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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



On behalf of my colleagues on City Council and the citizens of Thunder Bay; I'm proud to present the recipients of the 2013 Mayor's Community Safety Awards.

These recipients are truly exceptional citizens, whose dedication and passion for their community is inspiring.

Crime prevention and community safety is about partnerships and compassion. It's about working to understand and connect with each other, and building a sense of community and belonging.

This year's recipients are certainly doing that. Their efforts are something we can all take inspiration from – community safety is everyone's responsibility, and we can all make a difference in our own way.

To the recipients – thank you for your work, and congratulations on your successes. Thunder Bay is proud to count you among its citizens.

Keith P. Hobbs, Mayor

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



The Mayor's Community Safety Awards celebrate those citizens who, through their dedication to Thunder Bay, are working to make our city a safer place to live, work and play.

It is vital that we, as a city, support crime prevention initiatives in Thunder Bay. That is the role these awards play – to recognize the people and projects that are building our community, as well as to inspire Thunder Bay's citizens to get involved and do their part.

Thunder Bay continues to embrace the philosophy of crime prevention – things like strong neighbourhoods, changing attitudes and awareness, partnerships on community issues and recognizing and rewarding leadership. As a result, our city continues to grow stronger, safer and more inclusive.

On behalf of the Crime Prevention Council, congratulations to this year's Mayor's Community Safety Awards recipients, and thank you for all the work you've done and continue to do on behalf of the community.

Sincerely,

Tom Walters, Chair - Crime Prevention Council

THUNDER BAY CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL GUIDING PRINCIPLES



Participants of Jane's Walk 2013 explore the Waterfront District.

WE:

- Believe effective action is based on knowledge, research and experience
- Prevent crime through addressing its root causes
- Build on the strengths and capacities of our communities
- Collaborate with our communities on solutions and actions
- Include a diversity of voices
- Value respect and compassion in our attitudes and actions
- Believe everyone has responsibility for making the city safe and welcoming

COMMUNITY HERO

DEREK KHANI



Derek Khani is an arts educator who works to provide a positive outlet for youth.

Derek is a multi-disciplinary arts educator who works with the community to build social capacity through the arts. Derek works with at-risk populations to provide a positive outlet. With a background in working with criminalized youth, Derek offers a creative approach to rehabilitation and recovery. A father of three, he believes in nurturing the spirit of children and youth through creative artistic exploration and self-inquiry.

Over the past decade, Derek has developed a strong track record of partnerships, working with the Community Arts and Heritage Education Project, Learning through the Arts and Willow Springs to provide

programming to a wide variety of schools and local agencies, including those that service incarcerated youth.

Derek has participated in numerous projects including Honouring our Stories, a photo voice project documenting the lives of Indigenous students from their own perspective and the Circle of Wellness, a project to reduce mental health-related stigmas through the arts.

YOUNG LEADER AWARD

ALLISON LAMB



Allison Lamb is a newcomer to Thunder Bay who volunteers to help victims of trauma and mentor young girls.

Allison Lamb contributes to community safety on a daily basis in both her professional and personal life. She is a newcomer to Thunder Bay, but already has donated countless hours to helping victims of trauma and mentoring young girls.

In 2011, Lamb graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a degree in Criminology. She then graduated from Durham College with a post-graduate diploma in Youth Corrections and Interventions in 2012. Following graduation, Allison moved to Thunder Bay and began volunteering with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thunder Bay, where she's involved in the Go Girls Thunder Bay program, mentoring girls aged 12 to 14.

In 2013, she began her career as a Parole Officer with the Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services, Allison also promotes community safety through her volunteer work with Thunder Bay and Area Victim Services.

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY PROJECT

ROOTS TO HARVEST



Erin Beagle is the coordinator for Roots to Harvest, an organization that creates a sense of community and safety in Thunder Bay through the maintenance of a garden and other initiatives.

Roots to Harvest has established a strong community presence since it was founded in 2007. Nowhere is this more evident than in the Roots to Harvest garden, at the corner of Cornwall and Algoma Streets. Since transforming the vacant lot into a vibrant and beautiful neighbourhood gathering space, they have increased foot traffic in the community, while instilling a sense of pride and responsibility. By bringing residents together they encourage dialogue and understanding among diverse groups.

Their impact on community safety doesn't stop there. Roots to Harvest also has a mandate to provide meaningful employment to marginalized youth. For the youth, it's an opportunity to gain

skills, income and network with a number of strong community role models. It also provides them with an outlet to make a positive contribution to the community through programs such as, the Mobile Market, which makes affordable fresh produce available to low-income residents.

Roots to Harvest brings together businesses, agencies and the general public to build relationships of trust and collaboration. It provides local businesses with fresh food options, it involves area residents in garden events and educational programming, and offers youth positive opportunities for employment and socialization. Roots to Harvest has collaborated with several local groups, including the Crime Prevention Council and Evergreen A United Neighbourhood for this summer's pilot project, City Hall Sounds. They also participate in the the Thunder Bay Food Strategy, and with local schools through the Farm to Cafeteria pilot project, as well as in-class programming.

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OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY PROJECT

PRIDE CENTRAL

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY

STUDENT UNION CENTRE



L-R; Wade, a centre visitor engages Jake Hume, Pride Central Director and JL Chung, Gender Issues Centre Director in discussion on building safe spaces.

