



Families First Society
FORT SASKATCHEWAN

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December 2017 Newsletter

Giving sends the message of hope...no matter who you give to!

Throughout the year, I get asked by many different businesses and industries to come and speak to their teams about the impact of giving. My message to them, and my message to you, is two-fold.

Firstly, when you decide to give to a certain agency or organization, whether you are giving money, specific items, or your time and talents, you are really helping us all. We are so blessed in Fort Saskatchewan, Sturgeon County, and beyond, to have so many worthwhile non-profits doing good and important work. And though we may all have different visions, missions and ways we work, we all pretty much want the same things. At the end of the day, we all want the people in our communities to be safe and happy and healthy, and we want our communities to be well set up to allow for that wellbeing to develop. We are all on the same team, and when you give to one of us, you are really giving to the community as a whole.

Secondly, when you give, please know that your gift is about so much more than just that gift itself. When you give, you send the message of hope to both the agency, as well as to the people that access the agency's services and supports. When you donate diapers to Families First, for example, you help us feel that our work is worthwhile; that you believe in what we are doing. Then, we get to tell the parents who we give those diapers to that they are not from us. We get to say, "These are from your village. They care about you and your children. They have your back!" The same can be said no matter which non-profit you decide to be a part of. The giving is not just about the "stuff". The real gift is the hope and good wishes that go along with it.

So as this year wraps up, you may find yourself reflecting and thinking you'd like to get involved with a non-profit, either as a donor or a volunteer. First ask yourself, "What inspires me? What excites me? What would fill my cup, or feed my soul? What do I value? What is super important to me that I'd like to be a part of?" If you don't know who the non-profits are in and around Fort Saskatchewan, give us a call and we can have a conversation about the different agencies you can connect with. And then please know, that no matter which agency you decide on, we will all be grateful. Everyone benefits from a caring and compassionate community! Happy holidays! #thisisourvillage

- Heather Boonstra,
Executive Director



Our office and all programs
will be closed for the
holidays at **noon on**
December 22, 2017 and will
re-open **January 8, 2017**

Winter Programs Start Up!



January 9: ChIPS

January 9: Dadventures

January 15: Newbee Parents

January 15: Bon Accord Let's Play

January 16: Gibbons Let's Play

January 17: Morinville Let's Play

January 18: Redwater Let's Play

January 18: Legal Coffee Talk

January 18: EPIC

January 27: TWEET

Mark Your Calendars!

For program details please go to our website.



December 1	WECAN Orders Due
December 2	TWEET
December 4	Dadventures
December 4	Office is closed from 12:30 to 2:30 pm
December 4	Let's Play Bon Accord - Last Day
December 5	Let's Play Gibbons - Last Day
December 6	Let's Play Morinville - Last Day
December 6	Kids Can Cook (Fort Sask)
December 7	No program for Let's Play in Redwater
December 7	EPIC
December 7	Speech and Language Pathologist
December 7	Coffee Talk Legal - Last Day
December 9	Sensory and Soup (Fort Sask) Coalition 11:30 to 1:30
December 12	Sensory and Soup (Fort Sask) Coalition 12:30 to 2:30
December 14	WECAN Order Pickup - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm (Fort Sask)
December 14	Dry Kitchen (Fort Sask)
December 16	TWEET
December 18	Dadventures
December 18	Office closed from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
December 20	ChIPS Christmas Party (Last day of ChIPS)
December 21	WECAN Orders due *Early due to holiday office closure
December 22	Office and all programs closed at 12:00pm for the holidays! Seasons Greetings!
January 8	Our office will re-open
January 8	ChIPS is closed
January 9	Dadventures
January 9	ChIPS will re-open
January 10	Kids Can Cook
January 11	Speech and Language Pathologist
January 12	ChIPS is closed
January 13	Resilience movie screening



WECAN
Food Basket
Society

Your WECAN food basket will
be packed with:

- 3 types of fruits
- 3 types of veggies
- 3 meats

All for
\$25

Orders due: **Pickup date:**
December 1 — **December 14**
December 21 — **January 18**

Come visit us at:

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