



Boys & Girls Clubs  
of Saskatoon

# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2013



**A good place to be**

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

**To provide a safe, supportive place where children and youth can experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, build positive relationships and develop confidence and skills for life.**

## **VISION STATEMENT**

**All children and youth discover and achieve their dreams and grow up to be healthy, successful and active participants in society.**

## **CORE VALUES**

### **Inclusion & Opportunity**

We strive to offer children and youth from all economic, cultural and social backgrounds access to the resources, supports and opportunities that will enable them to overcome barriers and achieve their positive potential in life.

### **Respect & Belonging**

We provide a safe, supportive place, where every child is listened to, respected and valued in an environment of inclusion and acceptance. Our staff and volunteers model honesty, fair play, positive attitude, cooperation and respect for self and others.

### **Empowerment**

We believe that all young people can grow into responsible, contributing and self-reliant members of society. Children and youth are at the centre of everything we do. Through adventure, play and discovery, we encourage them to develop healthy lifestyles, a life-long passion for learning, leadership and lifeskills and a sense of social responsibility.

### **Collaboration**

We work together with families and volunteers in each community, in partnership with the public and private sector, to create healthy community solutions to providing children and youth with what they need for optimal development.

### **Speaking Out**

We speak out on behalf of children, youth and their families to reduce disadvantage, enhance their lives and enable their voices and ideas to be heard.

## **This is what Boys & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon does each & every day and this is why we do what we do!**

**Raylene Dove**, Education Manager, Core Neighbourhood Youth Club in a conversation with one of the youth in the Roger Raising the Grade Program:

*Youth:* "I really like coming here"

*Ray:* "How come?"

*Youth:* "You guys make me believe I can do anything."

*Ray:* "You can do anything you put your mind to, you can finish school, get a job, travel the world!"

*Youth:* "I love coming here, you guys make me believe in myself. I look at my family; my sister is pregnant, never getting a job. My mother & father just tell me I can't do anything. I come here and you help me. You got this Social Insurance card for me. It was so easy, you make me believe I can get a job and be something."

**Mom** in our Early Learning Centre & John Lake Preschool, as posted on our Facebook page:

"From a Mom's standpoint, I have to say that the programs offered by the Boys and Girls Clubs have made a huge impact for our family. My oldest has developed a love of learning thanks to your fantastic preschool and teachers. I also am able to send my kids to daycare each day knowing that they are happy and well cared for, not to mention learning cool stuff!"

**Meghan Heselwood**, Club Director, Pleasant Hill Clubhouse in talking about our Core Value: Respect & Belonging:

"Our Core Value: Respect & Belonging is extremely important for the children who attend Pleasant Hill. They often see such negativity from the adults in their world (neighbourhood and often times at home), which makes it even more important for the adults who work at Club to provide a model of honesty, fair play, have positive attitudes, and show respect for everyone they come in contact with. The children have learned that when they come to Club they leave their opinions and attitudes at the door and enjoy being children with each other. Encouraging them to form their own opinions of their schoolmates has been an important part of Club this year. By understanding that parents are influential on their children, we at Club were able to respectfully encourage the children to be accepting of all involved with the program. Almost all of those in attendance were able to fully support this idea. The standards have been risen at Club to respect and include everyone into the program and I'm proud to say we have a great group of children who have embraced this and are making Club a happy experience for everyone."

**Lorne Fagnan**, Club Director, White Buffalo Club in talking about BGC Saskatoon's Mission Statement:

"WBYL exemplifies the BGCS Mission Statement. I feel that we provide a very safe atmosphere for our children, given the background of many children who walk through our doors. Our goal as a Clubhouse is to provide up to 30 children with the best possible 3 hours of their day, whether that means we simply listen to what they have to say or engage them in activities that allow them to be part of a team, become leaders or simply have a blast. I feel that our core group of 12 – 15 children has become very close and have created a relationship that will last a lifetime. We can look no further than the older group of young adults that come to the lodge in the evening that have all graduated from the youth program and continue to be a part of a tight knit community that started at White Buffalo. I feel our leaders at WBYL are providing the children with a variety of different examples of how to be a positive member of society and become confident with the person that they are. We love to embrace each child's unique and special skill set and try to plan programming accordingly, often looking for individual feedback on what they love about programming. The vast amount of volunteers and staff that we have access to as a group ensures that the children will not become complacent with staff and continue to learn from a group that comes from a wide variety of backgrounds and ethnicities."

