

## Transforming Regina, one child at a time

Happy New Year, hope this letter finds all is well with you and your family. As a supporter of CityKidz, I know how much you care about the future of children in our community and I'm so grateful for your generous support in 2018. As I reflect on 2018, I continue to be immensely grateful for your on-going support and for your



participation in our vision of a poverty-free future for all children. Each week, your support helps bring faith, hope, and love to children and families living in Regina's most vulnerable community. Your investment in the vision and mission of CityKidz continues to move us closer to **our dream ,that one day, all children will have equal opportunity to thrive, pursue their dreams and reach their full potential!**

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some highlights from 2018. We would not be able to share these successes without your help.

We have been watching our youth grow in their leadership skills—3 senior volunteers have stepped up during the Saturday and are becoming mentors to the younger youth

We have been able to officially launch our CityYouth Group—since September have been meeting twice a month

Summer To Remember 2018 saw over **50 children and youth** attend various camps around the city and province

Braiden, age 8 had a life changing experience at camp. As a young boy dealing with male abandonment issues and expressing his feelings by extreme anger, he accepted Jesus as his Savior. As we prayed for Braiden he began to understand that God is his true Father, a Father that will never leave him nor forsake Him. At our first Saturday program in September we saw complete change in Braiden. Many volunteers were asking "who is this boy" and saying "what a difference in his behavior and personality since June". We have continued to see this change in behavior throughout the Fall 2018 season.

**5, 985** home visits provided to children and their families

**1,350** lunches provided

**67%** of participants have increased their ability to thrive amongst adversity

**75%** are accessing positive peer relationships

**75%** believe God loves them and has a purpose for their lives

As we continue to reflect on the success of 2018, we know there is still so much more that we can be

doing as we continue to strive to have a world without child poverty. As such we have declared **2019 as a year of growth for CityKidz**. What does that mean exactly? Well, for myself, it means letting go and letting God. It means trusting and believing that God is in control, knowing that He loves and cares for the children within our vulnerable communities. Our vision for 2019 is to increase the number of children we are impacting on a weekly basis to 150 from 120; and our youth group to 25 from 10. We are also going to be making the transition back to weekly programming from biweekly. Consistency is vital in the growth of a child and helps the child to feel secure....Joyce Feteroll, Quora.

We encourage you to be a part of this growth and stability as we continue to impact our next generation of leaders. One of the easiest ways to invest in the life of a child is through our monthly child sponsorship program. **For \$35.00 a month you can help one new child** get on the CityKidz bus, participate in the Saturday program where they will be taught life-value lessons that they will carry with them as they enter into adulthood, and receive one nutritional meal over the weekend, and receive a weekly home visit. As a thank you for helping one child pursue their dream, your name will be entered into a draw for every child sponsored between now and April 15th. On April 16th, CityKidz Regina will do a draw for a gift certificate from Tidy Time Saver Cleaning Service for 6—1 hour cleaning services.

**When you give to CityKidz you are giving the gift of opportunity, the gift of Faith, Hope and Love, you are investing in futures and giving children the chance to DREAM BIG DREAMS, and reach their full potential.** Please give generously today by completing the form below or donating online at [www.citykidz.ca/regina](http://www.citykidz.ca/regina).

Thank you for taking a few moments to read my letter and for considering to continue to support CityKidz in 2019.

Finally, I pray that you will experience the gift of faith, hope and love in 2019. **Thank you for your support!**

Always in search of the one,

*Donna West*

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P.S. Want to do even more? Partner with your co-workers, family and/or friends and hold a CityKidz Fundraising event! We will help you with the planning and share with your group who CityKidz is impacting the lives of our most vulnerable.

P.P.S. To have your gift arrive instantly, and to learn more—donate online at [www.citykidz.ca/regina](http://www.citykidz.ca/regina)