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UPDATE



THE DEN, S.Y.C.

Building Our Future

Following a community-wide study in 2021, it became clear that Sundre's youth were looking for more available activities, while parents emphasized the importance of a secure environment for their children to socialize. After a busy year dedicated to planning, fundraising, and envisioning the future, we were able to open our doors in November of 2022.

Located on centre street and walking distance from the schools, THE DEN offers diverse entertainment options, including multiple activity areas, study spaces, karaoke, musical instruments, a "canteen" snack bar, and comfortable seating. Through regular drop-in nights and events, THE DEN has welcomed hundreds of young individuals, creating a vibrant and secure community hub. Our dedicated program staff and volunteers strive to connect with each youth, ensuring a welcoming and supportive atmosphere.

A powerful testament to the impact of THE DEN is the story of a young guitarist who, empowered by the group's encouragement, overcame their hesitation to perform regularly at Open Circles. Another youth, facing challenges due to ADHD, discovered acceptance and support from both volunteers and peers.

From solitary phone-focused moments to forging friendships, THE DEN has transformed the lives of youth who initially entered alone. Our mission is clear – to foster relationships, instill confidence, and provide a safe haven for making friends, building connections and having a great time in the process.

THE DEN is one of the many projects of Greenwood Neighbourhood Place. Keeping THE DEN open and well-maintained ensures it remains a vital resource for the community.

Together, let's invest in building our youth for a brighter future.

We cannot
always
build the future
for our youth,
but we can build
our youth
for the
future.
Franklin D. Roosevelt

GREENWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACE INITIATIVES

- Information and Referrals to Resources and Services
- Adult/Senior Advocacy
- Seniors Art Classes
- Seniors Anti-isolation Trips
- Walk, Trek, Hike Walking Group
- Sundre Community Garden
- Workshops/Seminars
- Volunteer Income Tax Program
- Snow Angels Program
- Friendly Callers
- · Sundre on the Go
- Campus Alberta Central Partner
- Academic Express Partner
- Rural Mental Health Project Partner
- Family Free Swims

- The Den, S.Y.C Sundre Youth Centre
- Babysitting Course
- Summer programs for kids
- Family Events
- Community-Wide Events (Family Day, Canada Day, Halloween)
- Community Block Parties (coming summer 2024)
- Sundre Santas
- Magic of Christmas
- Volunteer Connect
- National Volunteer Week Volunteer Appreciation
- Seniors Week Event
- Newcomer Welcome Package
- and more

PEOPLE WE HAVE SERVED	2022	2023	2024 (Jan-Mar)
Request for Services	2,802	4,511	862
(Most often requested: seniors benefits, mental health & substance use.)			
Seniors/Adults Advocacy Appointments	351	402	100
Events Participants	1,502	2,058	341

(Seniors, Adults, Families, Youth)

Since Greenwood Neighbourhood Place was established back in 2000, it has been an **important resource** in the community.

It has been my **privilege** to step into the role of Executive Director and continue the work of so many **dedicated individuals** before me.

Despite the challenges posed by dwindling government funding in recent years, our dedication to providing Sundre with the highest level of service remains steadfast. I've been privileged to witness the **incredible generosity** and **strong sense of community** exhibited by the residents of Sundre and area.

It has been amazing to see how **people band together and support each other** when needs arise. We are fully committed to building a connected, resilient and thriving community.

In the coming months, we are excited to participate in a number of **community-wide events** to bring people together. Watch for details in Sundre on the Go and we hope to see you there!

Donny Kralin Executive Director We rely on the generosity of individuals and businesses to continue to serve our community.

Will you partner with us?



LIVE FUNDRAISING AUCTION

Saturday, June 1, 2024 7:00 pm Doors open 6:30 pm Sundre Legion Hall

Something for everyone! Refreshments - Cash Bar

Visit our website for a list of items!

Auctioneer: Dwight Boychuk



Online:

Scan the QR code or go to **mygnp.org** to become a monthly donor or give a one-time gift.



By Mail:

Box 1846 Sundre, AB T0M 1X0

In Person:

Visit us at our office with your donation and take a tour.

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In the month of May!

With the support of an anonymous donor pledging \$10,000 in matching funds, your help can turn \$10,000 into \$20,000!

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