**Mom** in talking about our Pike Lake Summer Day Camp via email:

"I just wanted to take a moment to tell you how very impressed I was with the summer staff that were working as Camp Leaders for the Pike Lake Camps that my daughter attended. The staff were incredibly friendly and informative. They made me feel as an adult, that my daughter was not only in safe and capable hands as she left on the bus, but that she would have lots of fun, as well as be cared for and nurtured. Thanks for the great work and please extend a huge thank you to all the staff for contributing in such a positive way to my daughter's individual growth and her having a fun summer too!"

**One of favourite quotes:**

"Is it normal to have a crush at my age, cause I think I'm too young to date."

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2013**

ROD BUTLER	President ( <i>Vice President - January – March</i> )
SCOTT MCBEAN	Vice President ( <i>Secretary - January – March</i> )
BRANDON HARRIS	Treasurer
COURTNEY ROHACHUK	Secretary
PAUL PASTOR	Past President ( <i>President - January – March</i> )
ALANA WAKULA	Director ( <i>Treasurer - January – March</i> )
FAITH ROWLAND	Director
LYLE ACOOSE	Director
LAKELYN WYLIE	Director

## **EMPLOYEES**

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

WANDA DESJARDINS

### **DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS**

HEIDI CARL

### **BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

*MANAGERS*

*ACTING MANAGER*

*ACTING ASSISTANT MANAGER*

DEBBIE LAWTON (*resigned May*)

LEIGH ANN MCLEAN (*maternity leave June*)

LINDSAY MERCER (*July – December*)

BRIANNE HAWKESWOOD (*July – December*)

### **CONFEDERATION PARK CLUBHOUSE**

*CLUB DIRECTOR*

RAYLENE DOVE (*January – August*)

JEANELLE TRAYNOR (*September – December*)

### **CORE NEIGHBOURHOOD YOUTH CLUB**

*EDUCATION MANAGER*

RAYLENE DOVE (*September – December*)

### **PLEASANT HILL CLUBHOUSE**

*CLUB DIRECTOR*

MEGHAN HESELWOOD

### **WHITE BUFFALO CLUB**

*CLUB DIRECTOR*

LORNE FAGNAN (*January – June*)

AARON CRUZ (*September – December*)

### **PRESCHOOLS**

*TEACHER – ECOLE COLLEGE PARK*

*TEACHER – JOHN LAKE SCHOOL*

MARLENE EAGER

JODI KEITH

### **EARLY LEARNING CENTRE**

*DIRECTOR*

*ASSISTANT DIRECTOR*

*EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS*

LINDSEY LAWTON

CARMELLA GARDINER (*maternity leave Sept – Dec*)

ALYSHA CHOMYSHEN

JUDELYN GALLEMIT

ANALIZA LAGRIA

RICHELLE LAMBIE

IMCY LERIO

AMANDA PADLESKY

LIRO PLAZO

TRINA QUILLINAN

KANTA SHARMA

ELC COOK  
ELC RESIGNATIONS/MATERNITY LEAVES IN 2013

GLORIA BURKE  
JAMIE BOYLE (*maternity leave*)  
ANGIE CORKILL  
ASHLEY LANG  
EMILY THIESSEN  
HEATHER WAYCOTT  
MELISSA WILK

## **OFFICE ADMINISTRATION**

LINDSAY MERCER (*January – June*)  
TRACY VERITY (*July – December*)

## **PART TIME & SEASONAL EMPLOYEES**

During the months of July & August four seasonal full time employees worked at the Pike Lake Summer Day Camps & five seasonal full time employees worked at the Summer in the City Day Camps.

