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Upcoming events:

February 25—Volunteer Open House

March 4—CityKidz Spring 2017 Kickoff

Spring 2017—Third Annual Dodgeball Tournament—more information coming soon

July and August—Summer To Remember—help make one child's summer experience unforgettable, sponsor one camp registration



Summer 2015 was the best summer ever as I got to experience camp life at Circle Square Ranch and ride horses, I can't wait to go back next year, Jadon age 10

September—CityKidz Fall 2017 Kickoff

November 16—Seventh Annual Big Dream Banquet—stay tuned for more details

December 9—Gift Of Christmas Party



Every Saturday children are eagerly waiting for the bus to arrive and transport to their magical place. A place where they know they will have fun, be able to be kids, and be safe.

VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE

On Saturday, February 25th at 11:00am CityKidz Regina will be holding an open house for new volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering or just want to hear more about what CityKidz is doing in Regina, particularly North Central Regina then join us for this information session. This session will be held at The Playhouse Theatre (a.k.a. Souls Harbour Rescue Mission Youth Centre) 1475 Athol Street—Dewdney Doors. Go to the follow link to register:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/CityKidzRegina/CityKidzVolunteerOpenHouseFebruary251100am1475AtholStreetDewdneyDoors>

Thank you to our supporters:

Souls Harbour Rescue Mission

Harvest City Church

Faith Baptist Church

Celebration Church



MESSAGE FROM THE BRANCH MANAGER

Happy New Year to all our friends and supports. As we are in the early season of a brand new year, CityKidz is also beginning a brand new season. After three years of building and training from the World Vision Grant, we are now moving forward with this training and building a Fundraising Plan and building a sustainable long-term vision for CityKidz and the children of North Central.

We are beginning to see the children become comfortable with CityKidz and building strong relationships with many of the volunteers. Out of the 109 children registered at CityKidz, 57 of them have been with us for over two years; 22 for three years, 20 for two years, and 2 that have been with us since the inception of CityKidz. Of these two one has graduated from CityKidz and has begun serving as a Junior Youth.

It has been exciting to watch CityKidz grow and expand and see the children continue to walk in hope and talk about fulfilling their dreams.

How are we seeing this success:

In June 2016 we saw six children graduate from CityKidz. Of these six four returned in September as junior youth and one has moved out of the City. Of the four that has graduated we saw one of them attend every Saturday in Fall 2016 and step up as a strong leader, taking on some responsibility with bus monitoring, game captain, bathroom monitor and crowd control within Theatre. When SM began at CityKidz her attendance was very sporadic, but as she continued to build a strong relationship with her home visit teams we saw attendance grow and watched her grow to a very respectful youth.

Conversation with one of the children back in November:

AL: "Are you a teacher outside of CityKidz"

Me: "No, but I always wanted to be a teacher and had walked away from me dream"

AL: "Is this why you do CityKidz"

Me: "Yes....from here the conversation continued with me sharing how I wondered from job to job until God brought me back to where He wanted me in the first place...teaching children. I was able to share the importance of not letting anything interfere with our dreams and about God's Plan's for our lives.

AL: "I just love Saturdays"

Me: "Why"

AL: "I get to come to CityKidz and then afterwards I go to another kids group, it is a day I get to have fun and learn lots."

December 10th, which was our Christmas Party, when I went to pick up one girl BLS age 7, she did not want to come and was fighting with her mom. This family was in the process of moving to a new home that day to get away from an abusive relationship. BLS was obviously concerned no one would be around when she came home. After talking with her and telling her she could sit with me on the bus and we have a special surprise she reluctantly came. When she went up on stage to get her gift from Santa Claus you could see the twinkly in her eyes. One the bus she was again very quiet. In January after the Christmas break when I showed up at her home for visits, the excitement on her face when she opened the door was priceless. She looked at me and said, "I am glad you found me at my new home, I didn't think you would know where I was" and then continued by giving me a hug.



Donna West, Branch Manager