



Fall Edition

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DROP-IN FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Partners for Rural Family Support

Summer Day Camps Come to an End



With the end of long summer days also came the end of the Summer Day Camps for Kids at the Partners office. This was the first year Partners has ever held day camps for kids and they were a great success. Thanks to funds received from the City of Humboldt Leisure Services, Sask. Lotteries and Service Canada Federal Student Employment Experience Program we were able to provide the day camps at no cost for the families.

Our very first week found coordinator Jessica Evenson teaching the children about Japanese culture. Each week following had a different focus such as bird

houses, camping, horses, experiments, and so on.

Unfortunately, due to the limited amount of space at the Partners office and limited funds we were only able to register a small number of children. We would like to take this opportunity to apologize to those of you who did not have a chance to register your child due to the overwhelming response we received. We are looking at our plans for next summer to try and ensure this does not happen again.

We were also very sad to say goodbye to our summer student Jessica Evenson. Jessica was in charge of all of the playing of the activities for the day camps and she

made sure that each day was full of fun and exciting tasks. Jessica returned back to Saskatoon to finish off her Psychology Degree at the University of Saskatchewan. We wish her all the best in the future.

We would like to thank all the children that made our summer wonderful.

Keep your eyes peeled for information about next years Free Day Camps for Kids.



Some of the children play with their homemade slime on experimental day

Partners Raffle...Get Your Tickets NOW!!

Partners for Rural Family Support is currently selling tickets for a raffle to help raise funds for the fall and winter programs.

The tickets are on sale at the Partners office and will also be for sale in the mall in the coming weeks. As well, some of the Partners board

members will be selling tickets at the Bronco games on September 19th and October 5th.

First prize is a beautiful handmade quilt that was donated by Rose Missouri (which is on display at the Partners office). Second prize is a custom handmade sweater knit by

Laura Jurgens with the wool being provided by Haus of Stitches. Third prize is a basket full of products for your home donated by the Prairie Patchwork Quilters Guild. The draw date for the raffle will be December 6th, 2008.



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Partners for Rural Family Support held a BBQ on August 22nd. Even though we did not get the weather we ordered we did have quite a few people come out to buy a burger in support of our Summer Day Camps for Kids.

Thanks to all those who purchased a burger and thanks to all the wonderful volunteers.

Banquet Fundraiser - October 24, 2008

Partners for Rural Family Support will be holding their very first Banquet Fundraiser this October. We are very excited to have Saskatchewan Curling legend Sam Richardson as one of the speakers for the evening.

Sam Richardson played second on the Ernie Richardson team which has gone down in history as one of the most successful Canadian men's curling teams of all times. Until just recently they were the only men's team to have won four Brier titles. They also lay claim to four World titles. During the four World Championships they won all but one game. They dominated the curling scene in the late 1950s and early 60s and still remain the most victorious Saskatchewan Men's curling team of

all times winning five Saskatchewan Provincial Championships.

Dean Brockman will be the other speaker for the evening. Dean is the coach of the Humboldt Broncos hockey team. "Deano" as many call him, is entering into his 12th season behind the bench with the Broncos as either a head coach or an assistant coach. Dean is the only SJHL head coach to win back to back SJHL coach of the year awards uncontested. The Humboldt Bronco won last year's RBC Cup and we are more than delighted to have Dean speak at our banquet.

In addition to the great speakers for the evening we will also be having a silent auction. If you would like to

donate an item to our auction please contact Partners at 682-4135 or just stop in and see us.

Proceeds from the sale of tickets will be put towards operating costs at Partners for Rural Family Support.

The Banquet Fundraiser will be held at the Bella Vista Inn Banquet Room on October 24th, 2008. Tickets are \$35 or \$300 for a table of 10. Tickets can be purchased at Partners for Rural Family Support - 636 9th St Humboldt or by mail sent to PO Box 2741 Humboldt SK S0K 2A0.

Partners at the BB/BS Day in the Park

On September 7th Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Humboldt put on a wonderful day in the park...although the weather was less than wonderful. Partners for Rural Family Support were there at WaterRidge Park painting the faces of the children who braved the wet and cold weather for some cotton candy and a fun day.

Even though the weather was not perfect there was quite a good turn out and we were very busy turning children into kitties, lions, princesses and whatever else their imaginations could dream up.

We would like to thank the Partners board members who turned out to help for the day. As well we would also like to thank Holly and Ed who volunteered to sell raffle tickets for the day. Thanks for the help.

In addition to painting faces Partners was also there to present the Partner for Community Peace Award which is funded by SaskEnergy and supported by local organizations South 20 Dodge, Humboldt Co-Op, Schuler & Lefebvre Funeral Home, Ursuline Sisters, Discovery Ford, and Sagehill Community Futures. Shirley Guest, chair of the Partners Board,

presented the award to Miriam Spenrath.

Finally, Partners would like to extend a congratulations to Stacey and the rest of Big Brothers Big Sisters for putting on such a great day and doing a wonderful job of organizing.

We hope to see everyone out next year to the Big Brother Big Sisters Day in the Park.

