

BLOCK PARENT[®] PROGRAM
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 2016 Annual Symposium and AGM was held in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The Symposium was preceded by the Winnipeg Block Parent[®] Program's AGM on Thursday evening. This was a very special event. At the AGM, service award pins were presented to their long serving volunteers. There were a total of 17 volunteers receiving a certificate and service award pin for 35 years of service to the Program and 39 volunteers received a certificate and service award pin recognizing their 40 years as Block Parent[®] volunteers. These are truly remarkable milestones for the Winnipeg Block Parent[®] Program. We would like to thank George and Geri Jarvis for planning this event.

In 2016 we said good bye to two board members Tara Mondou and Linda Le Bonte. At our AGM the new Board was elected and for 2016-17 our Board consists of Linda Patterson, President, Mike Byrne, Vice President, Lynn Squance, Treasurer, and Director Francine Chartrand. New to our board is Ryan Serada as a Director.

This year Parents Secours de Québec celebrated their 40th Anniversary. As President of the Block Parent[®] Program of Canada I attended their symposium and Awards Banquet and was honoured to present special recognition to the PSQI President and Board.

In 2016 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. If you would like to link to our Facebook page go to <https://www.facebook.com/blockparent?ref=bookmarks>

We have welcomed back Programs in British Columbia this past year and look for more Communities to join in 2017.

In closing I would like to acknowledge Carolyn Van Wort who was our National Office Manager for 14 years. Carolyn decided it was time to retire and take on new challenges in life. We will miss her but know she will find lots to keep her busy. We welcomed Janet Fletcher back to the Program as our new National Office Manager. Who better to take on the reins at the office than someone who was familiar with the Program and one who the board knew?

If you would like more information on our Program or would like to start a Program in your community don't hesitate to contact our office.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS for 2016:

Annual General Meeting and Training Symposium:

In April, the 2016 Annual General Meeting and Symposium was held in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The Winnipeg Block Parent® Program held its Annual General Meeting prior to the Symposium. This was truly a special occasion, recognizing long service volunteers with a service award pin and certificate. While not all of the volunteers being recognized for their service to the Winnipeg Block Parent® Program were able to attend the AGM, there were a total of 17 volunteers receiving a 35 year service award pin and 39 volunteers receiving a 40 year service award pin.



The Winnipeg Block Parent® Program 40 year service award pin recipients.

George and Geri Jarvis did a fantastic job in organizing the BPPCI Symposium and AGM.

Presentations were made by Graham Milliken from the Canadian Centre for Child Protection which is a National non-profit organization that addresses missing and/or abused children and provides child education and internet safety education. The organization also produces internet and safety guides for parents of children that are age specific.

Patrol Sergeant Phil Penner from the Winnipeg Police Service provided an open discussion on predators, neighbourhood watch and 911 guidelines.

Ryan Sereda provided a demonstration of the computer application that has been developed by the Winnipeg Block Parent® Program to identify Block Parent® homes and Business Block Parent® locations in Winnipeg. The application also links to current incident locations in Winnipeg. Information is imported from Google Alerts into the map. There is no cost to develop the map. Other Provincial Block Parent® Programs expressed an interest in obtaining additional information of the application for use in their Programs.

National Block Parent® Week:

The theme for the 2016 Block Parent® Week was “**First Sign of a Safe Community**”. During National Block Parent® Week, we encourage families and small businesses to become a Block Parent® and help us to continue to protect communities coast to coast.

The poster for our 48th year depicts our very recognizable Block Parent® road sign at the entrance to a small community. The poster was designed by Ryan Sereda of the Block Parent® Program of Winnipeg and newest member of the Board of Directors. Thank-you Ryan.



New Block Parent® Programs:

The Program continues to attract Block Parent® volunteers as well as Business Block Parent® volunteers.

New community Programs have been established in Binbrook, ON; Oka, QC and Cochrane, AB. Additional Programs have been re-established in St. Catharines, ON and Lethbridge, AB.

New Business Block Parent® locations have been established in Stony Plain, AB; Kincardine, ON; Port Elgin, ON and Stoney Creek, ON.

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 2016. The core funding provided is crucial to maintaining the viability of the Block Parent[®] Program in Canada.

BPPCI values this partnership and the continued support that Public Safety Canada 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.

This year Parents-Secours[®] du Québec, inc., celebrates its 40th anniversary. Linda Patterson, BPPCI President, attended the celebration and presented a plaque in recognition of this milestone.



Linda Patterson – BPPCI President, Marie-Claude Bouchard – PSQI President, Louise Lefebvre – PSQI Office Administrator and Pierre Chalifoux – PSQI General Manager

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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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2017 Annual General Meeting will be held:

Saturday, April 29th, 2017 – 12:00 pm Eastern time by Conference Call



First Sign of a Safe community?

Block Parents