

Alberta Block Parent Association

2016 Annual Report

National Symposium and Annual General Meeting

The National Symposium and AGM took place in Manitoba and was hosted by the Winnipeg Block Parent Program. Presentations were conducted by the Canadian Centre for Child Protection and Winnipeg Police on the value of a strong Neighbourhood Watch.

The two days were ended by an Awards Banquet where three Block Parent families received 35 year pins and two Block Parent families received 40 year pins. What a great achievement.



Alberta Block Parent® Association Annual General Meeting

This meeting, held once again in Leduc, was one of the most well attended by Alberta Programs for many years. Delegates came from:

Blackfalds	Cochrane	Devon	Diamond Valley
Ft. Saskatchewan	Hay Lakes	Lacombe	Lethbridge
Morinville	Nanton	Okotoks	Redcliff
Spruce Grove			

Many Programs sent two or three delegates.

During the meeting Donna Fox was presented with a 20 year pin.

A full board was elected as follows:

President - Donna Fox

Vice President - Jocelan Darnel

Treasurer - Aimee Henning

Secretary - Lisa Rodgers

Directors - Louise Rellis

Tanya Sloan

Mary Telfer

Block Parent Week

The theme for Block Parent Week was “Block Parent – First Sign of a Safe Community”

First Sign of a Safe Community Premier Signe d'une Communauté sûre

National Block Parent® Week is
October 23-29, 2016



La Semaine Nationale de Parents-Secours®
est du 23 au 29 Octobre 2016



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Reports from the Programs:

Devon

It has been just over one year that the Block Parent Program has been re-implemented into Devon. Thank you, to everyone who has applied and become a Block Parent House! Devon currently has six houses that are Block Parents, and three which are going through the application process!!!

This year has been a busy one. Our biggest goals have been to spread the word that the Block Parent Program is up and running, look for more volunteers, and teach the children what the sign and Program are all about.

Ways that we have been working towards each goal are as follows;

We've been constantly putting up posters around town at different locations (library, hospital, grocery stores, schools, RCMP dispatch, etc). We have also been handing out brochures at different town functions, and manning information tables at Devon Days, Canada Day in the Park with Town of Devon, last winter's town "Winter Walk", and this September's Community Awareness Night.

As well, we have been visiting several schools, daycares, summer day camp programs, and library children's programs, handing out pamphlets, stickers, tattoos, and reading to the kids about "Trusty Puppy" and the Block Parent Program. As I said, we are busy!

This past year was also the Alberta Block Parent's Annual General Meeting in Leduc. We had a chance to meet with other board members in other towns across Alberta, and learn and infuse ideas from their programs.



Diamond Valley

Diamond Valley has one Business Block Parent location which has donated a vinyl banner for the Program to use at community events. So far, it has been used at the Black Diamond Parade and Turner Valley Discovery Days family festival, The Millarville Marathon, Community Sports Registration Sign up night, Black Diamond Light Up Christmas event and Turner Valley Family New Years Eve.



Airdrie

Airdrie Block Parent Program took part in Airdriefest, Canada Day and Boo on the Creek where we ran a child find booth at each. We actively signed up people for information packages and fielded questions with locals. Our child find booths united plenty of children with their parents at events.



Fort Saskatchewan

Light Up the Night – Halloween Safety Program is a partnership between RCMP, Block Parent and Shell Scotford. Most Fort Saskatchewan and Bruderhelm elementary schools were visited in late October. The program provides kids tips on how to keep safe during Halloween. Students also received a glow stick to remind them about being visible to motorists while trick-or-treating. Block Parent participation was made possible by a generous donation from Shell Canada.



Irricana

The Block Parent Program in Irricana is administered by the Town of Irricana Community Services Board as part of its regular activities and has been partnered with them for a number of years. The board continues to promote awareness through a variety of annual activities including: Halloween Safety presentations and goodie bags with Block Parent information included for parents and children in conjunction with “Light Up the Night” with the RCMP and Irricana Volunteer Firefighters.

Block Parent information display and membership drives at the Christmas Craft Day and the Winter Festival.

Plans will be to continue to promote the Block Parent Program with community events such as Canada Day, Summer Fair, Volunteer Info Night, Block Parent Week, Seniors Week and Back to School.

Okotoks

Okotoks Block Parent Program took part in the Okotoks Teddy Bear Picnic in June. We had a great day and had lots of interest from a wide variety of ages from young mothers to grandmothers (and fathers too). We had a lot of fun with the kids too.

