



**ABBOTTSFIELD
YOUTH PROJECT**

~ Plant the seeds and watch them grow ~

Abbottsfield Youth Project (AYP) Society

2018 Annual Report



Original Alcohol Ink Painting
by Anne-Sophie—11 yrs

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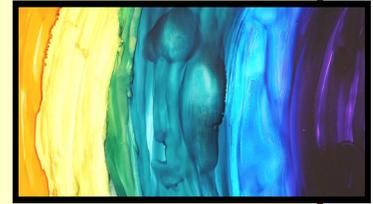
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Our Mission

“To provide programs for children ages 6-12 that encourage the development of effective living skills, the pursuit of healthy lifestyle choices and the connection of families to the community”

Our Vision

Healthy Living Skills for Children and their Families

We Believe

That all children have the right to learn the skills that will enhance their quality of life.

That all children have the right to express their feelings and know they are valued.

That all children have the right to grow up in a positive, healthy, secure and stable environment.

That family, school and community greatly influences the development of a child.

That the most influential periods in a person’s life occur when he/she is a child.

That participation in recreational activities is not a luxury, but a necessity for a happy and healthy life.

That access to cultural and recreational facilities promotes a sense of citizenship.

Our Goals

To promote a healthy sense of self-esteem in each participant.

To enhance participants’ social interaction skills.

To promote relationships between participants, families, schools and community service providers.

To guide participants to new and interesting opportunities in the community.

To provide parents with helpful resources and to offer support to parents, caregivers and teachers.

Our Values

RELATIONSHIPS

Trust

Empowerment

Growth

Creativity

Playfulness

A Message From Our Current President - Courtney Naccarato

I was honoured and humbled to have assumed the role of President of the Abbottsfield Youth Project's Board of Directors at our last Annual General Meeting in June of 2018. And as I reflect on the past year, I am overwhelmed with gratitude and joy and am reminded of how lucky I am to be a small piece in the beautiful mosaic that is AYP.

Through our generous funders, we were able to provide vital support over the past year to 428 unique children, making up a total of 870 individual registrations. We ran our Community Outreach and Living Skills Program (COLS) out of 13 community schools and managed an additional 12 auxiliary programs (examples: Art, Thrive, Spring/Summer Camp, Jr. High, Growing Leaders, Sports, Explorers, etc), welcoming 316 unique families to our own AYP family.

Indeed, AYP is truly a family, and as time inevitably goes on, family members grow. Whether it be the beautiful children we guide through our programs, the wonderful communities we serve or the incredible staff we so dearly cherish, we truly do "plant the seeds and watch them grow."

While our programming reach has remained relatively comparable to last year, that AYP family we refer to so fondly has grown in many ways. AYP's Executive Director for the past 11 years, Kristi Beckett, embarked on a new journey and made the very tearful decision to say goodbye to the organization she transformed during her tenure. With Kristi's departure, we welcomed a familiar face into the role, as AYP's Program Manager, Naomi Bilton, stepped up as the Interim Executive Director. In her few short months as the Interim ED, Naomi has not only shown incredible dedication to the organization, but also a true and genuine love and caring for both our children and the staff she mentors.

We also said goodbye to a few long-term Board members. I am so deeply grateful to outgoing President Jackie L'Hirondelle for her leadership and guidance over the years. Our Board members are strictly volunteers and we thank each and every one of them for their time, love, and energy.

Without our staff, AYP is nothing more than an idea. Their commitment to the organization is unwavering and they ensure that the mission, vision and values of AYP are brought to life. They are the loving arms that embrace our children every day and truly embody what the AYP family mindset is all about.

Growth is progress. It is the reason we are here doing our small part, and without it, we wouldn't know what success truly means. And so we celebrate a year of growth in many different ways at AYP. With the ongoing support of our funders, partners, staff, volunteers and Board, AYP's future is incredibly bright and I can't wait to see what grows from the seeds we planted this year.

