



**Boys & Girls Club
of Strathcona County**

2008 ANNUAL REPORT

A Good Place To Be....



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2008—2009 Staff

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Wendy Harris - to November 2008

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Program Leaders

Dan Proulx

Dani Lynne Sinasac

Carissa Bevan

Brock Day

President's Report

The Annual General Meeting presents an opportunity for us to look back on the accomplishments achieved in the past year.

Some of the notable accomplishments in 2008-09 include:

Our Staff - We are fortunate to have excellent staff committed to providing programs and supports to children and youth in our community.

Ty Roed has been in his new role for approximately 14 months and has shown he is a quick learner and leader. The kids love Ty which is a real bonus!

Ron Groff was hired late last year and brings with him a ton of experience. Ron is prepared to meet with people, get programs going and works well with everyone.

Brock Day is our newest staff person, working on the floor with the kids and out in the field with youth. Always smiling, Brock has been a great addition.

Our Relationship with Family Community Services - The working relationship between FCS and SCBGC continues to grow stronger. FCS's assistance in providing support has been a tremendous help. I can't say thank you enough.

Partnerships being developed and strengthened - I made a number of presentations to community organizations this past year, getting our message out and establishing relationships with a variety of organizations. We are pleased that the community has become much more aware about the Club and we encourage even more people to become involved, either through donations or volunteering. This is critical to our continued growth and success.

New Clubhouse Location - We have moved! We have entered into a partnership with the Robin Hood Association to be part of the brand new Children and Youth Community Centre, a collaborative approach to delivering services and support to the community's children and youth. This doubles our space and opens the door to a variety of new programs and activities. Special thanks to the volunteers that helped us move on May 30th.

Board Members - These accomplishments could not have been achieved without Board Members who contribute. To each of the Board members, I thank you for your contributions this past year. A special note to acknowledge the contributions of departing Board member Laura Knox who has given so much over the past 4 years. Thank you Laura.

Funders - Without our funders we wouldn't be here. A big thank you to all of you from Strathcona County to the Royal Bank of Canada to United Way.

Special Thanks - to Mayor Cathy Olesen and the Councilors of Strathcona County Council, businesses in the community and individuals who provided both moral and financial support to the Boys & Girls Club of Strathcona County this past year.

As a Board our work will continue. There is much left to be done and I am optimistic that new plateaus will be reached in 2009-10. We are in a new facility with room to grow; an application has been submitted for licensing as an afterschool care program and we have been approved for a Casino for a fundraiser in the 1st quarter of 2010.

At the end of the day, our efforts result in providing high-quality services that promote the healthy growth and development of children and youth in our community.

Respectfully Yours,



Chuck Van Deel Piepers
President



News from the Coordinators

2008 Program Coordinator Recap

The past year has been a very exciting year for the Boys and Girls Club of Strathcona County. We have seen many new changes and additions to programs, staff and members that have resulted in a great place to be. The after school program has continued to run from 3:30 until 6:00pm from Monday to Fridays averaging 20 kids a day. Each month had a different theme for programming. Some of the most memorable programs included Survivor Month and Game Show Month. Some of the key points focused on in 2008 included bully prevention, leadership, team work and character counts.

This year the club was fortunate enough to partner with a wonderful organization that provided Oiler tickets for kids and their families through Kids Up Front. Over 50 kids were taken to 15 Oiler games, many of which were their first Oiler game.

The 2008 summer camps were a huge success. Six camps were offered and all six camps filled to capacity of 12 youth or children. Camps were in Jasper, Banff and Kananaskis.

We are excited to be in our new building and looking forward to the possibilities it will bring us in the future.



2008 Youth Recap

The youth coordinator position was shared between Wendy Harris (Jan-Nov) and Ron Groff (Nov-Dec) in 2008. However, the shared focus for 2008 was building relationships with youth through increased programming at the club and satellite sites. The increased structure proved effective by increasing youth participation in programs, regular attendance and bringing awareness to the programs and resources available through the Boys and Girls Club.

Some of the highlights from 2008 include:

- Weekly program at Antler Lake
- RCMP/BGC Basketball Game
- Antler Lake Concerts
- Club Youth Drop In Nights

As we look back on the positive elements of 2008, I am excited by the possibilities in 2009.

Acknowledgements

Without the help and support of donations and grants, Boys and Girls Club of Strathcona County would not be able to serve the youth of Strathcona County. Thank you for your generosity!

- **Strathcona County Social Services Grant**
- **United Way**
- **United Way Community Investment Grant**
- **Boys & Girls Club of Canada**
- **Boys and Girls Club of Alberta**
- **Sears Afterschool**
- **Royal Bank Foundation - Afterschool Program**
- **Government of Canada**
- **Province of Alberta**
- **Penny M. Fair, Professional Corporation**
- **CIBC World Markets**
- **Royal Purple**
- **Strathcona County Art Society**
- **Strathcona County Food Bank**
- **Galaxy Theatre**
- **Rotary Club of Sherwood Park Centennial**
- **Uncas Community**
- **Strathcona County**
- **Lakeland Ridge School**
- **Edmonton Arm Wrestling**

There have been so many great contribution to the Boys and Girls Club of Strathcona County, please accept our sincerest apologies if we missed anyone. We are extremely grateful for all donations and volunteers!

Our programs in 2008 included:

- **Tools For Schools** (sponsored by United Way) - children receive backpacks filled with school supplies to meet their education needs
- **Kids Up Front** - provides unused tickets to various theatrical, sporting and family events throughout Edmonton and surrounding area
- **Seats for Kids** - Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation - provide tickets for Edmonton home games at no cost
- **Canadian Tire Jumpstart Program** - referrals
- **Sport Equipment Referrals** - Sports Centrals provides new and used sports equipment for children.
- **Youth Needs Assessment and Program Development Project**



2008 STATISTICS

Our Children and Youth

Total Number Served 156 (includes camps and after school programs)

Program Information

After-school Drop-in Programs 25/day



Activities

Bullying Prevention
Health/Nutrition
Nutrition
Physical Activity
(i.e. sports or aquatics or outdoor etc)
Substance Abuse
Arts and crafts
Asset Building
Conflict Resolution
Cultural Awareness
Day Camp
Environmental Awareness

Life Skills Enhancement
Performing Arts
(i.e. drama/theatre/music)
Residential Camping
Self-Esteem Enhancement
Social Recreation
(i.e. dances/movie nights/drop-ins etc)
Youth Leadership
Academic Support/Homework
Literacy
Peer Mentoring
Scholarships

Demographics

Total number of families served annually 60
Total number of young people served per day 20
Fees waived for 17 children

Treasurer's Report

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June , 2009

To the Members of the Boys and Girls Club of Strathcona County

The results of the unaudited December 31, 2008 Statement of Operating Cash Flow, as distributed, reflect the resources that were required to support the programs and delivery of services to the community by Boys and Girls Club of Strathcona County.

Audited December 31, 2008 Financial Statements will be available at a later date.

Laura Knox
Treasurer

