

FUNTEAM

FunTeam Staffing Update



We are happy to introduce Ryan O'Neill as our new Executive Director (effective as of Dec. 1st, 2018). Ryan spent the last year as our Special Projects Coordinator and is excited about the transition into the new role!

From the Office:

Strategic Plan

On November 1st we adopted our Strategic Plan that will guide our programming for the next 3 years. Click [here](#) to look at the framework and the goals that the organization will use to further improve the effect our programming has across the province.

Annual Report

On December 1st our Board of Directors got together for our Annual General Meeting. Click [here](#) to look at our Annual Report from the 2017/18 FunTeam year.

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

December 22nd – January 1st: Christmas Break
(Office Closed)

January 31st: Randy Gregg and Nicky Sereda award nominations due.



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Happy Holidays from FunTeam Alberta



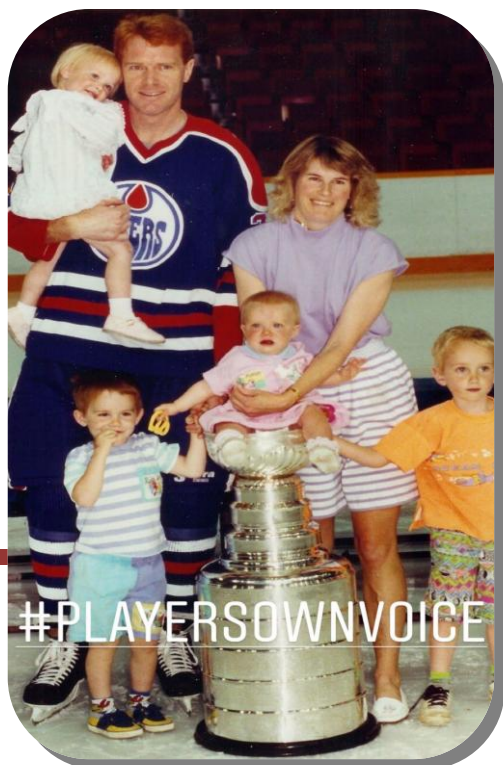
We hope that everyone has the opportunity to spend the holiday season with the one's they love most, share a festive meal, and cherish the time they have together.

We know that all of our groups have been playing fair, safe, and focused on fostering a family oriented environment so no one should be getting any coal this year!



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Player's Own Podcast



Our President, Dr. Randy Gregg and his wife Kathy (also a FunTeam Board member) are successful athletes in their own right as both are two time Olympians and Randy a 5 time Stanley Cup Champion with the Edmonton Oilers. But they were just as successful parents raising their four children and helping them navigate the world of sport.

CBC's Anastasia Bucsis sat down with them to discuss how they were so successful in translating their personal success on the ice so they could make the right decisions for their children growing up in competitive sport. Click [here](#) to listen!

FunTeam Stories



James Cookson – Stony Plain FunTeam Hockey Alumni

From the age of 15, James knew that getting into website development. So when he wasn't in class he was at the library reading books on code and programming, teaching himself the ins and outs and fine tuning his craft every single day. Now 20, he is the Creative Director at Fiiber, a website development firm that he started himself. Yes, you read that correctly, 20.

Click [here](#) to read about James' amazing story and his early beginnings in FunTeam Hockey out in Stony Plain!



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It's Award Season!



Last year's Nicky Sereda Outstanding Participant award winner Nathan Olbrich.

The FunTeam Alberta office is accepting nominations for the Randy Gregg Volunteer Award and the Nicky Sereda Outstanding Participant Award.

The Randy Volunteer Award recognizes FunTeam volunteers who embody the principles of FunTeam, displaying leadership, sportsmanship and dedication to supporting youth in community.

The Nicky Sereda Outstanding Participant Award recognizes a FunTeam participant who has demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and cooperation while being a strong role model for his/her peers.

For more information on the awards check out our [website](#) or contact the [FunTeam Office](#)

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS JANUARY 31ST, 2019

Sport Recognition Awards

Alberta Sport Connection has released their Sport Recognition award criteria and nomination forms and we want to recognize our amazing volunteers for their dedication to developing sport in their community. Though we are only eligible under the Sport Volunteer category we want to make it known how valuable our volunteers are to their community.

Have someone in mind? Contact our office to get started!

[Nomination form](#)



Last Year's Randy Gregg Volunteer Award winners Pam and Darryl Hartman.





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FunTeam Group Updates



Last year's Floor Hockey group from the Twin Parks will be running again for the 2019 season! Registration will open up in January!



Pictured above and below are the teams that participated in the 25th Annual Benefit Games in support of the Drumheller Salvation Army Christmas Hamper Program!



*FunTeam makes a community atmosphere.
We have fabulous coaches that really encourage the kids and make hockey positive.*
– Didsbury FunTeam Hockey

Message from the Executive Director

Hello everyone,

For the past month since I have been announced as the Executive Director I have been familiarizing myself with the new responsibilities I will be taking on within the FunTeam office.