—Courtney Naccarato
President, Abbottsfield Youth Project



Anne-Sophie-11yrs

A Message From Our Treasurer - Penelope Timleck

Each year the Executive Director has to hound me to write these reports, and every year I leave it until the very last moment to sit down and write it. As I went through the financial reports and meeting minutes of the past year, it occurred to me that some years it is difficult to find anything that stands out. Abbottsfield Youth Project has been incredibly fortunate to have long term funding from stable income sources, namely Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) and the proceeds of our bi-annual casino through Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis (AGLC). Over the past five years, AYP has expanded programming into Clareview schools through a partnership with the Foote Foundation, and in 2018 held its fifth annual fundraiser in partnership with Jesse Kupina and Central Social Hall.

When our Executive Director, Kristi Beckett, took over the helm of AYP in March of 2008, one of the first things she did was evaluate and update our mission, our vision and our values. Our values are an integral part of everything we do, from our programming, to how we manage our money, to how we interact with one another and our kids.

Two of our key values are relationships and trust; I think that is reflected in the way our largest supporters have been with us as long as they have, and in the way our newer relationships continue to flourish. I believe keeping our values at the core of everything we do is an enormous part of that.

Because of the relationship that AYP has with Jesse, he nominated AYP as the charity of choice to receive the proceeds of YEG-Cycle's GIV'R ride. Every Friday night, YEG-Cycle holds classes at the discounted rate of \$10 and donates all of the proceeds for that quarter to one charity. We were not only chosen as one of those fortunate charities, but in December AYP was gifted a beautiful donation of \$8720. In keeping with the theme of how the money was raised, these funds were then set aside to help fund AYP's Healthy Snack Program.

This wasn't the only unexpected gift AYP received in 2018! Lowe's Canada Heroes Campaign raises funds to support local community improvement projects, and in 2017 the Lowe's in Northeast Edmonton selected AYP as their recipient for the year. In May 2018, Lowe's employees came into our space and renovated our kitchen and storage areas. And, as a result of the new dishwasher, AYP was finally able to eliminate the use of disposable cups and bowls, a benefit to both our budget and the planet.

There is one more significant relationship I would like to note before I close this message; AYP's relationship with Kristi. When Kristi came to AYP just over 10 years ago, she began almost immediately to transform the organization as a whole. During her tenure, she nearly doubled the operating budget and added many auxiliary programs to our core programming. She had a way of beautifully balancing her time between managing the business of AYP, connecting with funders, seeking out new sources of revenue, and encouraging the staff to grow their skills while making sure our programming was achieving desired outcomes. She always saw the big picture but never lost sight of all the details within it. Although as a board member I encouraged and supported her decision to move on to the next phase of her professional life; as a person who had the pleasure to work with and know such an extraordinary individual I will miss her always. She didn't just change AYP, she changed me too.

Thankfully, AYP began 2019 with the incredibly organized and composed Interim Executive Director, Naomi Bilton, who stepped into the role and quickly made it her own. In a short amount of time she has already begun to usher AYP into the next phase of what the organization will be. Naomi will be leaving us this summer for a year as her family expands by one; but when the AYP Board was presented with the daunting task of finding new leadership for the organization, Naomi stepped up and said, "No worries guys, I've got this." We are so grateful to Naomi for all she did for AYP over the past six months and we wish her all the joy in the world as she enters the next phase of her life as a mother.

Now, I know this is the Treasurer's Message and I didn't focus on the finances or even just 2018 this year, but for me what has always been the most important part of AYP is its people: the children, the staff and my fellow board members. Having been here over the last 10 years myself, I can't wait to see where AYP will be in another 10. I look forward to many more successful years in partnership with our community and our funders, and I can't wait to see all of you at our annual Growcase fundraiser on September 21, 2019!

—Penelope Timleck, Treasurer, Abbottsfield Youth Project

A Message From the Interim Executive Director –Naomi Bilton

When I started my journey with AYP as a practicum student from Concordia University of Edmonton in 2013, I never would have believed that five years later I would be writing my first Executive Director Report. It has been such a privilege, and honour, to work and grow with this organization over the last five years.

2018 was a year of change for AYP; some positive, some difficult. The beginning of 2018 saw the completion of our brand-new kitchen, graciously donated and installed by LOWES. This new kitchen has been a blessing to our staff and children, and has drastically improved our healthy snack and cooking program components. As a result of our new sanitizer dishwasher, we have switched to reusable cups and bowls for program snack, significantly reducing waste.