At our Clubhouse locations, 7 part time staff assisted the Club Directors at Confederation Park, Pleasant Hill, White Buffalo and Core Neighbourhood Clubhouses.

We had a total of 170 part time staff work in the Before & After School Programs during the year.

Our Preschool programs in John Lake School and Ecole College Park each had an assistant working with our teachers.

The Youth Employment Program employed 56 youth for cleaning the grounds and 4 youth for handling the recycling during the week of the Prairieland Exhibition. The Youth Employment Program employed 10 youth for cleaning the walkways at the River Lights Festival in July.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon employed a total of 219 Full Time, Part Time and Seasonal Staff in 2013. In 2013 BGCS had 46 regular volunteers (board, program, committee), 18 practicum students, 25 College of Nursing community service students and numerous parents.

## **BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF SASKATOON**

### **2013 Board President's Report**

April 23, 2014

#### **BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF SASKATOON PRESIDENT'S 2013 ANNUAL REPORT**

Boys & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon (BGCS) is one fabulous child and youth serving organization and it has been an honour to serve as President during this last year. I believe I can speak for all of us, Staff and Board, that it is privilege to contribute in our own ways to the success of BGCS. As we celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year, we are proud that BGCS is now an integral part of social, recreation and cultural support services available to children in this vibrant and dynamic city of Saskatoon. Our multiple and varied programs have woven themselves into the very fabric of what makes Saskatoon a great place to live. Our partnerships - formal and informal, long-term and short-term - provide us with a welcoming foundation to continue to grow and strengthen our programs. We look optimistically towards a bright future as we continue to reach out to increasing numbers of children and families each year.

We must acknowledge the great work that Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada has done in establishing national corporate sponsorships from which we have greatly benefited. The Jays Care Foundation has provided some of our club members with exceptional training and planned travel opportunities. We are equally grateful to our locally secured major funders and corporate sponsors: RBC Foundation, Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sports, Culture & Recreation, the Saskatoon StarPhoenix & the Bridge City Boogie and the United Way of Saskatoon & Area. We received our first family foundation grant from the Harold Latrace Family & Associates Foundation. For a complete list of grants and sponsors please see the Executive Directors annual report.

This year the Board of Directors along with our staff have developed a new Strategic Plan with goals focused on:

- Reaching more children, youth and families through expansion and new program development
- Increasing our ability to demonstrate the positive impact BGCS has on the lives of children
- Providing a strong and effective organization to increase the positive impact we have on the healthy development of children
- Ensuring that we have the financial and humans resources to achieve our mission
- And, leveraging our knowledge and expertise to influence public policy to benefit children and families.

The Board and Staff have started the process of reviewing and upgrading our Operating Standards and risk management practices and guidelines. Further to these ends we have requested Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada to arrange for a Peer Review, specifically to review the policies, programs and operating standards to ensure best practices.

We updated Boys & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon bylaws.

Early in this fiscal year we contracted Cathy Chrones from Philanthropy Coach and Counsel, to review our fund development practices. A Fund Development Committee was established and supported by Cathy's advice decided to discontinue the Saskatchewan Artist Show and Sale. The Board opted to join BGC Canada's fundraising event called Race for Kids and to develop this into our primary fundraising event. We also decided to carry forward our annual Boys & Girls Club Charity Golf Tournament which was very successful this year.

The Board chose to switch our banking to RBC which has resulted in significant reduction in banking fees and some special credit card security features.

Recently a new Personnel Policy Committee was established to review and update related policies, including succession planning, training, wage scales and performance recognition.

Each year BGCS has expanded our programming and the number of children we serve. In order to facilitate this continued growth the Board has supported the creation of an Events, Volunteer and Communications Coordinator to be located at our main office. We were fortunate that extra space next to this office recently became available for rent. This increase in space will result in much needed extra office, training and storage space.

