



Families First Society
FORT SASKATCHEWAN

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December 2018 / January 2019 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 will re-open **January 7, 2019**

Winter Programs Start Up!

- January 7: ChIPS
- January 12: TWEET
- January 14: Newbee Parents
- January 14: EPIC
- January 14: Let's Play (Bon Accord)
- January 15: Let's Play (Gibbons)
- January 16: Let's Play (Morinville)
- January 16: Dadventures (Bon Accord)
- January 17: Dadventures (Fort Sask)
- January 17: Let's Play (Redwater)
- January 17: Coffee Talk (Legal)



Whispers of Hope Masquerade Gala

Presented by Straightline Chrysler
**Benefiting the Angel Whispers
Baby Loss Support Program**

Friday, March 15, 2019

Doors open @ 6:30pm Starts at 7:00pm
Spark Centre, #116 – 2257 Premier Way
Sherwood Park

Mark Your Calendars!

For program details please go to our website.

December 21 to January 6	Office is closed for the holidays (closes at 12:00 pm on December 21)
January 7	Office and ChIPS will reopen
January 9	Kids Can Cook
January 10/11	Community Kitchens
January 10	Speech Language Pathologist
January 12	TWEET
January 14	Let's Play (Bon Accord) starts
January 14	Newbee Parents
January 14	EPIC
January 15	Let's Play (Gibbons) starts
January 16	Let's Play (Morinville) starts
January 16	Dadventures (Bon Accord) starts
January 17	Dadventures (Fort Sask) starts
January 17	Let's Play (Redwater) starts
January 17	Coffee Talk (Legal) starts
January 17	WECAN Order Pickup – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
January 21	Newbee Parents
January 23	Kids Can Cook
January 23	Dadventures (Bon Accord)
January 24	Dry Kitchen
January 24	Dadventures (Fort Sask)
January 26	TWEET
January 26	Community Kitchens
January 28	EPIC
January 28	Newbee Parents
January 30	Dadventures (Bon Accord)
January 31	No Dadventures (Fort Sask) program

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Dadventures - FORT SASKATCHEWAN

St. John XXIII Catholic School Gym
9526 – 89 Street, Fort Sask

Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 pm

January 17, 24
February 14, 21, 28
March 7, 21

Location Change!

***No program on
January 31, February 7, March 14**

Dadventures - BON ACCORD

Bon Accord Community School Gym
HWY 28 RR 240, Bon Accord

Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 pm

January 16, 23, 30
February 6, 13, 20, 27
March 6, 13, 20

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