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Introducing Child & Youth Friendly Saskatoon's 2018 Children's Champion

Joan Flood is a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Throughout her life she has worked to brighten the lives of children. Before leaving England, she was both a paediatric nurse and, later, a teacher. When she arrived here, over 40 years ago, this growing community welcomed Joan and her family. Joan slowly adjusted to our climate and the wide-open spaces and she has come to love the prairie landscape, if not the weather.



Joan's other loves are children and the arts. With Cass Cozens, she was one of the co-founders of the Northern Saskatchewan International Children's Festival. They wanted children of all ages to enjoy the arts and the performing arts in particular. So, in 1989 after many hours of preparation, Joan, Cass and many dedicated others brought the arts and thousands of children together in a park along the riverbank. The smiles and enthusiastic sounds of young people having a wonderful time made the work all worthwhile.

After ten very busy years, Joan decided to retire from the festival but because of the strong base that she and Cass built, the festival continues into its 29th year. Luckily for Saskatoon, Joan decided that she was not ready for retirement. Instead, her new adventures included the Broadway Theatre Youth Series-- that she founded and was eventually taken over by Persephone Theatre--and Child & Youth Friendly Saskatoon. Again, Joan was a founding member of this not-for-profit, charitable organization whose mission is:

"To foster and promote a child and youth friendly community where all children are safe, secure, honoured, nurtured and valued; and to create responsible citizens by teaching young people to take a deeper ownership for their community through active decision-making and service-based training."

As a volunteer board member, Joan has been a driving force behind Child & Youth Friendly Saskatoon. She has been everything from publicist to events coordinator to treasurer.

She has spent hours organizing fundraising functions so that the "little engine that could" can continue to run. Her efforts have contributed to the two major programs of the organization, the Declaration Program and the Youth Volunteer Program, to be the successes they are.

The Declaration Program is the heart of our charity. While over 60 businesses and organizations have signed the declaration, the board continues to seek others who will integrate the child and youth friendly ethic into "the planning processes of education, government, business, industry and community organizations." By signing this declaration, the organizations agree that children are the responsibility of all citizens.

The Youth Volunteer Program is how the young people of the community are involved. Again, under the guidance of Joan, Child & Youth Friendly Saskatoon seeks youth, aged 11-18, to give of their time to not-for-profit and charitable organizations. Since its beginning in 2000, the Youth Volunteer Program of Saskatoon has seen over 375 youth contribute over 16 thousand hours of volunteer service. In 2017 over thirty-five organizations benefited from the 2,388 volunteer hours of 70 dedicated and hardworking young people. Joan's persistent support has helped to make this happen.



Joan's contributions to Child & Youth Friendly Saskatoon are too numerous to count. She is always promoting the cause and encouraging all in our community to help our children and youth become responsible citizens by giving them opportunities to volunteer, voice their opinions to politicians and business leaders, learn about diversity and develop citizenship skills. By doing this we help our young people to gain confidence in themselves and in their abilities and potential.

Joan Flood is an important part of the Saskatoon community. In 2001, for their dedication to children Joan and Cass Cozens were recognized as Saskatoon's Citizens of the Year. They have helped the children and youth of Saskatoon to go beyond their comfort zones to help others in need and, in so doing, have given all a chance to see the important role that children and youth can, and do, play in our communities.

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

We are very pleased to recognize Joan as Child & Youth Friendly Saskatoon's 2018 Children's Champion. Our celebration will be held on Thursday, June 7th at the TwoTwenty, 20th Street from 6:30-9:00p.m. To get tickets, please contact Marcy at yvc@sasktel.net.



The Youth Volunteer Program

The Youth Volunteer Program engages youth between the ages of 11-18 to donate volunteer hours to serve for not-for-profit organizations. This program builds active and responsible citizenship and many of the young people contribute hundreds of hours to assist these not-for-profit groups. We ask youth to do a minimum of 10 hours under the supervision of Team Leaders; most willingly do many more than the minimum.

The Youth Volunteer Program had a tremendously successful summer in 2017 and we anticipate that 2018 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.

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 yvp@childfriendlysaskatoon.sk.ca. You will also find more information on our website: www.childfriendlysaskatoon.sk.ca

Volunteering is a great way for youth to get involved in their community, meet new people and make a difference in the lives of others.



Our Child & Youth Friendly Saskatoon Declaration

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Affinity Credit Union
Big Brothers Big Sister
Canadian Red Cross
Catholic Family Services
Catholic Schools Foundation
Children's Discovery Museum
City of Saskatoon Centennial Committee
Communities for Children
Concentra Financial
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Earthbound Bakery
Family Service Saskatoon
Heagy Altrogge Matchett
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KAP House
Kenderdine Medical Clinic
LifeTouch Canada
McNally Robinson Bookstore
MD Ambulance Ltd.
Mediacom Inc.
Meewasin Valley Authority
NSI Children's Festival
ParkTown Hotel
Persephone
Rawlco Radio
RBC Financial Group
Roadmap Saskatoon
Saskatchewan Prevention Institute
Saskatoon & Area Girl Guides
Saskatoon Airport Authority
Saskatoon Block Parents
Saskatoon Catholic Schools
Saskatoon Children's Choir
Saskatoon Farmers' Market
Communities for Children (C4C)
Saskatoon District Health
Saskatoon East School Division
Saskatoon Fire Department
Saskatoon Horticultural Society
Saskatoon Police Services
Saskatoon Public School Division
Saskatoon Symphony Society
Saskatoon Transit Services
SaskTel
Sundog Arts Society
Sutherland Dental Clinic
The Children's Advocate
The City of Saskatoon
The Giggle Factory
The Hilton Garden Inn
The Mendel Art Gallery
The Office of the Ombudsman
TD Bank Financial
The Partnership
The Radisson Hotel
The Sheraton Hotel
The Travelodge Hotel
The University of Saskatchewan
The Western Development Museum
Tourism Saskatoon
The Town of Martensville
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Professional Association
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