



MISSION STATEMENT AND CORE VALUES



- Mission Statement:
 - To provide a safe, supportive place where children and youth can overcome barriers, build positive relationships and develop confidence and skills for life.
- Core Values:
 - Inclusion and Opportunity
 - Respect and Belonging
 - Empowerment
 - Speaking out
 - Collaboration

We are a member of Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada.

HISTORY



This past year, the Boys and Girls Club hit an incredible milestone, offering programs and services to the City of Fort Saskatchewan for 30 years, initially opening in the old fire hall in February of 1986

After approximately 20 years, the Board of Directors decided to move the location of the Boys and Girls Club, and the current location opened in December of 2000.

OUR PROGRAMS



Currently, the Boys and Girls Club offers a number of programs, including:

- Out of School program
- Youth Programs and Services
- Youth and Family Support
- Youth Employment Strategy
- Fourth R Program
- In School and Community Mentoring
- Volunteer program



OUT OF SCHOOL PROGRAM



The Boys and Girls Club offers a licensed and accredited Out of School program for children and youth in the community. The program provides the opportunity for children and youth to develop a variety of social, emotional, and life skills.

- Breakfast Program – we serve approximately 17 000/year
- Healthy Lunch program – we serve approximately 4000/year
- After School Snacks – we serve approximately 25 000/year
- Sports opportunities including swimming, curling, and others
- No School day program for PD days
- Sustainable gardening – we are participating in the Grow Your Own project
- Healthy lifestyle cooking
- Drama programs
- Supportive programs



YOUTH AND FAMILY SUPPORT



These programs offer children, youth and families the opportunity to enhance life, communication and coping skills in a caring and confidential environment. We also offer opportunities to grow leadership skills, increase independence, and self-esteem through:

- Support groups for children and youth
- Skills based programs for children and youth
- Supported Referrals to resources and other community agencies
- Advocacy
- Educational support for parents and caregivers
- Individual and family counselling

This program has provided these programs and services to approximately 450 people in the community.

YOUTH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



We offer a variety of programs to keep youth aged 12 and older actively engaged in programs and activities in the community. These include:

- Leadership opportunities
- Youth nights and social activities
- Meaningful youth volunteer opportunities

As the program expands, Youth programs will work with youth to determine the unique needs of the community of Fort Saskatchewan.

SUMMER PROGRAMS



This year, we offered a number of overnight trips, full day programs, and skill building experiences for children and youth.

This included:

- Become Awesome At skill based programs
- Youth Employment program
- Hotdog Cart employment opportunity
- Youth volunteerism and participation in community festivals and events

During the summer months, approximately 57 children and youth were fully subsidized to attend our summer programs through the generosity of community donations and fundraising



5TH GENERATION PROJECT



The Boys and Girls Club, with Families First and Fort Saskatchewan and Area Restorative Justice formed a partnership to engage men and boys to prevent and reduce family violence. It is funded through the Government of Alberta's Family and Community Safety grant program

The Boys and Girls Club facilitated two programs with the project.

- The Fourth R program:
 - educates youth ages 12-17 on topics such as healthy relationships, substance use, and mental health
 - We facilitated the program in Our Lady of Angels School to 91 youth in grade 7
 - In September, the program began in both OLA and JP II and is serving 138 students in the community.
- In School Mentoring:
 - match adults with a child or youth in the school one hour per week to foster a positive relationship
 - By September, we have engaged 5 schools
 - We have mentors matched with 4 students
 - We have currently completed intake on 6 mentors, and have completed intake on an additional 7 youth.

CAREER CAFÉ



In an effort to greater develop our Youth Employment Strategy, the Boys and Girls Club partnered with Careers Under Construction and Heartland Ford to create a new youth based employment program. In May 2016 the Career Café opened in Heartland Ford.

The program is:

- 10 weeks in length
- Places youth in the Heartland Ford Career Café to gain hands on experiences
- Teaches customer service, safe food handling, and working in a fast paced environment
- For youth ages 15-24



NEW SATELLITE LOCATION



As the City of Fort Saskatchewan continues to grow, the Boys and Girls Club has realized the need to grow with it.

The Boys and Girls Club recently partnered with Elk Island Public Schools, and the district has invited us to utilize property at their new Southpointe school site to construct a satellite location. This new site will allow us to serve additional families with our innovative programs and supportive services



REVENUE AND EXPENSES



Revenue:

• Grants and Subsidies	45%
• Fundraising/Donations	23%
• User Fees	20%
• United Way	8%
• City of Fort Saskatchewan	4%

Expenses:

• Salaries and Benefits (25 Staff)	70%
• Program	12%
• Office/Administrative	9%
• Building Expense	6%
• Vehicle (busses)	3%

This year our annual operating budget is just over \$1,000,000

FINANCIAL SUPPORT REQUESTED



The City of Fort Saskatchewan has provided the Boys & Girls Club with financial support through a grant from FCSS since 1986. These funds are crucial to ensuring that all kids are able to participate.

Without the support of the City we would need to find additional funding to ensure that all kids have the opportunity to participate.

This year, we have requested additional funding to assist in supporting our current operating costs, due to inflation and cost of living. This will be the first request in 10 years in regards to increased funding.

CONCLUSION



We would like to thank the City of Fort Saskatchewan for their ongoing support of the Boys and Girls Club for the past 30 years.

We have a great appreciation for the financial support, partnerships, and collaborative approach.

