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2022 Awards Night

Each of our participants are special in their own right. At our annual Awards Night we take the time to recognize their outstanding achievements and exemplary effort throughout the year, whether it's academic, athletic, or somewhere in between.

This June, staff, participants, families, and special guests gathered at three venues in the province for the annual Awards Night. We celebrated youth in the north and in the south and our adult participants in Regina. Awards were handed out for academics, athletics, social development, creative arts, culture, and concluded with the President's trophies.

Board tour

Some of the members of Ranch Ehrlo Society's board of directors went back to school. Schaller Education Centre was one of the

stops on a tour of the Pilot Butte campus.

Each year a tour is set up to allow the board to interact with staff and participants and get a better understanding of what we do at the agency, which helps the board make more informed decisions.

Hayley Maurer, principal and director of education in the south, provided a comprehensive tour and presentation of the purpose and function of the Ranch's education programs.



Awards Night



Board members were then treated to the smell of delicious baking at their next stop, Appleton House. Ryan Wingert, program manager, explained the Group Living Program and showed everyone around the home. Amanda McConnell, clinical case worker, provided an overview of clinical services provided in the program.

Next, they were off to Rorison House for a description of the Emergency Receiving Program from Shayne Logan, program manager.

Finally, Janna Ellis, director of group living, and Jane Powell, director of clinical services presented an overview of the Supported Living Program.

Dr. Louise Greenberg, the chair of the board of directors, thoroughly enjoyed the presentations and the history and philosophy of the Ranch. She thought that it provided more context for the tour and made it easier to connect the dots.

“We first received the theory, then we experienced the theory in practice with the tour. I feel like I have a much better understanding of Ranch Ehrlo,” Dr. Greenberg said.

Showcasing Sport Venture

It was all smiles at the Jays Care Curve Ball Gala when Gloria Patrick, manager of Ehrlo Sport Venture (ESV), and Phyllis Littlelent, volunteer coach and parent, travelled to Toronto for the Jays Care Curve Ball Gala at Rogers Centre.

Jays Care is the charitable arm of the Toronto Blue Jays Baseball Club. They fund programs across Canada in marginalized communities that level the playing field for all children and youth across Canada. The gala attracted supporters and donors primarily from the Toronto area and showcased the foundation’s funded partners and the impacts of the donors’ efforts.

Since 2018, Jays Care has sponsored the Ehrlo Baseball Rookie League (EBRL), and this year also funded a Family Night at Home program in Regina for 25 families.



Gloria and Phyllis

Littlelent was a speaker at the event of 1,200 people, including the Blue Jays baseball team and staff. Her speech was about healing, reconciliation, families coming together, mentorship, and hopefulness for the future.

“Phyllis spoke about her family history and the impacts of residential school. She explained how her family has found healing through their participation with the EBRL. Phyllis has stepped up to lead – not only for her family but for all of our players,” explained Patrick.

Littlelent wore a royal blue ribbon skirt featuring a Jays’ logo. She also placed two sets of handprints on the skirt - one set of orange hands to symbolize the Indigenous children who attended residential schools and another set of white ones to represent the Indigenous children who are still here today.

“It’s important for us at ESV to acknowledge the significant partnership with the Jays Care Foundation and what they contribute for Sport Venture. Through this consistent relationship, we’ve been able to grow our EBRL and see our players thrive. Our athletes not only increase their skills on their field, but have developed their life and social skills, built their self-confidence, and have made meaningful relationships,” Patrick said.

CARE connects us all

An amazing part of Ranch Ehrlo is that everyone is invested in the mission - to provide quality preventative and restorative services to, and advocacy for, vulnerable individuals and families through highly engaged and professional employees.

One way we ensure that everyone stays connected, from caregivers to IT support, is to have all employees take CARE training.

