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### Free Y-Park Program



## THANK YOU! *by Dean Dodge*

I sincerely want to thank you for being part of the YMCA family. Over the last several months, our YMCA and our families have handled a significant amount of stress and change. I am incredibly proud of the work our volunteers and staff have done to meet these challenges.

Throughout these past six months, all of our childcare centres remained open due to the efforts of the child care educators and staff. I know that our families sincerely appreciated this as it helped their children maintain a routine during this pandemic.

Our staff and families have had to adapt to new pick up and drop off routines, and we have increased staffing and training to ensure that we are going above and beyond the standards required.

In March, we were just about to open a brand-new Family Resource Centre in partnership with KidsFirst when the pandemic hit. Since then, we have concentrated on "growing partnerships" and offering as many virtual services as we can. We are looking forward to having the Saskatoon Early Years Family Resource Centre in Fairhaven completely open and operational over the next few months.

In the last few weeks, we have been working closely with the school divisions to get the Before and After School programs back up and running in all 11 of our schools. We are fortunate to be working with great schools to offer quality programming to hundreds of children every day.

# YMCA CHILD CARE CENTRES UPDATE

Through the provincial closure due to the Covid-19 pandemic, your YMCA Child Development Centres continued to provide care for families and even opened an Essential Services Childcare Centre in Martensville.

We are continuing to implement screening procedures and cleaning protocols in order to provide a safe environment for all children, families and educators. Educators and children are kept within the same groups each day and toys, common areas and high-touch zones are being sanitized multiple times a day to ensure best practice. All of our educators have completed a Covid-19 awareness webinar, that ensures they understand the importance of adhering to these policies and procedures. Our Educators are ensuring that children wash their hands frequently and are modeling that behaviour for the children.

In the event that a child or educator becomes sick, our policy is for the person or family to call 8-1-1, report the symptoms and follow their recommendations. Children and staff are sent home if they develop a fever (37.5C or higher), cough or any other symptoms associated with the virus. Children or staff that go home because of Covid-19 related symptoms require a Doctor's note before returning to the centre.

There are currently spaces available at all of our centres. If you are interested in childcare, you can find our application form at [www.ymcaskatoon.org](http://www.ymcaskatoon.org), under PROGRAMS, and forward it to the centre of your choice.

We appreciate all of the understanding and cooperation from our families and educators that helps us keep each other safe and healthy.



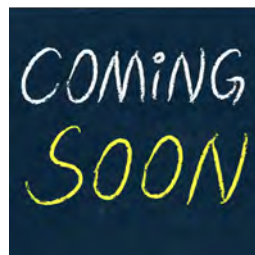
## YMCA CHILD CARE CENTRES

Downtown

Fairhaven

Martensville

Sutherland



BRIGHTON - Fall 2020

Development is in full swing at our BRIGHTON location which is anticipated to open Fall 2020. This is a DREAM partnership that will have spaces for 77 children. To get your child on the wait list, please fill out the form located [HERE](#)

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# SASKATOON FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE

by Dawn Kellington

We are launching a series of short videos this Fall which we will share on social media and our website highlighting some of the Early Years Family Resource Centre's core partners. The aim is that these videos will introduce families to the organizations we work with. We will also share some of the videos in our email newsletter.

How we are structuring the videos is that Janae, one of our facilitators will sit down with yourself or someone else from your organization (preferable physical distanced at your location, but can also occur virtually) and ask a few simple questions about who you are and what your organization offers and does. Janae will be joined by our Centre puppet friend who does not have a name yet. We want the videos to be fun and our puppet friend has already garnered a lot of excitement and it hasn't even arrived yet so we think it'll do just the trick to get people engaged with our videos.

The videos will be approximated 5 minutes long. This is also a great opportunity to get your programming and offerings out there to those on our newsletter list.

I hope you'll be open to being a part of one of our "Meet the Partner" videos! Let me know if you are and I can send you some additional details and connect you with Janae. I'm really excited for this!



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## The YMCA REFRESH *by Serena Dallas*

This summer through the generosity of grants and sponsors we were able to do a refresh to the front area of the YMCA.

- We paved the round rock area and installed planters and soon a circular metal bench will replace our picnic bench
- We also painted some fun elements to the walk way so that kids and adults can have some fun.
- We also planted a community garden! Kale, strawberries, mint, raspberries, blueberries & basil to start this year. Let us know if you would like to participate in the planing and care taking of this community garden!
- We painted our values at the step of the Y to remind all of us that we while we have gym services, we offer so much more all based on teh foundations of our values.



