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Youth Volunteer Corps of Calgary Receives Top Honour

Calgary Named One of the Top YVC Programs in North America

Calgary, AB – Youth Volunteer Corps (YVC) of Calgary, a program of Youth Central, was named a 2017 Gold Level YVC Affiliate, one of less than 15 YVC programs throughout the U.S. and Canada awarded this honour.

“YVC of Calgary is paving the way for YVC programs all over the U.S. and Canada,” said David Battey, founder and president of YVC’s headquarters, located in Kansas City, MO. “The program has had such a profound impact on both Youth Volunteers and the community they’re serving.”

Each year, YVC Headquarters evaluates affiliates to discuss together how they can better serve their communities. Some of these affiliates go above and beyond and lead the way for the entire YVC Network, and those affiliates earn the Gold Level honour.

“We’re so proud of this honour for the YVC program and the youth volunteers involved,” said Ros Doi, Youth Central’s Program Director. “We look forward to seeing all the great things that Calgary youth will accomplish this year.”

The Youth Volunteer Corps program provides opportunities for teams of youth to volunteer with community agencies and events. Last year, 545 youth volunteers gave over 25,000 hours tirelessly to non-profit organizations and to communities throughout Calgary. The volunteers participated in 783 volunteer projects in Calgary’s communities; they prepared and served meals for Calgary’s homeless and hungry, supported seniors and children with disabilities, built and maintained community gardens and parks, and helped at various community events and festivals.

Chloe Loblaw is part of Calgary’s YVC steering committee. She joined the YVC program in 2013 and then applied to be a part of the committee in September 2015. Loblaw has enjoyed playing a larger role within the program.

“I’ve had the opportunity to do some really fun things, like plan the YVC Block Party,” Loblaw says. “It was amazing, seeing everything we planned; from being in contact with people to see it all come together was really rewarding.

“I have met so many people who do incredible things. People who started initiatives and implemented them into the community – it definitely inspires you to do that kind of thing yourself.”

For more information on how to get involved, see: www.youthcentral.com/youth-volunteer-corps.

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Youth Volunteer Corps of Calgary's mission is to create volunteer opportunities to address community needs and to inspire youth for a lifetime commitment to service. The program offers volunteer projects for youth ages 12 to 18 on weekends, after school and during the summer. Hosted by Youth Central, YVC of Calgary is one of more than 40 affiliates of Youth Volunteer Corps, headquartered in Kansas City.

Youth Central is a charitable non-profit offering nine programs to the young people of Calgary, with the mission to inspire, engage and celebrate youth through community participation. We **provide** a place for youth to find meaningful volunteer experiences. We **help** youth make a difference and be active caring citizens. We **support** youth in building valuable skills for future employment. We **give** youth a voice. We **grow** young people's understanding of their community. We **build** Calgary's leaders of today and tomorrow.