We are guided by the CARE model, which is a multi-level program aimed at improving services for participants in care. Based on six guiding principles (developmentally focused, family involved, relationship based, trauma informed, competence centred, and ecologically oriented) the CARE model is designed to significantly influence the way we work and interact with our participants.

The benefits of this training can easily be seen in our programs and schools but can also be seen in unexpected places.

Tracy Johnson, a payroll accountant at the Ranch, recently shared how she used relationship based principles in her daily interactions with a participant in a vocational program who stopped by her office daily to deliver interoffice mail.

“We would chat frequently and developed a friendship. I look forward to his visits whenever he is here and enjoyed getting to know him,” Johnson explained.

Their brief daily conversations were important to the participant, and he let everyone in his life know about it and about Johnson.

“We enjoy learning more about the people we serve even though we don’t work directly with them.”

-Tracy Johnson, payroll accountant

One day a casual staff accompanied the participant instead of his regular vocational worker.

“The staff came up to me and said, ‘I’m glad to finally meet you. I have heard so much about this Tracy!’,” he said.

Johnson added, “There are quite a few of us in the office who have very similar experiences too and we enjoy learning more

about the people we serve even though we don’t work directly with them.”

Every interaction we have with youth, adults, and families works toward helping participants and understanding the reasons that brought them to Ranch Ehrlo.

Early childhood educator receives provincial recognition



Jenna

Jenna Ripplinger, an early childhood educator (ECE) at Ehrlo Early Learning Centre (EELC), recently won the Saskatchewan Early Childhood Association 2022 Award of Excellence. She was recognized for her exemplary commitment to children’s early years and innovation in the field.

Karin Duff, director of early learning said, “The early learning educator is the heart of all high quality, inclusive programming. It’s Jenna’s ability to build respectful and trusting relationships with the children, families, and her peers that makes her outstanding.”

Duff thinks that Ripplinger’s approach to her work demonstrates that the children’s well-being, education, and development are paramount.

Ripplinger has worked at the EELC WF Ready location in Regina since March 2021.

In regards to her award, she feels like there are not enough words to express her many thanks and appreciation.

She was shown letters that went along with her two nominations, and they brought her to tears with all the kind words.

Ripplinger said, "I thought it was just me doing my job and nothing special, but seeing me through their eyes showed me something different."

She is thankful to all the amazing people she has worked beside who have helped mold her into the ECE she is today.

Warmth for families

Participants in Ranch Ehrlo's Family Treatment Program (FTP) are a whole lot warmer.

The Viscount-Plunkett chapter of Blankets for Canada donated 25 youth and adult blankets for the first time to Ranch Ehrlo after the organization was informed about the great need in the FTP.

Patti Petrucka, director of family treatment said about the donation, "I am in awe of the endless kindness of our community. The donation of handmade blankets is such an incredible way to show families facing hardships that the community cares. Coming to this program often means leaving your home and community – to come to a new home and be greeted with a cozy gift of a homemade blankets speaks volumes to the warmth of the place they are coming to."

Ehrlo Basketball



Ehrlo Sport Venture's Basketball League wrapped up with a tournament at the end of May. A special thank you to our players, volunteer coaches, and parents who dedicate their time and help make the season a success.

3-Mile Race



We had an additional dose of inspiration at our northern 3-Mile Race thanks to special guest Tarrant Cross Child, Saskatoon runner and part of the Prairie Run Crew outreach team. He uses running to foster hope in Indigenous youth across Saskatchewan.

Tenant appreciation



Ehrlo Housing staff, Sherri, David, and Tyler were cooking up a storm at the Lakeshore Village tenant's appreciation barbeque, celebrating 25 years of history! Lakeshore Village was Ranch Ehrlo Society's first affordable housing unit, which was purchased in 1997.

Thank you



Northern group living directors thank the housemothers at Corman Park and Buckland campuses with a special gift for Mother's Day.

Pride walkway



Participants and staff painted a Pride walkway in front of Schaller school on the Pilot Butte campus.