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of CANADA INC.



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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Block Parent® Program is to provide immediate assistance through a safety network and to offer supportive community education programs.

President's Message:

The Block Parent® Program of Canada, Inc. would like to recognize and thank the many Block Parent® volunteers who continue to promote the Program and increase our numbers across the country.

The Annual Symposium and AGM for 2015 were held in Leduc, Alberta. The Symposium and AGM took place in co-ordination with the Alberta Block Parent® Association AGM. This provided an opportunity for BPPCI to meet and spend some time with the ABPA representatives. A special thanks to Lynn Squance who interfaced with the hotel and made all of the arrangements for the joint meeting.

The Symposium had a different look with only being half a day and the other half discussing Alberta issues which quickly turned into what can BPPCI do for us. There was a great discussion about what BPPCI is able to do for community Programs. Since there were many new coordinators the discussions and feedback were very beneficial.

We had our yearly presentation from Jayne Russell, our Co-operators Liaison. She reminded the delegates that this was our 15th year of the partnership between The Co-operators and the Block Parent® Program of Canada. While local Programs should seek funding from other sources, their local Co-operator advisors may be willing to participate in local community events, possibly office space etc.

There are approximately 100 Co-operator Advisors who have become Business Block Parents and the number is growing. While the National Office establishes the individual Advisor offices as Business Block Parent® locations, local Programs are welcome to introduce themselves to the Advisors.

Jayne spoke on the Co-operators new four year strategy - the Co-operative Identity, Competitiveness and Expansion. Jayne also highlighted three partnerships/programs that the Co-operators are proud to be affiliated with:

One Tap which targets texting and driving, the Kids Help Phone, which in 2015 will be reaching out to male youth and the Canadian Blood Services who the Co-operators is working with to establish a National public cord blood bank to help those in need of stem cell transplants.

I would like to thank Jayne for her personal and professional support of the Block Parent® Program over the past 15 years, it has been one of the best sponsorships we have had. In 2015 the Block Parent® Program of Canada continued to promote our Program via Facebook. This has proven to be a very worthwhile communication tool. You can find a variety of information and tips. Link to our Facebook at www.facebook.com/blockparent

We have welcomed new Programs in British Columbia this past year and look forward to more communities joining in 2016.

BPPCI would also like to extend congratulations to Safer Communities Australia for 35 years of providing safe havens in throughout Australia.

At our Annual General meeting we said good- bye to our Secretary Lorna Spargo. She was a great addition to our team but unfortunately the timing was not right to remain as Secretary. We welcomed our new Board Lynn Squance, Francine Chartrand, Linda LeBonte, Tara Mondou and Mike Byrne.

In closing I would like to acknowledge our staff. We found ourselves in the position of losing one of our staff in the spring, Janet Fletcher. We wish her much success in her future endeavours. The Board of Directors would like to recognize the dedication and commitment by our Office manager, Carolyn Van Wort. Carolyn is an intricate member of our team.

If you would like more information on our Program or would like to start a Program in your community don` t hesitate in contacting our office.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS for 2015:

Annual General Meeting and Training Symposium:

The 2015 Annual General Meeting and Symposium was held in Leduc, AB in May. In an effort to minimize costs, BPPCI held a joint Symposium and AGM with the Alberta Block Parent® Program. A sincere thank you is extended to Lynn Squance for taking on the task of co-ordinating the joint Symposium.

The joint Symposium provided an opportunity for BPPCI to meet with the ABPA representatives and discuss the challenges faced by many of the local community Programs in growing and maintaining membership and gaining financial support locally.

The Co-operators has provided sponsorship funding to BPPCI for 15 years. Jayne Russell spoke on their new four year strategy of client engagement, the Co-operative identity and competitiveness.

National Block Parent® Week:

Since Halloween fell during National Block Parent® week, the theme for National Block Parent® Week in 2015 was “Feeling Spooked? Block Parents Can Help!”

A poster featuring a Halloween theme was created by Lindsay Russell of the Waterloo Regional Block Parent® Program. BPPCI would like to give a special thank you to Lindsay for supporting the Program with her creative genius.

Business Block Parent® Program:

The Business Block Parent® Program continues to be promoted by Co-operators to all of their advisors across Canada. This effort has resulted in 102 advisor locations being active Business Block Parent® locations. BPPCI has a dedicated contact for the Co-operators in the National Office to field questions and continue to work to promote the Business Block Parent® Program to the advisors across Canada.

The Block Parent® guidelines for a business location, access and police checks have not changed. A window decal with a unique serial number is provided by the National Office once all the criteria for becoming a Business Block Parent® are met.

PARTNERSHIPS

The Program is characterized by a close working relationship with police, government departments, education and other community partners. This ongoing partnership is the basis for the continued success of the Program across Canada with the National and Provincial/Territorial boards or committees having a police liaison.

The BPPCI Board of Directors is committed to working with and supporting all levels of the Program on a personal level, by providing and circulating printed materials and public service announcements and by fostering effective communication. BPPCI received 434 requests from across Canada for information on how to become a Block Parent® volunteer. BPPCI continues to search for new partnership opportunities while fostering existing partnerships.

The National Block Parent® Program is contacted throughout the year by individuals or groups who are interested in establishing new local community Programs. A package of background information of the Program containing helpful tips in Program start-up, forms, sample brochures etc., is distributed upon request.

NATIONAL FUNDING

BPPCI is extremely grateful to Public Safety Canada for the support received in 2015. The core funding provided is crucial to maintaining the viability of the Block Parent® Program in Canada.

The Co-operators:

The Co-operators support of BPPCI while initially based on funding support has grown to include much more.

- \$ 50,000 in funds;
- Support and expertise offered on an ongoing basis;
- Assistance with the design and production of printed materials; and
- Commitment to register their advisors, across Canada, as Business Block Parent® Program locations.

BPPCI values this partnership and the continued support that The Co-operators has provided to the Program over the years.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

The Board of Directors of the Block Parent® Program of Canada Inc. would like to thank all of our Block Parents for the hard work, effort and dedication to the Program that they have given over the years.

Throughout the year, over 10 million volunteer hours were provided by Block Parent® members in their homes, Co-operators advisor locations, daycare centres in Quebec and other business locations in Canada. You make the Program possible and it is very much appreciated.



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Annual General Meeting:	Saturday, April 30 th , 2016 – 1:30 PM Viscount Gort Hotel Banquet and Conference Centre 1670 Portage Avenue Winnipeg, MB R3J 0C9

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