Spring 2018 saw our Junior Leaders plan their inaugural Volunteer Appreciation Event, “Luau with the Leaders”. Entrusting planning and facilitation of this event to our Junior Leaders was meant to encourage them to put their leadership learning into practice. It was a great success for our Junior Leaders and a wonderful celebration of our volunteers!

Summer/Fall 2018 saw many changes to our team. We said goodbye to several Child Development Coordinators, welcomed several new ones, and prepared for our beloved Executive Director, Kristi Beckett, to resign in early 2019. Since February 2019, I have served as the Interim Executive Director. I am grateful to Kristi for her many years of leadership, wisdom, inspiration, and mentoring. It is only because of her that I was prepared for the challenge of this new role. Having worked for nearly five years as a front-line staff member, it has been an adjustment to spend less time with our children at programs. I miss their smiling faces and time spent laughing and growing together. Through my new role, and with the support of the AYP Board, I have had the opportunity to pursue several projects which I believe will benefit AYP long-term. These include procuring a health benefits package for full-time staff through Alberta Blue Cross and switching from a paper-based payroll system to direct deposit. These promise to be positive changes for AYP’s team moving forward.

Our year of transition will continue as I take maternity leave in July 2019, to begin my next adventure: motherhood! In the words of Gail Sheehy, “If we don’t change, we don’t grow. If we don’t grow, we aren’t really living.” As we embrace these challenging and exciting transitions, we look forward to the changes that will occur, and the many growth opportunities that will result for AYP.

Thank you to our AYP Board of Directors for your unwavering support, understanding, and guidance during these periods of change. I am especially grateful for your patience, as I learned, and am learning, to fill a big role. A special thank-you to our amazing AYP Staff. For your flexibility, patience, creativity, generosity, and dedication to AYP. AYP would not be the incredible organization it is without all of you and your love for our community, families, and children. The AYP “family” we have created over the years will always hold a special place in my heart, and I am thankful to have shared these five wonderful years with so many incredible people.

—Naomi Bilton, Interim Executive Director



Board of Directors

2017-2018 Board of Directors (elected June 2017)

Jacqueline L'Hirondelle - President
 Courtney Naccarato - Vice President
 Penelope Timleck - Treasurer
 Kim Mattson - Secretary
 Dale Carton - Director
 Charlene Sharf - Director

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Courtney & Penelope at the GROWCASE Fundraiser

Our Team...



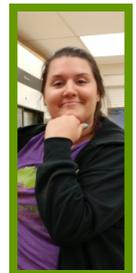
We said a heartfelt goodbye to Belinda, Lauren J, Kris, Sydney, Heather, Jessica S, in 2018. Thank you for sharing the best parts of yourself with our kids and our team.

Back Left to Right: Randi, Jessica S, Heather, Stephanie, Naomi, Jenan, Brittany

Front Left to Right: Kristi, Jessica M, Janelle, Dennis



Randi



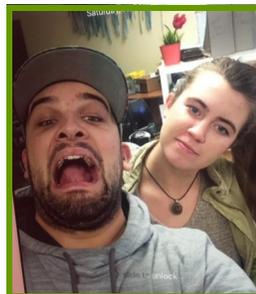
Lauren J



Jessica M



Christmas Fun



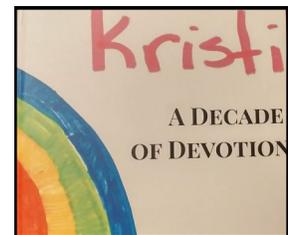
Kris & Sydney



Belinda

A Decade of Devotion

Words can hardly begin to express our heartfelt gratitude to Kristi Beckett for her 10 years of dedication and devotion to the Abbottsfield Youth Project (AYP) Society as Executive Director. During her time with AYP, Kristi was instrumental in implementing many important changes to AYP. A few of these changes included: securing funding to increase staff hours from part-time to full-time; designing a new AYP logo; securing ongoing funding from both FCSS and Edmonton Community Foundation; expanding our programming into the Clareview Area; hiring of 4 new full-time staff; and establishing a relationship with Central Social Hall (Jesse Kupina), the corporate sponsor of our annual GROWCASE Fundraiser. Kristi has changed so many lives: those of our children, staff and anyone and everyone who knows her. Her gentle leadership, fiery passion, and genuine love and compassion have helped shape AYP into the amazing organization that it is today. It is with much gratitude and sadness that we wished Kristi farewell in January 2019. We wish her all the best as she begins the next adventure in her life.



