

WILLOW WINDS SUPPORT NETWORK

2cnd Quarter (April, May, June 2024)

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Annual Art Contest 2024

- Non-professional artists may enter one art or craft of their own making. This can be a painting, drawing, photo, weaving, clothing, beading, woodwork, knitting, sculpture, metal work, or other.
- Winners and other artwork may be posted without names on our Website, Facebook Page, and in our Newsletter
- Artists from the Nina Haggerty Art Centre in Edmonton will be Judges
- Winners will be contacted by Friday October 4th, 2024
- There will be 9 prizes from \$50.00 - \$250.00 in gift cards

How to Enter: E-mail a photo of your art or craft to angelak@wwsn.ca

E-mail must include:

- Picture of art or craft along with title of art or craft
- Name of artist
- Age (if under 18)
- Phone number
- Mailing address

E-mail must be submitted by September 30th, 2024



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Grant News

Thankyou Woodlands County for your generous grant to support the ongoing and expansion of the PCAP program in your area. Thank you Alberta Community Justice grant for your support of our new Restorative Justice initiative in our north, west and central zones.

WWSN hosted our annual Spring Workshop for staff and contract agencies at Star of the North in St Albert on May 9 & 10, 2024. We had presentations from PCAP, Prevention Conversation and the Metis Nation. We also did some strategic planning for our Restorative Justice project that has our contract partners collaborating with Victim Services in our west and central zones and Youth Justice in our North zone. We have the training now we are building the infrastructure to make this a reality!



Above Hinton Employment and Learning Place, HELP, shows off our new tablecloths and swag at Harry Collinge High School (left) on May 14th and at Edson's Health and Wellness Fair (right) on May 16 as part of our Prevention Conversation Program.

Willow Winds Support Network in collaboration with contract agency Healthy Families Healthy Futures is sending wonderful and deserving kids to Lakeland FASD Network Summer Camp in Cold Lake, ab.

"An FASD summer camp was offering to youth who were diagnosed with FASD, the chance to come and attend the camp for a week in the summer. The mentor who worked with youths in a First Nation Community, explained the camp to the children and caregivers and everyone was excited and wanted to attend. The mentor spent many hours planning and helping the families prepare for this exciting opportunity. Unfortunately, the families could not afford the cost of camp or for the necessities to bring to camp. The mentor who was very determined that the children would not miss this opportunity to attend and experience a different way of life, even if it was only for a week, set out to make the impossible-possible. The mentor had a discussion with Willow Winds and was grateful for their support in covering the cost of the enrollment and sleeping bags. The mentor then reached out to other mentors and community partners and received everything else that the children would need to be able to attend the camp! Between the mentor and Willow Winds, the children also have supportive transportation to and from the camps. The mentor stated, "I am so happy the children are going to experience the world, outside of their community as they have never been able to before. It is so important that they know there is a world out there where they can accomplish their dreams!!". Quote from an email by Pam Pearce, supervisor HFHF

Collaborative effort between WWSN, HFHF, mentors and the First Nation's community to send kids to camp.



Cookie Day at Tim Hortens



Willow Winds fundraising in collaboration with Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis, AGLC, and Century Casino St Albert, July 17 & 18.

Correction: PDD does Adult Skills Inventory not Capacity Assessments

Success Stories from the Heart

In the past year participant has struggled with addictions. While a number of applications went in over the year for her to attend treatment she would not go when she was contacted. She recently told her mentor that she was ready to go and took the initiative to call the treatment center without support. She was told they had a bed in Detox for her the next morning at 8 AM and that after she finished Detox she would be moved into treatment. She reached out to a family member and told her she needed to be in Detox the next morning and asked for a ride and made arrangements with family to care for her children. She recently reached out to the Mentor and let her know she was done Detox and had been moved into treatment and wanted her mentor to know how much she appreciated her and the work she did with her. She told her that without her support she would not have found the courage to leave her children and go away for upwards of a month.