### *What Does The Y Mean To You?*

**IT'S COMMUNITY**

**IT'S FAMILY**

**IT'S WHERE WE BELONG**

## THANK YOU...CON'T *by Dean Dodge*

*Overall, the most considerable challenge we faced was when we closed all of the health, fitness and aquatic programs at our downtown YMCA. We kept our childcare open downtown, which was a positive way to help us stay connected to the community. Early in the spring, we did not have a confirmed date as to when we would be opening any of our other services at the Y. Our Y staff became very creative and innovative in continuing to help people lead healthy lives. We offered online youth leadership programs, summer park programs, online fitness classes, and in July and August we were able to run a day camp in the downtown building.*

*Our staff were also getting ready for the eventual reopening of the downtown YMCA. When we opened, we were at less than 5% of our normal usage and membership numbers. Due to our excellent staff providing a safe and clean experience, we have grown every week. From when we opened in June until present, we have focused on excellent customer service and increased attention to health and safety. We know people are wanting to return and we want to do everything we can to make them feel safe and comfortable at their Y.*

*We continue every week to prioritize safety and ensuring our members are satisfied with the protocol and measures in place.*

*Over the last two months, we added more programs and services for our members to provide them with a broader range of activities to take part in. This has paid off; we are so excited that we have exceeded our expectations this fall, and to date, we are close to 70% of our members returning.*

*We are not entirely out of this challenge yet, though. We will continue to focus our efforts on safety and sustainability. We know that more community members are going to require assistance as we return to normal. We appreciate when our members can support us in this by donating to the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign. Every single dollar increases access to our programs for families who may experience barriers to participation. We strive to ensure that you and your family have healthy and happy lives with the Y, and we hope that you can help make that a possibility for others as well.*

*Again, thank you - for your support throughout the last six months, for reaching out to check in with our team, for your patience and understanding as we navigate this "new normal" as an organization, and for being a valued part of our Y community!*

# FREE WILLS MONTH

by Caribou Legacy Club

The YMCA of Saskatoon is partnering with FREEWILLSMONTH.CA to help you consider to create or update your will for FREE in November. We will be hosting a seminar to bring you more information about wills/estates and how you can take advantage of the FREE WILL MONTH with a free simple will. The session will be hosted by Jordyn Allan & Gerard Gardiner

Make sure you are subscribed to our emails to be notified.



<https://freewillsmoonth.ca/>



# BACK TO SCHOOL/ SCHOOLS OUT CAMPS

by BASC

The Before and After School Care Program (BASC) offers a safe, fun, and stimulating environment for young people ages 5 - 12. Providing care before and after school on site, the program supports the learning goals of the school community while enabling parents and caregivers to pursue their employment or study commitments with peace of mind.

Our friendly, professional, and experienced program leaders engage children in a variety of age-appropriate, fun, and stimulating activities designed specifically to enhance the cognitive, social, physical, and emotional development of children. Through the implementation of these activities, YMCA core values of caring, acceptance, honesty, respect, fairness, and responsibility are reinforced.

The YMCA offers simple plans that allow for flexibility, ease of use, and consistency for parents and caregivers, as well as a specific plan for kindergarten schedules.



Our Schools Out Day camps are a fun and exciting way for children ages 5-12 to spend their day when school is out! The kids start their day with a morning circle, gym games, and the opportunity to go swimming in our pool!

Then it's lunch and free time followed by an afternoon of fun filled activities and crafts, and finishes with an end of day circle with songs! Each child is placed with children their own age and is lead by one of our fantastic camp leaders!

We offer Before and Aftercare, from 7:30am until 6pm, at no extra cost.

Registration is by the day.

Click the above REGISTER NOW to learn more.

*If your child is registered in the Full Time plan with the Before and After School Care program, your child also receives a complimentary membership at the YMCA.*

*This means that your child can register in two programs and swimming lessons a session and attend unlimited drop in programs at no extra charge. Programs include swimming lessons, martial arts classes, and more.*

*Registration is as easy as a phone call to the YMCA at 306-652-7515. ext 0*



# MARKETING & PHILANTHROPY News



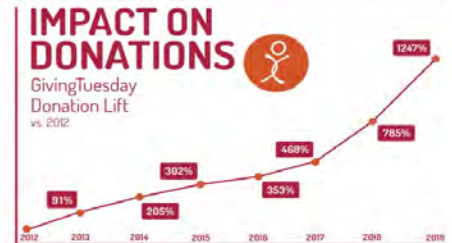
**GIVING TUESDAY**  
2019 HIGHLIGHTS The opening day of the holiday giving season.  
Tuesday, December 3rd, 2019

**7 YEARS OF AWESOME!** Bigger, smarter, better giving!

**7,000+** charities and businesses participated.

**MILLIONS OF CANADIANS DID GOOD STUFF**

**\$21.9 MILLION** raised online in Canada (in 24 hrs across all reported platforms).



**\$185,000 Goal**

- GIVING MORE THAN** **Thousands of actions, volunteer hours, and new pledges.**
- 396 new socks for people experiencing homelessness in Burlington.
  - 1 city SUV stuffed with food in Westmount.
  - 5 bikes built for people in need in Vancouver.
  - 21 GivingTuesday flags raised across Canada!
  - 505 meals, hygiene kits and gift bags for people in need in Montreal.
  - 48 businesses giving back in St Marys.
  - 600 breakfasts for hungry students in Mississauga/Brampton.
  - 13 iPads for seniors with dementia to enjoy music in PEI.
  - 1 crib filled with items for infant food bank in Milton.
  - 20 Christmas hampers for teen moms in Regina.
  - 433 cat and dog toys for homeless pets in Halton.
  - 30 boxes filled with gifts for families in Lower Mainland.
  - 30 Christmas trees for kids in Regina.
  - 7504 giving pledges on CanadaHelps.org.

**November 18**



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**# 92 MILLION+** impressions on social media.

**43 COMMUNITY MOVEMENTS**



Save the date! GivingTuesday is December 1st, 2020.



**NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY – NOVEMBER 15, 2020**

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