As a Board we function as overseers of this organization, but the heart and soul of BGCS is captured in the Executive Director's report. I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge that behind her report are all the great and wonderful staff – the leadership and frontline staff --who interface with the children and families. It is their commitment, hard work and contagious enthusiasm for our shared mission that is primarily responsible for the status our organization enjoys in this community. I am so grateful to have been able to work so closely with Wanda Desjardins, Executive Director and Heidi Carl, Director of Programs over this last year. Their contributions are highly valued, not only by the Board and Staff, but within our larger community.

This year Wanda Desjardins has been with BGCS for 30 years, Marlene Eager for 20 and Heidi Carl for 15. Carmella Gardiner has reached her 9<sup>th</sup> year and Meghan Heselwood her 7<sup>th</sup> year. The following all have reached their 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary: Leigh-Ann McLean, Lindsey Lawton and Alysha Chomyshen. Their commitment is invaluable to the quality and continuity of our services.

I look forward to this next year working with the newly constituted Board. Characterized by a compliment of professional skills, enthusiasm and commitment, this Board will continue to provide strong leadership. We will strive to achieve the goals outlined in our strategic plan while remaining committed to our Core Values:

- Inclusion and Opportunity
- Respect and Belonging
- Empowerment
- Collaboration
- Speaking out

Respectfully submitted

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Rod Butler, M.S.W.  
2013-2014 President

## **BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF SASKATOON**

### **2013 Executive Director's Report**

In February of this year, Boys & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon celebrated 40 years of serving children, youth, families and communities in the City of Saskatoon. We believe that "Every Kid Has Potential" and we believe that all children should have the opportunity to participate in quality programs right in their own neighbourhood.

By the fall of 2013, our Mini Club Program expanded from 6 locations to 8 locations. The Mini Clubs are in Saskatoon neighbourhoods that are considered to be "high needs" areas and are for families who are either entering or re-entering the workforce or taking post-secondary classes. In February we were really excited to begin another new partnership with Core Neighbourhood Youth Co-op and started offering programs to youth, an age group that is new to us. We continue to be a part of the Toronto Blue Jays "Jays Care Foundation" and continue to deliver grass roots baseball programs to the children in our Clubhouse programs as well as in our Summer in the City and Pike Lake Summer Day Camps.

In 2013, Boys & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon provided programming for 3488 children and youth in 39 locations in Saskatoon and area. Our 4 Clubhouses and our 8 Mini Clubs were able to provide programs at no cost to 855 children and youth; approximately 80% of whom were of Aboriginal descent.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon is ***A good place to be!!***

We continue to receive support for our efforts to provide quality programming for kids. As a member of Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada, we have tremendous opportunity and funding from the partnerships that have been developed at the national level in support of local Clubs like ours.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many individuals who have made donations to Boys & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon in 2013!

***A big thank you goes to the following for support that we received in 2013:***

#### **MAJOR FUNDERS & CORPORATE PARTNERS:**

- \* Harold Latrace Family & Associates Foundation
- \* RBC Foundation
- \* Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation
- \* The Star Phoenix and the Bridge City Boogie
- \* United Way of Saskatoon & Area

#### **PROGRAM SPONSORS & PARTNERS:**

- \* Affinity Credit Union
- \* Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada Foundation
- \* Canada Post Community Foundation
- \* Canadian Tire Jumpstart
- \* City of Saskatoon
- \* Community Initiatives Fund
- \* Core Neighbourhood Youth Co-op (CNYC)
- \* Government of Saskatchewan – Ministry of Education – Early Learning & Child Care Branch
- \* Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools



- ✘ Jays Care Foundation – Toronto Blue Jays
- ✘ Kinsmen Activity Place House (KAP House)
- ✘ Leon's Furniture Store
- ✘ Michaels
- ✘ Prairieland Park Corporation – Prairieland Exhibition
- ✘ President's Choice Children's Charity
- ✘ River Lights Festival Committee
- ✘ Rogers Youth Fund
- ✘ Saskatoon Public School Division
- ✘ Sears Canada
- ✘ Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI)
- ✘ Takeda Canada Inc.
- ✘ The Saskatoon Preschool Foundation
- ✘ Urban Aboriginal Grant
- ✘ Urban Aboriginal Strategies
- ✘ Westjet
- ✘ White Buffalo Youth Lodge