In 2018 AYP supported....

428 unique children

316 unique families

428 children made up 870 individual registrations.



Community Outreach and Living Skills (COLS) Program - **338** children

Community Explorers - **15** children

Community Explorers Clareview - **15** children

Junior Leaders - **16** children

Junior High Prep - **8** children

One on One Mentoring - **16** children

Homework Help - **16** children

ART with AYP - **31** children

Spring Break - **34** children

Summer Break - **94** children

Junior High Program - **15** youth

Growing Leaders - **16** youth

Exploring Art - **9** children

Make Way for Play Summer Camp - **51** children

Make Way for Play Spring Camp - **12** children

Thrive - **30** children

Sports - **24** children

Happy Chefs - **94** children

Healthy Snack Program - **7733** healthy snacks were offered to **428** unique children.



Program Sites

Abbott Elementary
Ivor Dent Elementary
Beacon Heights Elementary
St. Bernadette Elementary
Montrose Elementary
St. Jerome Elementary
Homesteader Elementary
St. Bonaventure Elementary
Sifton Elementary
Kirkness Elementary
Bannerman Elementary
Fraser Elementary
Homesteader Community Center
St. Leo Elementary
Hairsine Community Hall
Abbottsfield Recreation Center
AYP Main Office

Our Programs...

Community Outreach and Living Skills (offered in partnerships with 13 community schools) uses a learn-through-play philosophy to guide participants on how to make positive life choices, develop healthy self-esteems and learn effective communication strategies. Some curriculum topics include: the importance of life balance, positive coping strategies, problem solving, teamwork, self-esteem, communication, responsibility and feelings.

Community Explorers is a program for children in grades four, five and six that have spent at least one year in our Community Outreach and Living Skills program (COLS). The goal of this activity is to build on the social and emotional skills highlighted in our regular COLS program as well as give the children the opportunity to explore a variety of new interests, discover their hidden talents and spark their imagination. The hope for this program is that children will feel inspired to find their passion and see the possibilities for their future.

Junior Leaders is geared toward children in grades five and six to further support the development of their leadership, teamwork and public speaking skills. Children selected for this activity have demonstrated consistent leadership skills during their involvement in the COLS program. Participants in this program are encouraged to further develop their leadership skills, recognize the qualities of a good leader in others and within themselves. Topics also include; communication, public speaking, problem solving and teamwork.

Junior High Prep runs for four weeks and is intended to support children with the often difficult transition from grade six to grade seven. Children will discuss bullying, peer relations and internet safety.

Homework Help Club provides a safe and supportive environment for children to complete school assignments and access one-on-one tutoring. Children are matched with volunteer tutors that work with them throughout the year.

Spring & Summer Break is a series of week-long day camps that run throughout the entire spring break and summer holidays. Children are offered a number of recreational and creative learning opportunities, they explore Edmonton, meet new friends and try new things.

One-on-One Mentoring provides an opportunity for selected children to spend a minimum of half an hour per week with one of their Child Development Coordinators outside of the regular group setting. They play games, do arts and crafts, read, color, bake, etc. During these activities, the children are encouraged to further talk about topics discussed in the COLS program such as: feelings/anger management, effective communication, problem-solving skills, and positive coping strategies.

ART with AYP promotes strategies for children to increase their creativity and self-esteem through a variety of art based activities such as drama, dance, sculpting, creative writing, drawing and painting.

Junior High Program supports youth in junior high to build relationships with peers and staff through a variety of recreational and art based activities in a safe and secure environment where they are encouraged to make healthy lifestyle choices and maintain relationships with peers and Child Development Coordinators.