Once the New Year comes around I will be looking to get in touch with all of our FunTeam groups to introduce myself and try and make sure that the office has everything that we need from an administration point so that we can finish off the season strong. If you have any feedback during these calls please feel free to bring forward any concerns or ideas to improve our programming.

Happy holidays to everyone and I look forward to the exciting opportunities a New Year presents!

Ryan O'Neill



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Young Leaders Program Update

We have had a great start to the year with our Young Leaders Program. 5 schools made the decision to invest in their students' future through leadership and recreation.

The 5, \$1000 honorariums that have been (or will be) awarded will be used towards decreasing team fees, improving sport equipment for physical education, or offering new programming within their existing curriculum.

We are excited to also be working with 4 new programs once the New Year rolls around!

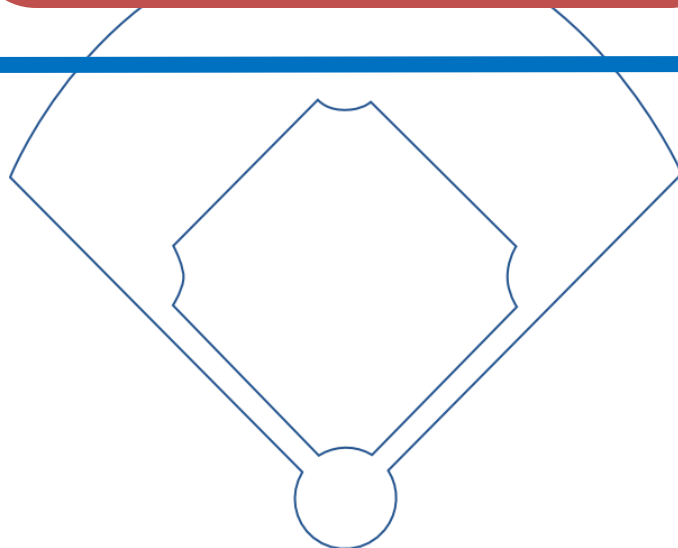


The all female group of Young Leaders at Kate Chegwin Jr. High! This is the school's 3rd year being involved in the program!

If you are an interested teacher, principal, or organization that wants to get involved with a Young Leaders Program are asked to get a hold of [Ryan](#) at the FunTeam office. The \$1000 honorarium can be used to enhance programming in any way that the school or organization seems fit!



This is the 5th year that St. FX's Senior Boys Basketball team has run a FunTeam Young Leaders Program. This time they partner with Bishop David Motiuk's Grade 1-4's to get them physically active.





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Grant Opportunity



Equipment & Facility Grant

The FunTeam Equipment & Facility Grant Program is designed to provide an opportunity for FunTeam members/groups who would like to purchase equipment or upgrade facilities that will make their FunTeam sporting experience even more valuable.

The goal of FunTeam is to see that everyone, regardless of age, ability, or resources, has the opportunity to participate in sporting activities. Participation in sport provides a positive experience for people of all ages.



Update from the 2018 AGM

We were so happy to honour the 25 years of service that former Board member and former Group Manager for Stony Plain FunTeam hockey, Terry Young had dedicated to supporting FunTeam Alberta. He brought by an original painting (seen right) of a depiction of one of our first FunTeam groups and the Gregg's working with them. We presented Terry with one of the [handmade soap stone carvings](#) that the Paul Kane High School art department made us last year that best represented Terry's leadership and commitment to our programming.

Pictures to come soon!



Members of our Board at the 2018 Annual General meeting



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A New Year means a fresh start

Greetings:

It is with pleasure that I wish all of our FunTeam members and their families a comfortable and active winter season. Albertans have for many years embraced the rigors of somewhat cold weather in order to enjoy the outdoors playing sports such as hockey, skiing, sledding and others. FunTeam is proud to assist your community in offering sport and recreational opportunities for children and parents in a low cost, enjoyable and safe environment. The Board of FunTeam appreciates any feedback that our members can give us, as we want to make sure that our FunTeam programs suit the needs of Albertans. Like all non-profit organizations, FunTeam is only as good as its volunteer base and we are so lucky to have such fantastic volunteers in communities across the province. Keep up the great work – we are so proud of our FunTeam members!

Dr. Randy Gregg
President of FunTeam Alberta



Nicholas Chapin (left), Cpt. Ben Lippers (second from the left), former FunTeam parent Ken Richmond, and Group Manager Nicky Sereda wheeling all of the carts Nicholas donated to the Christmas Hamper Program

A Story fit for the Holiday Season

Pictured on the far left is 15 year old Nicholas Chapin who has been playing Drumheller FunTeam Hockey for the last 7 years. This past fall he came up with an idea on his own to help the Christmas Hamper Program in Drumheller. He asked the local grocery store to help run a BBQ and with some help from a few volunteers he raised almost \$500. Being the smart and savvy kid that he is he used the grocery store's 15% off to use his \$500 and turn it into \$700 worth of groceries that he then donated to the Christmas Hamper Program.

It's stories like this that warm our hearts and definitely embody the vision of FunTeam and we are so proud of Nicholas' commitment to giving back this holiday season!



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