**FRIENDS OF BGC SASKATOON:**

- ✘ Clark's Crossing Brew Pub Annual Charity Golf Tournament
- ✘ Henry Remai
- ✘ Husky Energy

**26<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT:**

- ✘ Saskatoon Auto Body Association
- ✘ SIGA & Dakota Dunes Casino
- ✘ BHP Billiton
- ✘ Budget Car & Truck
- ✘ Enterprise Holdings Foundation
- ✘ Affinity CU
- ✘ Boyd Autobody & Glass
- ✘ BuyInsuranceSalvage.com
- ✘ Dent Concepts Saskatoon
- ✘ Ernst & Young LLP
- ✘ Saskatchewan Blue Cross

Boys & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon uses Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada's Outcomes Framework or Model for Success to guide us when planning our programs. In following the Outcomes Framework, BGCS is able to deliver programs that support our Mission & Vision Statements.

The Core Program Areas of the Outcomes Framework are grouped into four main categories that are essential to healthy child development:

- ✘ Physical Activity, Health & Safety
- ✘ Leadership, Growth & Empowerment
- ✘ Learning & Career Development
- ✘ Families & Communities

- ✘ The Confederation Park Clubhouse, located in a portable classroom next to Bishop Roborecki School, had a really good year in 2013 with 174 members registered and attending our recreational drop in programs from 3:15 until 5:30 each afternoon and Wednesday night Gym Nights from 6:30 until 8:30 pm. The Youth Leading Youth leadership program continues to run in partnership with the Pleasant Hill Clubhouse and the White Buffalo Club. YLY includes the formation of the youth council, Elder visits, drum making, hoop dancing, cultural teachings and field trips. YLY is funded by the City of Saskatoon and CIF. Canadian Tire Jump Start provides sport opportunities for our participants with group clinics and equipment purchases. We continue to have 2 groups of children participating each day; the younger group meets in the school and the older group meets in the Clubhouse. The groups are led by the Confederation Park Club Director and her 3 Clubhouse Assistants.
- ✘ The Pleasant Hill Clubhouse is located in Kinsmen Activity Place House and is open to the children in the neighbourhood for recreational drop in programs Monday – Friday from 3:00 until 5:30 pm. In 2013, 91 children were registered and attended our programs in Pleasant Hill. The Youth Leading Youth leadership program continues to run in partnership with the Confederation Park Clubhouse and the White Buffalo Club. YLY includes the formation of the youth council, Elder visits, drum making, hoop dancing, cultural teachings and field trips. YLY is funded by the City of Saskatoon and CIF. Canadian Tire Jump Start provides sport opportunities for our participants with group clinics and equipment purchases. The Pleasant Hill Clubhouse could not remain open without funding from the RBC Foundation.
- ✘ Our partnership continues to be successful with White Buffalo Youth Lodge. We employ a full time Club Director and 1 assistant to join with the WBYL staff in offering programs after school to the children in the neighbourhood. In 2013, 102 children and youth were attending the program at White Buffalo. The Youth Leading Youth leadership program continues to run in partnership with the Pleasant Hill Clubhouse and the Confederation Park Clubhouse. YLY includes the formation of the youth council, Elder visits, drum making, hoop dancing, cultural teachings and field trips. YLY is funded by the City of Saskatoon and CIF. Canadian Tire Jump Start provides sport opportunities for our participants through group clinics and equipment purchases. The White Buffalo Club would not exist without funding from the RBC Foundation and the partnership that we have with White Buffalo Youth Lodge.
- ✘ In February of 2013, BGC Saskatoon partnered with Core Neighbourhood Youth Co-op in working together and offering programs for the youth that walk through the doors. We were just getting used to our new partnership when our national organization, Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada called to ask if we had youth of high school age and a location that would suit for setting up the Rogers Raising the Grade program funded by Rogers Youth Fund. The staff at CNYC were thrilled and completely supportive of this initiative and within a matter of a couple of months, contractors were in their building tearing down walls and building them back up to create the \$45,000 Rogers Raising the Grade Tech Centre. The Tech Centre is fitted with 10 computers that are loaded with numerous educational software packages. BGC Saskatoon will be funded by BGC Canada's corporate partner Rogers Communications and the Rogers Youth Fund for 4 years at minimum to run the RRTG program. The goal of RRTG is to encourage youth to "raise their grades", to stay in school and to continue their education. This partnership is unique and exciting for us in that for the first time in our history we are working daily with 35 youth ages 14 – 23 years old. The Youth Leading Youth leadership program at our Core Neighbourhood Youth Club includes members participating in formal leadership activities. We are very grateful to CNYC for opening their doors and allowing us to become a part of what they are doing in the Riversdale neighbourhood and its youth.
- ✘ With the support of the Harold Latrace Family & Associates Foundation and the Canada Post Foundation, we were able to open Mini Clubs in Westmount & St. Goretti Schools in the fall of 2013. The Mini Clubs offer programming before and after school to the children free of charge. The idea behind the Mini Club is to enable parents in need to attend school or to enter or re-enter the work force. We continue to offer Mini Club programs in Caroline Robins, Howard Coad, St. John, St. Mark, St. Michael & St. Frances Schools. In 2013, 453 children and youth registered and attended who otherwise wouldn't have a place to go.
- ✘ The Before & After School Programs continue to thrive and grow with more schools inquiring all the time about the programs that we offer. Other than employees who work minimally, all of our Program Leaders are trained in High Five and our Before & After School Program Manager is a High Five Trainer. We offered programs to 1942 children in the following schools throughout both the Saskatoon Public School Division and Greater Catholic Schools as well as in Prairie Spirit School Division in 2013: Bishop Filevich,