Growing Leaders is an opportunity for teens to hone their leaderships skills and gain volunteer experience by becoming mentors to the children in our Summer Break Program. For two weeks they accompany our staff and our children. They help with preparing and serving snack, leading games, acting as mentors, and giving support when needed with the children. They are awarded volunteer hours and given a reference letter at the end of the summer.

Thrive is a holistic wellness program that focuses on developing a healthy heart, body, and mind. The program implements engaging activities to promote positive self-esteem, coping strategies, and mood regulation. Through *Thrive*, children learn exciting ways to become active, try healthy recipes, and develop relaxation techniques.

AYP Sports is a new program that supported children in grades 4-6 to increase their technical skill level in a variety of sports; volleyball, soccer, hockey, basketball, handball, kickball and swimming.

Make Way for Play is a camp that focuses on unstructured play opportunities. The goal of this program is to allow children to explore their creative side and imagination through unstructured play. The hope for this program is to give children a sense of independence and inspire a sense of creativity.

Healthy Snack Program allows us to model healthy food choices ongoing throughout the year by offering a nutritional snack to every child each time they attend an AYP program. It also supports the Cooking and Kitchen Skills topic of our curriculum by affording our children the opportunity to learn how to prepare a healthy meal. In 2018, **7733 healthy snacks were offered to 428 unique children.**

Positive Outcomes for Our Children



Our 2018 Outcome Survey results show that: Since coming to AYP...

- 67% of participants surveyed, report knowing more people in their neighbourhood or community.
- 50% of the children surveyed, report that they have increased the number of adults that they can trust and ask for help in their life. More specifically, in a post survey, 77% of children listed our AYP Staff as one of those trustworthy adults.

Our 2018 Outcome Survey results show that: Since coming to AYP...

- 64% of the children surveyed were able to describe what 'GROWTH' means. Throughout the year we encourage children to adopt a growth mindset and challenge themselves to try new things.
- 89% of the children surveyed were able to list one new thing they had tried since coming to AYP. These included things such as trying new foods, new games, new activities, and new field trips.



What our Parents/Guardians have to say about AYP...



“As immigrants, AYP has helped [my daughter] a lot in developing her English. It also helped integrate her in the community. As well as learn about Canadian Culture and many others.”



“ [My daughter] has been able to do things and new adventures I have not been able to do for her. She loves being a part of AYP.”



“ AYP has helped [my child] to communicate and share to a certain extent. He is able to play a game and win or lose and take it with gratitude, showing good sportsmanship.”



“[My child] has become more confident in herself and her ability to succeed.”



“Explorers was one of the best programs! [My child] became aware of what he liked and what he did not like and where his interests lie. He learned and experienced discernment which is an excellent tool for a child to have.”



Thomas's AYP Story...



Kelly-9 yrs



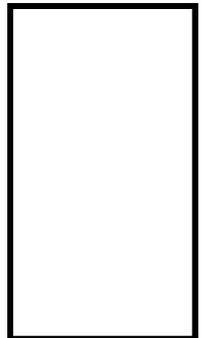
Hermela-8 yrs

Hi, my name is Thomas. I have been with AYP since AYP came to Kirkness School. I have been in Thrive, Leadership, Kirkness' After school program, and many of the spring and summer day camps. I like to tell you what AYP means to me. To me AYP means friendship. I have made a lot more friends through AYP because of all the schools AYP is in. I like AYP because they have tasty snacks and awesome games like Poof. Poof is a game where the group stands in a circle with a person in the middle. If the middle person points to you, you have to duck down and the people beside you have to be the first to say poof. Poof is very competitive and fun. AYP also has fun programs. And the best part of all AYP has friendly staff. Lastly I like to talk about all the stuff I've learned. AYP taught me about drug safety, safe and unsafe touching, and gangs. This will help me be safe to my body and not to be influenced by my peers to do bad things, especially because I am going into junior high. Thank you for letting me tell you all about the things I like about AYP.
- Thomas, 12 yrs- as presented at our AGM

Ayoola's AYP Story...

