



St. Albert Youth Community Centre Presents...

Serving the Youth and Families of St. Albert



Program Growth

- This year the forecast is that 4,500 youth will enter the Youth Centre.
- Over 3 years the total number of visits will be over 30,000.
- These youth will participate in over 37,000 hours of activities.



Trends

- Population trends indicate **an increase in the age group 12-17** over the next fifteen years and therefore the demand on services will increase.
- Further parents with the youth aged 10-19 will be looking for **safe and active programs**.
- Issues of bullying, drugs, youth crime, vandalism, dealing with stress, suicide and general unrest will continue.
- Today we now address issues of youth with money as a result of more and more 13 – 15 year olds working.

Core Programs

- After school and evening activities
- Concession work experience
- Heads Up
- Super Summer
- Youth employment support
- In School Mentoring



In-school Mentoring

Our mentors each volunteer over 20 hours

- 100 mentors are recruited from Grant MacEwan, Concordia and the University of Alberta.
- 120 students referred by family and schools are then assigned a mentor.
- 13 schools currently involved in the program.



Youth Involvement

- Developing leadership is an important component of the Youth Centre.
- Youth volunteer for Food Bank Drives, assist with fundraising and various community projects.
- The Youth Conference attracted over 150 youth to listen to 3 presenters talk about life choices.
- Over 100 youth from across the province participated in the provincial Vitalize Conference hosted by SAYCC.
- Youth continue to serve on the SAYCC Board of Directors.

Volunteers

St. Albert High School Art Class decorates items for the annual auction fundraiser.



Youth and adult volunteers contributed time to the following projects:

- Admin support
- Autorama
- Bingos
- Comedy Night/Dinner/Auction
- In School Mentoring
- Mayor's Breakfast
- Oilers 50/50
- Program activities
- Technical work
- Young Chefs

Program & Resource Partnerships

- ADDAC
- Alberta Human Resources & Employment
- Capital Health
- Catholic School Board #29
- Child Welfare
- Community Information and Volunteer Centre
- Family and Community Support Services
- Mental Health
- Protestant School District #6
- Public Health
- R.C.M.P.
- St. Albert Out of School Care
- St. Albert Parents Place
- St. Albert Stop Abuse in Families Society
- Transitions



Community Partnerships

- Community members at large
- Businesses
- Service Clubs such as the Kinsmen, Breakfast Lions, Cosmopolitan, Optimists and Rotary



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Strength to Meet the Challenges

- Able to meet contemporary needs for youth 11-17 years of age.
- Strong volunteer base to deliver In-School Mentoring Program.
- Strong organizational skills to develop effective partnerships and relationships.
- Increasing number of youth in the target age range.
- Dedicated trained youth workers.
- Strong partnership with service clubs in St. Albert and the CAP.com society.
- Support to youth and families improves their **quality of life** in St. Albert.
- Services are part of the social infrastructure that supports **economic development** in St. Albert.

Challenges

- Raise funds for Activity Centre equipment repair and extend our hours, and address other emerging needs, e.g. satellite operation.
- Expand volunteer base for programs and fundraising.
- Continue to develop and upgrade IT to ensure best support to programs including youth needs assessment and information.
- Through best HR practices upgrade employee skills through training and improve policy development.
- Increase the awareness in the community and with businesses about our programs.
- Finding a new home.

Addressing the Challenges

- We have introduced new fundraising methods to build financial resources and reserves.
- Thanks to the City of St. Albert and its contribution to the Friends of FCSS, we were able to conduct an assessment and complete phase 1 of recommendations, and improve employee skills particularly in technical support, as well as benefited from a common personal policy document.
- We are collaborating with other community agencies to identify synergies which would allow us to share a common facility.

Opportunities

- Improving the understanding of our programs and activities will convert to better fundraising and program development for emerging needs.
- Explore new partnerships with community groups.
- Explore with other community based agencies opportunities to increase our collective capacities to deliver our programs and services.