Bishop Klein, Bishop Pocock, Brunskill, Buena Vista, Caroline Robins, Confederation Park, Ecole College Park, Dalmeny, Father Robinson, Georges Vanier, Henry Kelsey, Hugh Cairns, John Lake, Langham Elementary, Mother Teresa, Queen Elizabeth, Roland Michener, Silverspring, St. Augustine, St. Edward, Ecole St. Paul, St. Peter and Vincent Massey.

- ✂ Our Preschool programs remain strong with classes for 3 and 4 year olds in Ecole College Park and John Lake School and our teachers are fantastic! We offer programs for 4 year olds in the mornings and afternoons on Monday, Wednesday & Friday and for 3 year olds on Tuesday & Thursday mornings at John Lake School. At Ecole College Park our preschool is bilingual and classes for 4 year olds are offered in the mornings on Monday, Wednesday & Friday and for 3 year olds on Tuesday & Thursday mornings. In 2013 we had 151 preschool children in our classes.
- ✂ The Early Learning Centre's programming incorporates our Core Values and follows the Play and Exploration Early Learning Program Guide which encourages children to explore the world around them in a fun, safe and stimulating environment and to become independent learners. Our Early Learning Centre is a positive model for good care, we provide a healthy environment that protects children from danger, fosters friendships and a sense of belonging. We have room for 51 infants and preschool children in our Early Learning Centre. In 2013, a total of 71 children ages 6 weeks old until their first day of Grade 1 were cared for in our ELC.
- ✂ The Pike Lake Summer Day Camps were again successful in 2013 with 205 campers registered and 247 spots filled. As well, we offered 48 kids camp spaces at no charge. Most of the spaces were given to kids who attended our Clubhouse and Mini Club programs during the school year, as well as a few others that were referred to us that otherwise may not have been able to go. The staff and the kids all had a great time at Pike Lake swimming, mini golfing, hiking the nature trail and for the older kids, sleeping overnight in tents for one night.
- ✂ Our Summer in the City Day Camps were once again extremely popular. The day camps are meant to help out families with affordable care for their school aged children during July and August when school isn't in session. The Summer in the City Day Camps were based out of St. Joseph's Hall on the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> St. and Broadway again this year. It was a fantastic location for the camps and when the weather was nice, the kids were able to explore areas and events in Saskatoon such as the Fringe Festival on Broadway. In 2013, our Summer in the City Camps had 194 different children filling the day camp's 450 spots to capacity.
- ✂ We continue to partner with Prairieland Exhibition in running the Youth Employment Program. We hired 56 youth between the ages of 12 and 18 years old to keep the grounds clean during the week of the Prairieland Exhibition. We also had approximately 60 recycling barrels for can and bottle collection set out in various places throughout the grounds that 4 of our youth were in charge of managing. We were asked to maintain River Landing during the second annual River Lights Festival in 2013. We hired 10 of our Exhibition Clean-up workers for the weekend of the Festival.
- ✂ 2013 was our 5<sup>th</sup> year of being one of the recipient charities of The Bridge City Boogie, a fundraising event organized by the StarPhoenix. This was my third year of being a member of the Bridge City Boogie Committee in charge of the Food Tent – it really is a lot of fun! We are so grateful to the StarPhoenix for the tremendous support that they give to BGC Saskatoon.