AYP means so much to me because it is the place I feel safe and happy, AYP is the best thing ever because kids get a chance to learn new things and meet new people. I like AYP because everyone makes others happy, it is also where I feel loved and not rejected. I learned so many things from AYP like think about people and not only yourself, when people are going near you and not respecting your personal space and it is getting out of hand you have to SAY NO GO TELL. AYP is also where kids have fun learning about safety. Over the past few years, AYP staff members have been working hard making sure kids have fun and learn. AYP also provides healthy snacks for kids even once bake about over 100 delicious banana muffins and never had any because they were especially made for the kids. I don't know much AYP staff members but all I know is that thanks to Jenan, Randi (with an I), Taylor, Jan, Janelle, Dennis. If I didn't say your name, my apologies I just don't know you and all I have to say is thank you AYP staff members for giving me the best grade 6 year ever.

-Love, Ayoola, 10 yrs- as presented at our AGM



Briana-10 yrs

Aikam's AYP Story...



Taryn-10 yrs

Hi, my name is Aikam and I am a student at St.Bonaventure school. What A.Y.P means to me is making healthy friendships and building a bond of trust with the staff and students. What I learned at A.Y.P is how to make healthy relationships and choices. What I like about A.Y.P is the staff are always very helpful and kind. I also like how A.Y.P has a variety of programs and camps that are offered.

-Aikam, 10 yrs- as presented at our AGM

Program Highlights

Thrive: A Wellness Program for Children

THRIVE is an auxiliary program for children grades one to six, ages six to twelve years. The intention and purpose of THRIVE is to create a space for children to explore new aspects of themselves while learning how to make healthier choices for their mind, body and heart. Through this program AYP aspires to empower children by supporting them in developing skills to help them cope with struggles that may come their way. Through this 12-week program, participants explored topics including goal setting, gratitude, optimism, and healthy eating. Highlights of the 2018-2019 program include a margherita pita pizza making day, potting plants and making banana pancakes. Some other activities include making balanced plates filled with nutritious ingredients, gratitude jars to maintain a positive attitude, and working on riddles and mind puzzles to keep the mind sharp. This program was fun for staff to facilitate and allowed staff to present new and engaging activities specific to health and wellness.



Make Way for Play Summer & Spring Camp

Make Way for Play is one of AYP's summer programs designed to serve children in grades one to six. The goal of this program is to allow children to explore their creative side and imagination through unstructured play. The hope for this program is to give children a sense of independence and inspire a sense of creativity. The two month summer program witnessed children explore a different approach to play and what play meant to them. Highlights from this summer included box play and shield making. Children were given the opportunity to create something from their imagination; this looked like castles, shopping malls, and houses. Another highlight included a fieldtrip to the Our Lady Queen of Peace Ranch, where children were able to visit a petting zoo and learn how to canoe. Some other camp activities included splatter painting where children were given the chance to play with paint in a messy way, fort building where children had the opportunity to work in teams and build a space of imagination within the trees, and scavenger hunts where children had the option to decide the items they thought were treasures. This was a great program for staff and participants to build relationships through play.



Kai-9 yrs



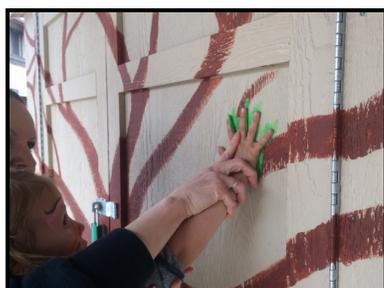
Taryn-10 yrs



Sabrina-10 yrs

Homesteader Community Garden Project

In May 2018, AYP partnered with the City of Edmonton and Edmonton Public Library to host a family fun afternoon in the Homesteader Capital Region Housing Complex. The purpose of this event was to bring families together to help celebrate and decorate the newly built Community Gardens. AYP was responsible for planning and implementing the art portion of the afternoon. Art projects included individual paintings that were later affixed to the wooden garden boxes, painting and seeding flower pots, and a tree mural on the garden shed. Other activities included face painting, snacks, and a Green Screen. Overall it was a wonderful afternoon for families in the Homesteader Area. We look forward to hosting a similar family event in 2019.



