

Child & Youth Friendly Saskatoon

Children's Champion Award



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Child & Youth Friendly Saskatoon is pleased to announce that its 2016 Children's Champion Award is being presented to Bob Pringle.

Bob Pringle was appointed as Saskatchewan's third Children's Advocate on November 17, 2010, and took up his role on January 1, 2011. On September 1, 2012, new legislation, The Advocate for Children and Youth Act, came into effect in our province. Correspondingly, the title of the Children's Advocate is now known as the Saskatchewan Advocate for Children and Youth.

Over the past 38 years, Bob has been extensively involved with delivering services to the public. He has worked



with First Nations and Métis peoples, as a Social Worker, Manager and Minister of Social Services, and has been involved with leadership roles with community agencies such as Habitat for Humanity, the Saskatoon Food Bank, Cosmopolitan Industries, the Saskatchewan Association of Community Living and the Saskatoon Housing Coalition. He was a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan for 10 years, from 1988 to 1998, serving as Minister of Social Services from 1993 to 1996, and coordinated the Saskatchewan Action Plan for Children.

Most recently, Bob served as a Saskatoon City Councillor, as well as a Human Services Consultant. In May, 2012, Bob was made an honorary member of the Sturgeon Lake Band. Through all of this, Bob has developed an understanding of how the complex cycles of poverty, mental illness, cognitive impairment, physical challenges, homelessness, and substance abuse can affect families. In 2009, his expertise was recognized through his appointment to serve as the Chair of the independent Child Welfare Review panel tasked with the comprehensive review of

child welfare in Saskatchewan. Bob has received many local, provincial and national awards for his advocacy work on behalf of children and families. He has a Bachelor and a Master's degree in Social Work, and he and his wife Tanya have three grown children and five grandchildren. The award will be presented at our annual fundraising event on June 2, 2016 at Mulberry's Bakery Cafe & Pub. If you would like tickets to the event please call Marcy at 373-1141 or at the Child & Youth Friendly office 955-KIDS (5437).

Previous Children's Champions include:

Deborah Parker-Loewen
Sue Delanoy
Lynda McLean-Woodward
Brenda Baker
Diane Selby
Phoebe Voigts
George Rathwell and
Bev Hanson
Dr. Maryam Mehtar & St.
Mary's Pediatric Clinic
Dr. Erica Bird
Mike McDonald

The Youth Volunteer Program

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The Youth Volunteer Program had a tremendously successful summer in 2015 and we anticipate that 2016 will be another banner year for the program. We hope to return to work with the organizations with whom we have established a relationship and hope to be able to add new ventures. If your not-for-profit organization would like to work with our Youth Volunteer Program please contact us.

During the school year the Youth Volunteer Program worked with the Children's Discovery Museum, the Parkinson's Society, Ronald McDonald House, the Saskatoon Convalescent Home, the Salvation Army, the Saskatoon Chamber Singers', the ORFF Conference and at the Sundog Craft Faire. While our activities are more limited during the school year due to time constraints, our YV's do enjoy helping whenever possible.

In October and November of 2015, some of our YVs participated in the Youth in Philanthropy Workshop organized by DCG Philanthropic and Child & Youth Friendly Saskatoon. At this workshop, the young people worked with charities and non-profit organizations of their choice. They gathered information about their chosen organization so that they could "pitch" to some very generous sponsors who agreed to give funds to these charitable and non-profit organizations for projects that organization has or wishes they could run. It is a wonderful learning

experience for all involved. 2015 was the second year of the YIP Pitch Party. It has been such a great success that we hope to continue it in the fall of 2016.

In May we hope to have some of our youth leaders go to schools in Saskatoon to recruit those who would like to join in the adventures of the YVP. Last year we had a wonderful response and were able to welcome a number of new young people to the program. While recruitment is done largely through the schools, we also have a great response from those who have heard about the program from present and former YV's.

Our orientation meeting with the YV's and their parents will be held in mid-June. The location and exact date have not yet been confirmed, but to get more information call our office or email us.

If you would like more information about becoming a Youth Volunteer (YV)



call our office at 955.KIDS (5437) or email us at yvpsaskatoon@gmail.com. You will also find more information on our website:

www.childfriendlysaskatoon.sk.ca

YOUTH VOLUNTEER FUNDING AGENCIES



Service Canada



Harold Latrace Family & Associates Foundation



PotashCorp
Helping Nature Provide



SASKATOON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



Steak Night

Please call Marcy at 306-373-1141
for tickets & information.

The Annual Child & Youth Friendly Saskatoon Dinner will take place on Thursday, June 2nd 2016, at Mulberry's Bakery Cafe & Pub 124 3rd Ave. North. Happy Hour at 5:00, dinner at 6:00pm.

Ticket Prices: Adults \$30 and 12 & Under \$10.

This event helps to raise vital funds to support the Youth Volunteer Program, as well as honouring our chosen Children's Champions. Bob Pringle, the Saskatchewan Advocate for Children and Youth, is this year's honoree and we hope that you can join us in celebrating him and his amazing accomplishments on behalf of children and families.



Previous Children's Champions

The YVP Summer Program develops leadership skills and volunteerism among young people in our community.

We hire Team Leaders on Student Employment Grants and they, in turn, enlist over 70 young people, age 11-18, to volunteer for 20 or more charitable and non-profit groups that need assistance. Last year 70 youth donated over 1,700 hours of volunteer work.

The grants pay 75% of the amount needed to employ them for 10 weeks during the summer school break and we raise the remainder through the annual dinner. We hope you will join us!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Child & Youth Friendly Saskatoon will be holding its 11th annual Children's Champion Dinner on Thursday, June 2nd. We are thrilled to be celebrating Bob Pringle, the Saskatchewan Advocate for Children and Youth.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2016

CHILDREN'S CHAMPION
FUNDRAISING DINNER @
MULBERRY'S BAKERY CAFE &
PUB 124 3rd AVE. NORTH

To enquire about tickets to the dinner please contact Marcy at 306-373-1141 or call the C&YFS office at 306-955-5437.

MID-JUNE 2014

YVP ORIENTATION

JULY 4, 2016

SUMMER YVP PROGRAM BEGINS

NOVEMBER 20, 2016

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE
CHILD

Child & Youth Friendly Saskatoon Declaration Signees

Child & Youth Friendly Saskatoon currently has 66 companies and organizations that have signed the declaration. To see a complete list please check our website

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