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Cornerstone Christmas Party



Above: Santa makes a stop by cornerstone



Santa with two peer volunteers

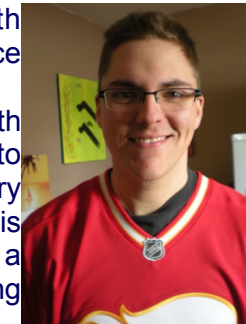
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Cornerstone welcomes Aaron and Russ

Meet our newest youth worker Aaron, and our newest office administrator Russ.

Aaron and Russ have both come to Cornerstone with a heart to serve the community with their very different gifts, and abilities. Aaron is a graduate of ABC college with a bachelor degree and has a strong desire to work with youth, and help find a community with a safe environment that will help them build self esteem and confidence.



Russ has an office, and administrative background. Since his arrival to Cornerstone Russ has kept all of the office paperwork, records, and financial reports and much more in order. He brings a fresh face as well as a unique and humorous ability to work well in a group environment and all brings smiles to the faces of those who

work with, or around him.

Both Aaron and Russ are thrilled to have an opportunity to be at Cornerstone and enjoy working in an environment that brings laughter, joy, and security on a daily basis to these wonderful kids.

We have also improved our web site and invite you to check us out at: www.cyccalgary.com

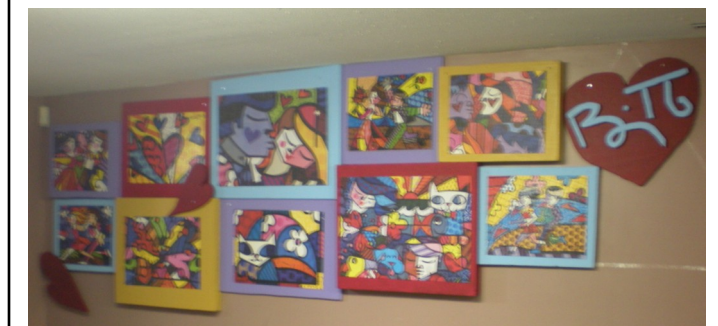
Open House

The open house is quickly approaching. This year we are welcoming people to come and sell their stuff by renting a table.

There will be food, entertainment, and great company with people for all those who attend. We will be having a dunk tank, the activity is called dunk a politician. Food for purchase, and a chance to win a door prize for those who participate in a walk through tour of Cornerstone and see the spaces where we run our homework programs, music room, kitchen area, pool table, foosball table, table hockey, TV and movie section, and our guys corner where they are building models and trains. Hope to see you there.

Up-coming Events

Saturday June 4: OPEN HOUSE
9:00am - 3:00pm
\$ CYC Annual Fund Raiser \$



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A Word From Herb White Executive Director of CYC

You've heard the phrase, "it takes a village to raise a child", well; when you work with youth as my staff, volunteers and I do you hear it quite often. This past month I have heard an advertisement for a TV show and the catch phrase was, "It's time for the village to step up".



Last week I received a letter from a parent of two of our youth and after reading it I was struck by the fact that through Cornerstone the village has stepped up. With the parent's permission I can share this letter with you.

My children have both had the opportunity to attend Cornerstone Youth Centre for the past four years. I cannot say enough about Herb, Ginny and their staff. They are truly dedicated to the mental and physical health of these students. There is always a snack and a shoulder to lean on when troubles come by.

My oldest daughter was quite shy and after a few months of attending CYC, she began to really open up and make new friends and develop the ones that she already had. As a mom, I sure do appreciate knowing that my daughter is in a safe environment after school while I am working.

My youngest daughter has developed a very strong friendship with Herb. They are both musicians and she attends regularly to do homework and jam in the music room with her pal Herb. Under his guidance, Brittany has begun to perform on stage at the Cornerstone Community Church during occasional fund raisers and church services. I have seen her level of confidence soar over the past few years.

Herb, Ginny and the rest of the staff are also there when the "chips are down". My daughters have had issues at school and at home and I know that they are confident

enough to discuss these issues and feel safe at the same time.

Not only do we see Herb, Ginny and Allan, the youth pastor, at CYC but also in and around the community. These people are regulars at the local school and do everything they can to ensure students stay on track both in and outside of school. I feel very fortunate that my family moved into this community which can boast the CYC drop in centre. I would strongly encourage any family in this community to send their children to CYC.

Yes the village has stepped up and in a big way through Cornerstone. The end results, an engaged generation of youth, happier kids, appreciative parents, a healthier village and a safer village to name just a few. I am so proud of the contribution CYC makes to our community.

Our Schedule

**Mon: 2:30 - 6:00 pm Homework/Free time
6:00 - 8:00 pm Vista School Gym**

**Tue: 2:30 - 6:00 pm Movie Afternoon/
6:00 - 8:00 pm Girls Group**

Wed: 2:30 - 8:00 pm Drop-in

**Thur: 2:30 - 6:00 pm Homework /Free time
6:00 - 8:00 pm Boys Group**

**Fri: 12:30 - 6:00 pm Drop-in & Rap - Up
6:00 - 9:00 pm Fitness Plus/**

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A word with Chenoa

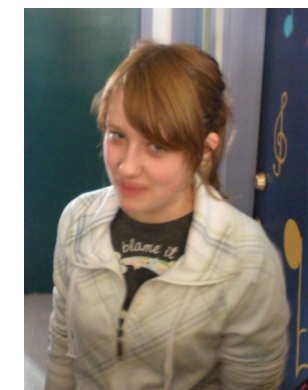


Chenoa is a regular at Cornerstone. She is one of the hardest working kids that come on Mondays during our homework time. The follow letter was written by her in regards to her experience on Mondays during homework time, and the open gym that happens Monday evenings.

"On Mondays I go to the homework program and it has gotten my mark from a 22% to a 77%. I also go to the gym and it's really fun we play games like Night guard, and Dr. Dodge ball. Christi and Ryan run the program, set up games, and put up with us when we are crazy and loud".

Thanks to young people like Chenoa who come to our programs at Cornerstone, we are able to see the effects that they can have on these kids first hand. They show appreciation for the staff and what the program can do for them on a personal basis, the amount of effort being seen in these kids, especially when they are struggling with a specific subject is growing on a constant basis. They come back to us with reports of upgrading their marks in that subject because of the time and effort the youth workers put into helping them, and investing value in them, by showing them they can do this, and they do.

Youth Rock!



Shea above

Every Wednesday from 4-6pm the city sends us wonderful workers to work with the kids, play games, create arts and crafts, and cook the occasional tasty meal. Youth Rock has made an impact on many of our young people who come to Cornerstone to engage with our creative programs and explore new areas in their creativity.

Shea one of our youths wrote a paragraph about her experiences with Youth Rock, and it goes as follows. "Youth Rock is a good and fun program for Wednesday after school. It runs from 4-6. So far we went swimming, done crafts and paintings. Were planning on going to shakers fun centre. Youth Rock is the place to be!"

Our youth love this great program and love coming together to be apart of a experience that brings kids together and helps them dive into their creativity.



Youth Rock interacts with the kids while making masks as a part of their program to promote artistic ability



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Cornerstone wishes to thank the Alberta government's CIP program for providing funding for our After School program.