Pride Central works to end discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity through advocacy, education and awareness. They advocate for queer-friendly and queer-identified messages at Lakehead University through awareness campaigns, discussion groups, movie nights and the week-long Pride in the North celebration. Their work takes them off-campus as well. The small staff develops and delivers educational workshops

upon request to a variety of organizations in the community.

They facilitate access to alternative media and community events with an LGBTQ focus. There is a resource library in Pride Central full of books, movies, music, leaflets, and magazines all focusing on sexual diversity, gender identity and queer issues. They provide peer support to members of the LGBTQ community.

Partnerships play a key role in their work. For instance, they've partnered with the Catholic Family Development Centre to offer a support group for parents of LGBTQ children, and with St. John Evangelist Church, to deliver a program called Integrity – a support group for Anglican LGBTQ people and their friends. They also work with The Other 10% (a 2012 Mayor's Community Safety Award recipient) and Thunder Pride to host learning events and festivals that promote inclusion and build understanding of LGBTQ communities in Thunder Bay and the region.

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY PROJECT KIZHAAY ANISHINAABE NIIN PROGRAM (I AM A KIND MAN) INDIAN FRIENDSHIP CENTRE



Martin White is the only trained Kizhaay Anishinaabe Niin programmer in the region. The program encourages men and boys to speak out against all forms of violence against women.

Kizhaay Anishinaabe Niin, which operates through the Indian Friendship Centre, is the first program of its kind to encourage and challenge men and boys to actively speak out against all forms of violence against women. The holistically-based program reminds us that community violence has never been an acceptable part of Indigenous culture.

Unlike most programs that address violence against women which focus on women's responsibility for their own safety, Kizhaay Anishinaabe Niin directs energy toward the root of the problem by working to change the behaviour of those that perpetrate the abuse. Kizhaay goals and objectives include: inspiring men and boys to engage other men to get involved and

stop the abuse, offering a safe environment where men can feel confident to express themselves positively, and increasing cultural pride to promote healthy role modelling in the community.

Martin White, Program Director, has worked hard to adapt Kizaay Anishinaabe Niin to the specific cultures of Northern Ontario's Indigenous peoples and works closely with other service agencies. As the program ends its five-year pilot phase, Martin is proud of how it has been embraced both by the men and women affected by violence, and the many service providers who support abusers who are willing to take responsibility for their actions. Kananwayhitowin means "Taking Care of Each Other's Spirit" – together we can achieve it.

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OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY PROJECT

WE STAND UP!



We Stand Up! is a long-term effort of local high school students to address community issues including bullying.

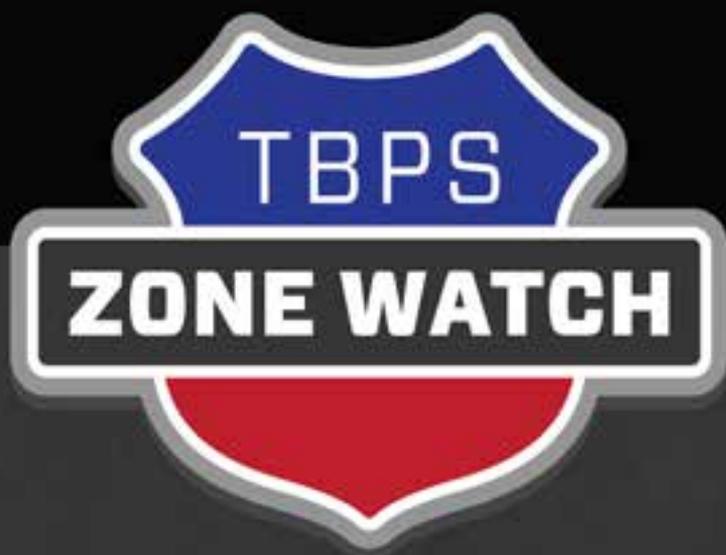
We Stand Up! plays a role in addressing bullying, racism, social injustice and world hunger. Since the We Stand Up! Conference at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium on May 6, 2013, which brought 1,400 students together to pledge to make a difference, the group has continued to advocate for change. A diverse line up of speakers – including keynote speaker Marc Kielburger, co-founder of Free

the Children – clearly demonstrated the power students have to influence social change.

In the wake of the conference, a number of students began planning projects that would have profound impacts on their school and community. These projects range in magnitude from local campaigns like a food drive for Shelter House to global efforts like raising funds and awareness for clean water initiatives in African communities. At Westmount Public School, for instance, students developed a program where they hosted games to engage hard-to-reach youth. The students were able to partner with the Thunder Bay District Health Unit and now offer game-based activities at the primary, junior and intermediate levels three days a week.

Through organizing the We Stand Up! conference, students gained valuable experience in partnerships and collaboration. For example, the students got local businesses and organizations to sponsor the event by explaining the impact negative behaviour has not only on them, but the entire community. In addition, they invited several key community groups, including the Crime Prevention Council and respect., – to take part in the conference to help raise awareness about the supports and resources available in the community. As they move forward, students are working with partners across the City and region to make We Stand Up! an annual event.

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