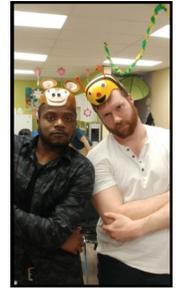
AYP Volunteers, we appreciate and celebrate you!

AYP volunteers, you continue to amaze and delight us with your generosity, kindness and compassion! We are ever so grateful for the impact that you have on our children.

29 volunteers contributed a total of 591 volunteer hours in 2018 in the following positions:

- *Child Development Coordinator Assistants
- *Homework Help Mentors
- *Board Members
- *Spring & Summer Break Assistants
- *Special Event Assistants: Family BBQ, Fall Kick-Off Party and GROWCASE Fundraiser

Thank you



AYP Fall Kick-Off Party

We were very excited to celebrate the launch of our 2018-2019 Program Year with our second annual Fall Kick-Off Party. It was a wonderful evening full of food, games, and much family fun! Interested in registering for our 2019-2020 program year? Save-the-Date for our 2019 Fall Kick-Off party: September 6th, 2019 at the Abbotsfield Rec Centre.

AYP Family BBQ

We were very grateful to have wonderful weather for our AYP Family BBQ on June 8, 2018. It was a wonderful afternoon spent celebrating the end of our program year with food, games, face painting, a bouncy castles, and much fun! Thank you to all our families who attended to help us celebrate a well spent year.

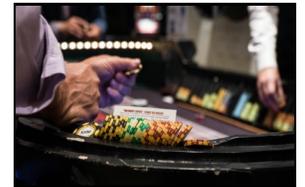


Fundraising & Special Thanks

GROWCASE 2018; Sponsored by Central Social Hall

On September 29th, 2018 at the stunning Volvo of Edmonton venue, our guests were offered complementary sweet treats and appetizers including a delicious charcuterie spread from **Central Social Hall**. Guests were encouraged to bid on over 100 silent auction items and purchase tickets for the WestJet raffle where the winner received two round trip tickets to any destination that WestJet flies. Award winning CTV Edmonton News anchor and comedian Graham Neil hosted once again along with our corporate sponsor Jesse Kupina. A HUGE thank you to all of our donors as the proceeds raised for our organization were just over \$26,000!! If you are up for a thrilling evening with gambling, food, and fun, be sure to attend our GROWCASE 2019 on September 21st, 2019.

Save the date and stay tuned as tickets will be available in July.



Thank you **Craft Beer Market** for giving of your time by preparing Healthy Snacks for our children every Thursday for the whole 2017-2018 program year. Thank you also for supporting our Happy Chefs Summer Program with food donations. Healthy food is such an integral part of the program we strive to offer our children and your gift not only took the task away from our staff on a busy Thursday but it also supported a financial shortfall in our funding and for that we are truly grateful.

Live painting by artist **Denise Lefebvre** was auctioned off to a lucky guest.



A big **THANK -YOU** to Jesse Kupina for nominating AYP on Instagram to be the charity of choice for **YEG Cycle's GIVE'R \$10** ride. As the most voted charity, we were the recipients of all the proceeds from three months of Friday night 6:40pm rides at YEG Cycle. In the true spirit of Christmas, we were gifted a beautiful donation of \$8720 at the Day of Giving Event in December 2018.* The money has been set aside to help offset a short-fall in our Healthy Snack Program for our 2019 and 2020 program years. Thank you YEG Cycle for your generosity and support of our organization and our children.

*Funds will be reflected on our 2019 Financial Statements

Tim Horton's Camp Adventures

We continue to be overwhelmed with gratitude for the tremendous experience made available to us by Tim Horton Children's Camp. Once again 49 children and youth boarded the coach bus on a Friday morning (March 23) and were transported to the majestic back country of the Kananaskis. Our kids enjoyed rock climbing, a low ropes course, archery, and a fort building survival experience. In keeping with the true camp experience they slept in dorms with four to a room, roasted marshmallows over a campfire., and even tried their luck at archery. Thank you Tim's Camp for allowing our children to create lasting memories that are sure to live on in their hearts for years to come.



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