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*Young people contribute to,
and flourish in, safe, caring
communities.*

Mission

*Calgary Youth Justice Society
engages communities with
the strengths and possibilities
of young people to lead
them away from crime.*

Calgary Youth Justice Society
December 2011



“When was the last time you spent a quiet moment just doing nothing - just sitting and looking at the sea, or watching the wind blowing the tree limbs, or waves rippling on a pond, a flickering candle or children playing in the park?”

~ Ralph Marston

A New Look



**Calgary
Youth
Justice
Society**

We decided to freshen up our look, and what a difference a logo makes! I would have never thought that a generic graphic, simply downloaded from clipart 15 years ago, would have served us for so long. And now it was time to say “so long”! Our new logo represents the young person in the middle and the “community” surrounding. The exchange of colors between the young person and the community are significant, visually representing our vision: Young people contribute to and flourish in safe, caring communities. The dark blue depicts the community building into a young person, and the light blue depicts the young person giving back to the community. At least that’s how we see it. I’m sure there are even more interpretations.

New Volunteer Training in 2012

The next NVT series will be held **Feb. 28, Mar. 1 and 8**. As in the past, all sessions are at CYAC. New volunteers must attend all three sessions. Depending on the need, the next series are planned for May-June, Sept. and Nov. 2012.

Tammy’s Corner

In 2011 we were able to accomplish some amazing things!! Our 23 CYJCs saw almost **500 youth** and collectively contributed more than **12,500 hours** of service. We welcomed **54 new YJC volunteers**, a PT Administrative Assistant (volunteer) and 4 members of the Advanced Training Advisory Committee.

CYJS offered **13 training sessions** with **288 participants**. We multiplied and diversified our training to volunteers by establishing partnerships with agencies such as CES/AHS, and the Women’s Centre. By partnering with these agencies on relevant training topics, volunteers now have increased access to expertise and knowledge at no additional cost to the agency or our volunteers. Our new Advanced Training program is coming together and we hope to formally launch it in Spring 2012. The program will consist of 4 core competencies and will have a variety of topics and platforms including several online formats, guest speakers and workshops. CYJS now has formal partnerships with **25 agencies offering 42 program** options for YJCs to use as referrals for youth.

I want to thank you, our volunteers, for your continued effort over the past year and I look forward to seeing the great things that will be achieved next year. To our 23 Chairpersons, I admire and appreciate your dedication and leadership. Thank you!

~ As gifts are given and received this Holiday Season, I think of the gift of working for such an amazing cause and for having amazing volunteers that are dedicated to it. Thank you for the pleasure of working with you all. Happy Holidays!

- Tammy

Five Year Forecast

[Calgary & Region Social Outlook 2011-2016](#) analyzes the current state of Calgary’s social fabric, and also presents a five-year forecast for Calgary’s social health. What new challenges and opportunities lie ahead in 2011-2016?

Merry Christmas! [Click Here](#)



Chairs’/Community Resources Meetings in 2012

Location: Eau Claire Market - Community Room
200 Barclay Parade SW, Calgary, AB T2P 4R5

Topics and presenters will be announced closer to the meeting dates

Save the dates!

Wed. February 1, 2012

Wed. May 2, 2012

Tues. October 16, 2012

Message from Linda

My first 7 months with the Society have sped by so fast! My role here is to oversee the Youth Justice Committee Program as well as some admin tasks. Tammy remains your first point of contact.

The Volunteer Survey during the summer was a great introduction to you and what you're thinking. It gave birth to the popular Tip of the Week series, which gives us a chance to address the queries and challenges you face in your roles.

When you find yourself wondering about something or frustrated with something, please jot it down and send me an email. If it's bothering you, then there is bound to be another volunteer thinking the same thing! I'll address your request in a future Tip of the Week.

Thank you for all you've done for the young people of Calgary this year. I hope you create many happy memories this Christmas season and that 2012 will be a great year for you.
-Linda

Tides of Trouble the World Knows Nothing About

Most of us, swimming against the tides of trouble the world knows nothing about, need only a bit of praise or encouragement - and we will make the goal.

- Jerome P. Fleischman

In The Lead

We are half way through our first pilot group and what a great success so far. In the Lead furthers the Mission of Calgary Youth Justice Society: engaging communities with young people to foster choices and opportunities that build upon their strengths, diverting them from crime.

