



RANCH EHRLO SOCIETY

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Ranch Ehrlo employee wins big

Mary Anne LaRocque-Ouamar won a two-year lease on a 2018 Ford Escape, thanks to Team Northern Ontario's winning performance in the Ford Hot Shots competition held at the Tim Horton's Brier in Regina.

Larocque-Ouamar has a long history at Ranch Ehrlo. So when she entered the Ford Hot Shot competition, where the entrance criteria had participants describe how they help their community, it was a no-brainer to include her work at the agency.

"I described who I work with at Pasqua House - developmentally delayed clients," Larocque-Ouamar, who has 24 years experience at Ranch Ehrlo, said. "My heart is with Pasqua House. Some of those clients, I've known for 16 years," she said.

"I work here because kids need support, they need safety, and they need routines - and that's what we're all about."

Ehrlo Sport Venture receives donation

One local man used his connection with high-level sport to help Ehrlo Sport Venture's league participants receive some brand-new equipment.

Shawn Dayman runs the Hockey Regina Fred McBeth Western Canadian Midget AA hockey tournament every year. Last year, he received an offer for hotel sponsorship. This year, the company did one better - they told him if he could book more than 200 nights of rooms in their hotel, they would give him a cash donation.

He succeeded, and received \$2,000 from the chain.

"I could've given it back to Hockey Regina, but to split it among players evenly, each would only receive about \$30," he explained.

So instead, Dayman decided to use the money to purchase some brand-new equipment for Sport Venture's free-of-charge leagues, which also provide participants with all equipment required to safely play each sport.



Congratulations to our own Mary Anne Laroque-Ouamar on her Ford Hot Shots win!
(photo courtesy of Curling Canada)



Shawn Dayman and Taylor Ward

“I understand how playing a sport can temporarily remove you from some of the issues you may be experiencing in your life,” he said, noting that coaching hockey helped him with some of his own personal issues.

Thanks to a friend who owns a sporting goods store, Dayman was able to use the money he received to purchase five sets of 10 t-shirt jerseys for junior soccer, three sets of 20 for senior soccer, 21 hockey jerseys and bags, 23 pairs of hockey socks, 12 softballs, 75 pucks, several hockey sticks (some of which he donated from his own personal collection), and eight rolls of stick tape for Sport Venture’s youth.

“It’s always appreciated when someone in the community wants to donate to Sport Venture,” said interim manager Taylor Ward. “Matching jerseys create the cohesion that makes a team, a team, and this is an opportunity most youth in our programs would not get to experience if not for donations like these.”

Dayman’s motivation was simple.

“I’ve had a very soft heart for kids my entire life,” he said. “These kids deserve it.”

Ehrlo Sport Venture needs volunteers for a new league

Ehrlo Sport Venture is excited to announce the beginning of a new league, offering free-of-charge baseball to children and youth.

The league was made possible through a partnership with the Toronto Blue Jays’ Jays Care Foundation, a charitable organization whose mission is to use baseball to teach life skills and create lasting social change for children and youth in marginalized communities across Canada.

“This is an amazing opportunity for Sport Venture. Our mission and vision aligns closely with that of the Jays Care Foundation, and working with them gives us an opportunity to reach even more children and youth throughout our community with a brand-new league,” said Amanda McConnell, Sport Venture manager.

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Amanda McConnell, Ehrlo Sport Venture manager

But we need your help, too! Like all our leagues, the Ehrlo Baseball Rookie League will be coached by volunteers. If you have a passion for baseball, helping children and youth, or both – we want you! We’re looking for 12 volunteers to fill out our coaching roster. Volunteer orientation is tentatively scheduled for May 13th. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit our website at ehrlo.com/sport-venture.

The season is scheduled to begin May 29th. Practices will run Tuesdays and Thursdays until July 19th.

Mentorship program fills gaps

Ehrlo Sport Venture’s newest program has officially launched.

The mentorship program, born of a partnership between Ehrlo Sport Venture and The Regina Intersectoral Partnership (TRiP) pairs youth identified by TRiP as most in need of mentorship with a caring adult mentor provided by Sport Venture. The program kicked off just over a month ago and has been going full force ever since. To date, there are five mentors working with nine children and youth from the TRiP program.

“Mentorship for young people experiencing difficulty is a gap identified in many initiatives in our community,” said Lance Dudar, TRiP coordinator. “This program is providing a much-needed service to TRiP and the families we are involved with.”

“So far, the program has been meeting and exceeding all our expectations,” said Sport Venture manager Amanda McConnell. “The feedback from the first month has been tremendous! The mentors and the kids they have been paired with have all connected really well; the reports we’ve been getting have really showcased the impact that mentorship and this program have had, even in a short period of time.”