- ✂ Clark's Crossing Brew Pub held their 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament in support of Boys & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon. The tournament was held in August at Holiday Park Golf Club. Thanks to Clark's Crossing for continuing to run a really fun tournament in support of BGC Saskatoon.
- ✂ I attended the Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada PacWest Conference in Vancouver in September.
- ✂ The Saskatchewan Parks & Recreation Conference was held in Saskatoon in October. Heidi Carl, Lindsay Mercer & Meghan Heselwood attended the conference this year.
- ✂ It was with heavy hearts that the Board of Directors, in consultation with the StarPhoenix, made the difficult decision to cancel any future Saskatchewan Artist Show and Sales events. It was an amazing run, but after a steady decline in sales of artwork over the past few years, BGC Saskatoon decided that was time for our organization to focus on another amazing fund-development program spear-headed by Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada, our national organization, known as Race for Kids. BGC Saskatoon will be joining 25 other Clubs in Canada in running Race for Kids on May 31, 2014.
- ✂ The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual SABA Charity Golf Tournament in support of BGC Saskatoon experienced a transformation in 2013. A committee of four decided that it was time to change the format of the tournament somewhat by opening it up to members of the public, going after corporate sponsorship, the

live & silent auctions and inviting Tiger Williams, celebrity golfer to attend. The tournament was extremely successful this year in that its net profit was over \$16,000. Thanks to SABA members Todd Roach of Budget Car & Truck and to Cory Gaudet of Mark's Autobody for supporting the changes that were made and for joining the committee that made it happen! A huge thank you goes out to Adam Binkley, Executive Director of Boys & Girls Club of Summerside, PEI for his guidance and generous donation of accommodations and golf entry fees for two to the BGC Summerside Annual Charity Golf Tournament in July!

I want to thank my co-workers at Boys & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon. Without dedicated, enthusiastic and passionate people we wouldn't be able to offer the excellent programs that we do. I believe in teamwork and without a team – especially *THIS* team, I wouldn't be able to do my job or fulfill my dreams for this wonderful organization and BGCS wouldn't be able to either!

Thank you to Boys & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon's Board of Directors for their support, patience and belief in me and our organization. The time that you devote to Boys & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon is invaluable and is what helps to make our organization the success that it is. Together, we can move in the direction that we need to enable us to enrich the lives of more of Saskatoon's children and youth.

Our team makes our organization the success that it is.

As I think about the past 40 years of BGCS serving this community, I want to thank every employee, every volunteer, every sponsor & supporter *and* every child who participated in our programs, past and present for your perseverance and dedication to BGC Saskatoon.

Congratulations Boys & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon for 40 years of serving children, youth, families and communities in Saskatoon. *We are proud of ourselves and we should be!*

Job well done BGCS and here's to the next 40 years!!

THANK YOU!

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Desjardins  
Executive Director