public Awareness Program
(Take Me Out to the Ball Game)"

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Duncan Craig LLP, one of the oldest law firms in the Province of Alberta, was established in Edmonton in 1894. The founding partners were William Short, who later served as first Mayor of the City of Edmonton, and Charles Cross, who became the first Attorney General of the Province of Alberta.

By 1909 the firm had moved to the very prestigious second floor of the Merchant's Bank Building located in the heart of Edmonton where Scotia Place now stands. The firm experienced steady growth for a number of years but, as with many businesses and professional firms in the City of Edmonton, did not go unscathed through the depression and the Second World War. Some losses were experienced but ultimately the firm survived and managed to grow and continued growing through the rise and fall of the Alberta economy.

The firm has throughout its history maintained a philosophy of growth. Both through this growth and a series of mergers, the firm now has over forty-five lawyers and more than sixty support staff and offices in Edmonton and Drayton Valley.

Throughout its history Duncan Craig LLP has seen a number of its lawyers appointed to the Bench at both Provincial and Superior Court levels and its members have also served, and continue to serve, on a variety of community and charitable boards, organizations and service clubs. The firm actively encourages its members to be involved in community organizations and events.

Duncan Craig LLP's tradition of involvement in politics also continues to this day with many of its members, past or present, having served as MLAs, Aldermen, City Councilors and candidates for various elected offices at both the civic and provincial level. Members continue to be involved in a variety of political parties at provincial and federal levels.

To show its continued appreciation and dedication to the community, in 1994, during the firm's 100th year of continuous practice in Edmonton, Duncan Craig LLP announced the Laurel Awards, which were established to honour nonprofit organizations, on an annual basis, who further their objectives through exceptional creativity and innovation. The winners are honoured annually at a luncheon held in the fall of each year. At the 2004 luncheon celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Laurel Awards, the firm was recognized by the Province of Alberta for its dedication to community service through the presentation of the Laurel Awards.

At Duncan Craig LLP we continue to build on a long tradition of excellence in serving our clients' best interest with a clear and compassionate focus.

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PROGRAM

2018 Laurel Awards

11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Chateau Lacombe Hotel

Edmonton, Alberta

Welcome

Sol Rolinger, QC

Senior Counsel, Duncan Craig LLP

Grace

Luncheon

Opening Remarks

Sol Rolinger, QC

Presentation of the Audience Choice Laurel Award

Sol Rolinger, QC

Duncan Craig LLP

Presentation of the Staff Choice Laurel Award

Nataliya Kostyuk

Duncan Craig LLP

Presentation of the Bronze Laurel Award

Jon Dziadyk

City of Edmonton Councillor

Presentation of the Silver Laurel Award

Honourable Ricardo Miranda

Minister of Culture and Tourism

Keynote Address

Kathy Hawkesworth

Edmonton Community Foundation

Presentation of the Gold Laurel Award

Kathy Hawkesworth

Edmonton Community Foundation

Closing Remarks

Sol Rolinger, QC