Mentors have been working with their mentees on things like self-esteem, cooperation, and social skills. They have reached out to other mentor/mentee pairings in the program, forming friendships and working on skills in a relationship-based setting.

While it is meant to be more than fun – it is fun!

“The kids have been reporting back on all the fun they’ve been having and how they look forward to their weekly time with their mentor,” McConnell continued. “Some of the activities they have done, the kids hadn’t done it in years, and some are brand new experiences or something they have always wanted to do!”

Northern staff association event



Our northern campus is well-known for its many outdoor recreational opportunities for clients, but sometimes staff take advantage as well!

The northern staff association gathered for a fun day of ice fishing, organized by the president Dillyne Smith.

The education team took the trophy for greatest number of staff from their department attending, but all who showed up had a great time getting together to enjoy one another’s company outside of work.

Ranch Ehrlo to present UMind webinar

Ranch Ehrlo is pleased to have been asked to participate in Umind’s free webinar series, “The Power Of...”

The four-part series focuses on complementary services for treating mental health issues in youth – something that we at Ranch Ehrlo know a thing or two about!

“UMIND is a national resource to connect professionals working in children’s mental health, and I believe Ranch Ehrlo’s holistic approach to care is unique and really effective. So, the opportunity to present on the impressive work that our super dedicated employees do every day with our youth is welcomed and should be shared,” said Dr. Bree Fiissel, vice-president of clinical services.

Four Ranch employees will take part in the webinar scheduled for May 19th, speaking on how we incorporate animals, nature, and sports into our work with children and youth.

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Ehrlo Sport Venture’s Amanda McConnell will talk about the power of sport; Amanda Snell, youth care leader at Buckland campus, is scheduled to discuss the Ranch’s Equine Assisted Learning program in a segment about the power of animals; and Buckland director of residential services Kevin Mugford will be joined by unit manager Brittany Acorn on the topic of the power of nature. Kevin and Brittany will talk about the Ranch’s therapeutic camping program, including describing the process of creating a successful trip from start to finish.

UMind is an online resource for mental health professionals to access information and share practical tools, knowledge, and

training, and to help improve the lives of children and youth and their families living with mental health issues.

Wrestling update

Last newsletter we told the story of a Ranch youth that was competing at the North Battleford 2018 Winter Games in wrestling in February.

We just want to provide an update on his success. This talented youth won an individual bronze medal and a team silver medal!

Mark your calendar



Once again, we will be hosting a powwow at the end of summer and we invite you to join us.

Our powwow will be competitive style – cash prizes will be given out to the top dancers in each age group/dance category. We will also be hosting a family style carnival, and will be providing a hamburger supper free of charge. (A canteen will be available throughout the day, and popcorn and snow cone stations will be available to round out the selection.)

Ranch Ehrlo's powwow is a celebration of life! Join us as we celebrate the lives

changed by Ranch Ehrlo Society at our third annual powwow on August 30th.

A special thank you to all our sponsors including our event sponsors: Signature Printit, SGI, Welldone Mechanical Services, Casino Regina, and Beyond Wealth Management.

Southern Winterfest CARE moment



Our president and CEO Andrea Brittin (L) and Judy Bidyk, the vice-president of human resources are trying to stay warm at the Southern Winterfest held on Pilot Butte campus.



In early April, the entire province was thrust into mourning with the tragedy involving the Humboldt Broncos bus. Our youth were no exception. With the help of unit manager Brittany Acorn, Alex Guy youth found a way to channel their feelings and show support to those affected, by creating jerseys to wear and displaying their hockey sticks in solidarity with the #sticksoutforHumboldt movement.

Skills to succeed



Vocational Training Employment Program (VTEP) serving lunch to CARE training participants. VTEP currently has 13 clients and helps them develop life skills, vocational training, and skills development.

Social Work Week



During Social Work Week in Saskatchewan, our own Ryan Labatt (president of the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers) and Carole Bryant (treasurer and council member of SASW) were recognized in the Saskatchewan Legislature! Left to right: Ryan, Carole, SASW executive director Karen Wasylenka, and Minister of Social Services Paul Merriman.

Radiothon donation



Each year, Ehrlo Early Learning Centres band together to raise money for the Z99 radiothon to help save babies lives and this year was no exception. Their donation of \$2959.25 was for the Regina General Hospital's neonatal intensive care unit. The money was raised through bake sales at W.F. Ready, Wilfrid Walker, and Gladys McDonald locations. Imperial and Ruth Pawson centres contributed baking for the sales, making it truly a team effort.