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# Charging...

The Calgary Youth Justice Society Newsletter  
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“The sole advantage of power is that you can do more good”

~ Baltasar Gracian

## A Few Words from Tammy McCorkell

Over the last few months I have been busy planning the agenda, for the 2010/2011 Advanced Training calendar.

I have successfully managed to make some key contacts & have set the ground work for some really exciting guest speakers & facilitators for Fall/Winter to help our organization continue to build its strengths—in areas such as Leadership, Conflict Resolution and Restorative justice. I am hoping to have a calendar of events available soon!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have ideas for training topics, or know of any speakers or facilitators who would be willing to be a part of our ongoing efforts to keep volunteers as well-equipped as possible.

Volunteers! Want to see more cases? Chairpersons!! Need some help? Now that summer holidays are here, some YJCs may feel the pressure of decreased member availability when booking panels. The Society would be pleased to help existing Committee members volunteer on surrounding committees to help them meet their mandates.

Feel free to contact Tammy and she will pass along the information to Committees that have expressed interest.

## Award Winning Service

In May, the Calgary Youth Justice Society received the Calgary Police Commission *Community Policing Award* in recognition of the organization's contribution to our city.

The award is given to an individual and organized group or association or organization that has worked with the Calgary Police Service unselfishly and in the spirit of community policing to improve police policy and/or the ability of the Calgary Police Service to serve the community.

"The Calgary awards which we give out, its mostly based on the community policing - police can't do it all alone so we rely on community people to help us with policing," ~ Mike Shaikh, Calgary Police Commission Chairman

We were further privileged to have Ald. Diane Colley-Urquhart attend our Annual General Meeting and re-present the award for those in attendance.

Being recognised in this way is the result of the dedication of the 350 volunteers in Calgary who make the Youth Justice Committee Program possible. The award is a tribute to their excellence.



## Autumn Chair's & Community Resource Meeting

The next Chair's/Community Resource Meeting has been scheduled for October 19th, 2010 and will be held at the Calgary Youth Attendance Centre. Tammy plans on having a guest speaker to present on the topic of leadership and Anthony will have presenters from some of our newest Community Partners flesh out the programs and services they have made available for YJC referrals.

Details will come as we approach the date.

## Autumn New Volunteer Training dates

NVT dates have been set for September 16th 23rd and 30th and will be held at the Calgary Youth Attendance Centre, 3850 Manchester Rd, SE from 7 PM to 9:30 PM. Please note that the session will be limited to 15 participants and this series will likely be the last for 2010.

## Note from The Editor

Here at Calgary Youth Justice we rarely run out of energy. A dynamic exists between the individuals comprising our Board and Staff that seems to continually recharge us as we move to realize the full potential of our local Youth Justice Committee program.

We've been fortunate to have numerous powerful contributors join that dynamic and add vigour to our mission; Community Partners continue to make new youth-focused programs available to Committees and supporters such as the Calgary Airport Authority and Social Venture Partners Calgary have provided immeasurable thrust to the Development & Community Outreach Project. In this issue you'll find a focus on the heights we're reaching with our new level of momentum.



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## Message from the Executive Director



Faith is an invisible and invincible magnet, and attracts to itself whatever it fervently desires and calmly and persistently expects.

Ralph W. Trine

Faith is compelling.

It will positively influence those who have it and it is especially powerful for those with whom it is invested.

***Faith** is the confident belief or trust in the truth or trustworthiness of a person, idea, or thing.*

I am so fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with an Executive Leadership Coach, Corey Olynik. On many occasions Corey believed in me long before I did. He calmly and persistently expected a lot of me, knowing I was capable of more than I was showing. His faith in me as a leader was, and still is, a powerful force in my life.

As a Youth Justice Committee volunteer, what or who do you have faith in? When you lean into this faith, what changes for you? And more importantly, how does it influence the person on the receiving end?

What is your faith attracting?

Have a safe and sunny summer,

## Powering Up

Our city's Youth Justice Committee program is about to move in an exciting new direction. In the coming months, our group of YJCs will have new technology made readily available to them, with continually updated content that will allow for ease-of-operation in administering Extrajudicial Sanctions.

Now concluding its first year, the Development & Community Outreach Project has shown impressive success in securing new programs and services for Calgary's Youth Justice Committees. This element of the Project aimed to provide enhanced YJC access to resources and enable referrals to youth-focused programs and services, mandated voluntarism and/or community service orders to be made with.

To build on that, the Database of Opportunities and Resources was created to making those resources universally available and accessible. DOORs went live in January 2010 and has been in use for a short time by a small group of early adopters. These first five Youth Justice Committees paved the way for expanding the initiative by adopting this innovative approach and demonstrating its viability in real-life application.

Now, Youth Justice Committees are being offered the ability to access DOORs from their meeting places - on a city-wide scale. With a generous grant from Social Venture partners Calgary, each Committee may be provided with its own laptop to retrieve information from the database and rely on its constantly updated information to craft EJS Agreements.

The database currently contains 81 entries of programs, services and creative consequences submitted from Committees across the city. A broad spectrum of foci among them helps ensure that young people get the appropriate help and opportunities to grow and learn from their EJS experiences.

The 'Opening DOORs Series' is being offered at the Calgary Youth Attendance Centre from July through September. Tuesday and Thursday nights - 7:00 until 8:30 - are available for booking. Committee Chairpersons may contact Anthony B. Scott to arrange a date.



## Recruitment Opportunity

**Chairperson for South Glenmore Needed** – We are interested in speaking with individuals who would like to take on the responsibility to chairing the South Glenmore Committee (Serving the communities of Cedarbrae, Oakridge, Palliser, Pump Hill, Braeside, Woodlands, Woodbine).

This is a truly rewarding position that would allow an individual to expand their capabilities in the areas of leadership & mentoring. If you would like to discuss this opportunity please contact Tammy McCorkell at [tmccorkell@calgaryyouthjustice.com](mailto:tmccorkell@calgaryyouthjustice.com) or 403.621.9861 X222