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Recapping Missing Persons Week 2016

Missing but Not Forgotten

With the memories and long-held traditions of the Christmas season, the PPCMP recognizes this can be a difficult time of year for the families and friends of missing persons. With that in mind, we are providing a brief update on some of the work done to raise awareness of the issue of missing persons in this province during Missing Persons Week 2016.

The fourth annual Missing Persons Week was held from May 1-7. The theme "Missing but Not Forgotten" reminded that no matter how long someone is missing for, they remain in the memories and thoughts of families, friends and the police responsible for continuing the search.

All families of missing persons and support agencies were welcome at the opening ceremony in Regina. Elder Lorraine Yuzicappi of the Standing Buffalo First Nation began with a prayer and later spoke to reporters about her personal experiences with missing family members and friends. As always, PPCMP member agencies



Elder Lorraine Yuzicappi speaks to reporters at Missing Persons Week 2016 ceremony.

were on hand to educate and give information on the services they provide, including education programs, counseling, and search and rescue.

Victims Services missing persons liaisons hosted public awareness events in their communities. Chezanne Shewchuk spoke to the Women of the Prince Albert Grand Council. Rhonda Fiddler, based in Regina, hosted a film screening of a documentary showing the dangers of child pornography. Dorthea Swiftwolfe in Saskatoon hosted a

film screening and information session. The film, *My Only Daughter*, told the story of Saskatoon's Carol Wolfe and her tireless search for her missing daughter Karina.

The Saskatchewan Aboriginal Women's Circle Corporation held an open house in Yorkton, while Child Find Saskatchewan held a fundraising breakfast on May 25.

Missing Persons Week 2017 will run from April 30 to May 6 in Saskatchewan.

PPCMP Member Profile: Child Find Saskatchewan

A Missing Child is Everyone's Responsibility



Child Find Saskatchewan is a registered charity established in 1984. Overall, our mission is to educate and advocate for the rights and protection of children and youth and promote awareness of the issues relating to missing persons.

We assist parents in locating missing family members, be it a child who has wandered off, run away, or has become the victim of abduction, or an adult that has gone missing uncharacteristically.

We advise families on the process of obtaining legal documents regarding custody and offer support to searching families.

We believe the most effective method to reduce the number of missing people is through educational and preventative programs for children and youth. This includes our *All About Me ID* and our *Alert Youth* programs, which focus on being safe and considering the consequences of risky behaviour. We offer support

to searching families through our *Connecting Families* program, which provides a peer support network between families who have suffered through a similar situation.

If you have information on any missing person in Saskatchewan, please do not hesitate to call our Crisis Line at the numbers listed below. There is always someone to answer your call and you don't need to leave your name. It is often the general public that provides that crucial piece of information that leads to solving many of the missing person cases in the province.

Child Find is always looking for volunteers to assist in the delivery and development of our programs and to help with various fundraising opportunities. We'd love to hear from you.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our donators and sponsors. Without their support, we would not be able to do what we do. *Thank you for believing that a missing person is everyone's responsibility.*

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