15 Volunteer coaches from Cenovus Energy and 15 young leaders nominated from Discovering Choices High School are growing and learning together through a shared leadership journey.

Our hope is to foster resilience in the young person by leveraging their strengths and building leadership competencies; and to provide an experience for volunteers that add value to their work and personal lives. The current group graduates at the end of January. The next group starts in late February. You can check out the program site at:

www.intheleadcalgary.com

Thoughts from the Executive Director

Yes. I am one of those people that get nostalgic at this time of year. I feel so grateful for the many people who contribute to the important work of this organization. Volunteers from the community connecting with young people in a positive way matters. It matters! At the end of the year, we can reflect on the young people whose paths have crossed ours and know that lives have been changed. Both theirs and ours. Because of you, some young people who weren't going to make it... are going to make it. Thank you and best wishes for the New Year.
- Denise



Paying Our Respects



Carol Steele joined the Calgary East Youth Justice Committee five years ago, having been a very active leader in the Marlborough community for many years. She was content sitting in on cases at first and within a year became our chairperson. She also picked up files from CY-AC, kept track of the files, and distributed them to members. She was extremely good at returning files on time for court dates and great at recruiting new members! Carol had leadership skills second to none. Unfortunately, she passed away suddenly on September 14, 2011 and left a big hole in the Calgary East Youth Justice Committee.

- Verna W., Calgary East YJC

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Advanced Training Opportunities - Mark your calendars!

Topic: **Training for Panel Chairs**

Presenters: Ron Toner of CYAC & Tammy McCorkell of CYJS

Location: CYAC, 3870 Manchester Rd. SE

Attend EITHER session 1 OR session 2

Session 1—Thurs. Feb. 9, 6:30- 9 pm

Session 2—Thurs. Feb. 16, 6:30- 9 pm

Invites & agenda will follow in January.

Topic: **Contacting the Victim & Victim Rights**

Presenter: Calgary Police Service, Victim Assistance Unit

Date: Thurs. March 29, 2012

Location: Eau Claire Market—Community Room, 200 Barclay Parade SW. Parking underground is \$2 flat fee (we will reimburse if desired).

Invites & agenda to follow.

The next Advanced Training dates are:

Wed. September 19 and Tues. November 6

Upcoming Opportunities and Events

Alberta Health Services— Community Education Services (CES)

All sessions FREE. <http://frcr.albertahealthservices.ca/ces.php>. Register at ces@albertahealthservices.ca or call (403) 955-7420.

January 18, 2012 “Parenting Inattentive/Hyperactive Children and Youth”

Crowfoot Library, 8665 Nose Hill Drive NW 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

January 19, 2012 “Now That You Know Your Child Is Gay”

Presenter: Jane Oxenbury, M.Ed.

*Alberta Children’s Hospital, Kinsmen Learning Centre, Theatre (4th floor) 2888 Shaganappi Trail NW 11:00 am - 12:30 pm *Telehealth/Video-Conference Available*

Have you ever wondered what you would do if your child disclosed that he or she was gay? Has your child recently come out to you? This workshop will cover the “coming out” process, what your normal reactions will likely be, the process you will be going through, your fears, how best to respond to your child, and your child’s needs at this time. You will also learn about where to get much needed support and information. Level I.

January 23, 2012 “Parenting Anxious Children and Youth”

Shaganappi Library 3415 - 8 Avenue SW 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

January 25, 2012 “Internet Safety and Awareness: Protecting Kids from Cyber-bullying, Stalking, and Luring”

Presenter: Constable Kathy Macdonald, Calgary Police Service

Location: *Wildwood School 120 - 45 Street SW 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm*

Overview of the risks of the internet, as well as provide preventative ideas to reduce vulnerabilities. Level I.

The Women’s Centre

Watch for new January Courses to be announced soon: <http://www.womenscentrecalgary.org/get-involved/calendar>.

Name That Horse!

The Calgary Police Service Mounted Unit needs your help to name the newest members of the CPS family. <http://www.calgarypolice.ca/news-events.html>.

**Contest Poll closes
Tues. Jan. 3, 2012.**

Yeh or Neh?

Bonus prize: Would you like to spend the day with the CPS Mounted Unit? Send your contact information to tel-cps@calgarypolice.ca

Two contest winners will be notified in January.

Calgary Youth Justice Society AGM Thursday, May 24th, 2012
Cardel Theatre, 180 Quarry Park S.E.