For information on the Partner for Community Peace Award please see our website at www.partnersrfs.ca.

Adult Friendship Group

The Adult Friendship Group is a group that meets at the Partners office which is always open to new faces. It is very informal so you do not have to pre-register or phone before you show. Even if you have never been to the group before you can just come on down to the Partners office. The Adult Friendship

Group provides a place for people to meet, enjoy good food and great company. The AFG meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Generally, the activities revolve around cards, board games and discussion but occasionally the group travels to activities such as bowling and mini golf.

If you want more information on the AFG please contact the office at 682-4135 or stop in at 636 9th St Humboldt (across the street from the clinic).

Fall and Winter Program Schedule in the Works

Summer at Partners was filled with exciting and fun activities with the Day Camps being held every Tuesday and Thursday but now it is time to get back to work and first up on our list is getting the Fall and Winter program schedules finished.

Currently, we are working on the development of a few brand new programs at Partners and we are trying to schedule those around the already successful programs like the Assertiveness and Self-Esteem Workshops for Women. Being that September seems to be a crazy month for anyone with school aged children we have decided to hold off on programming until October.

Our very first program this fall will be an anger management day for both parents and children. If you and your children are currently having problems with anger in your household please phone to register. Space is very limited for this program.

Anger Management for Parents and Kids will be held on October 4 from 1:30 till 4:00 at the Partners office. The ages for the children range between 5-10 years old. Later in November we will be holding an anger management workshop for parents and their teens and pre-teens.

As always Partners will also be busy with presentations at schools in the

area. If your school is interested in presentations about Healthy Relationships, Bullying, Body Image, or Girl Bullying Issues, or any other specific problem, please contact the Partners office.

The Assertiveness, Self-Esteem and Parenting Workshops were so successful that we will be running them again in the new year. Watch for the advertisements or call the office to inquire about the dates or to be placed on a waitlist.

If you have any ideas for programs that you would like to see Partners offer in the future please contact the office.

Parent and Tot Playgroup Back to Normal

Partners for Rural Family Support closed the Parent and Tot Playgroup this summer due to the Free Day Camps for Kids and because the Playgroup generally sees a very large drop in participants over the summer. Now that the Day Camps are finished it is time to open up the doors for the Parents and Tots once more.

Starting September 2nd the Parent and Tot Playgroup will be open at Partners four times a week. The Playgroup runs every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons

from 1:30 till 3:00 and Friday mornings from 10:00 till 11:30. The Playgroup is no longer divided by ages for those of you who came to the playgroup a while back. Every time is open to children of all ages.

For those of you who have not attended the playgroup but are interested it is a very informal drop-in playgroup which is not facilitated by staff other than to pop in and say hi and help in any way they can. There are not scheduled activities unless requested but we do have a very

comfy couch and a room filled with lots of toys, books and video for the children to interact with. While the children are busy playing it is a great place for parents to take some time for themselves to talk and meet new people or to catch up with old friends.

If you have any questions about the Playgroup please feel free to call the Partners office and the staff will be more than happy to answer any questions you might have.

Drop-Ins Very Welcome

Partners for Rural Family Support offers many programs throughout the year which require pre-registration but our main focus still lies on our drop-in support. Partners was founded in 2001 to deal with a lack of services in the area of domestic violence. Even though many faces have changed and the offices might look different than they did in 2001 we still welcome drop-ins who are looking for support when dealing with

domestic violence in their homes.

Since 2001 we have also expanded our areas of focus to include topics such as parenting, coping skills, bullying, etc. We also welcome anyone who is dealing with any of those issues to drop in and we will see if there is anything we can do for you. When people ask what we do here our list is long because we do see drop-ins almost everyday and the

topics generally are not the same from day to day.

We are also a great place to start when looking for help in the community. We have a long list of agencies which we can refer people to if we think they could be better assisted by another group of concerned individuals like ourselves.



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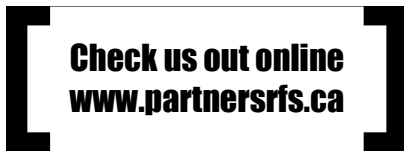
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Thank You!!!!



Partners Memberships

Partners for Rural Family Support is a non-profit Drop-In Family Support Center located in Humboldt. We provide services to Humboldt and the surrounding area. We are committed to providing safe and healthy individuals, families and communities. We provide a friendly drop-in atmosphere for children, youth, adults, families and parents.

We offer supportive listening, resources materials, education, various programs, support groups and referrals directed at a large variety of family and relationship issues.

As a member you will receive a quarterly newsletter to keep you informed about what we are planning. Our Annual meeting is

held each Spring and as a member you have the right to vote on executive positions if you so wish. And most importantly you will have the satisfaction of knowing you have taken part in creating and maintaining safe healthy families in your community.

If you wish to become a member please fill out the form below.

Membership Form

- I would like to renew my membership
- I am a new member

Membership Fees: \$10.00 for 1 year

Expiring on April 30th of each year

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Prov _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

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Please send your cheque or money order (Payable to Partners For Rural Family Support) with this form to:

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