



Canada Games Building Dreams and Champions Legacy Program

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The Canada Games Building Dreams and Champions Legacy Program (CGBDCLP) was established as a result of the \$3.4 million surplus from the 2005 Canada Summer Games in Regina. The CGBDCLP's 16 components are designed to help Saskatchewan's youth achieve their goals through optimum programming, training and competition, while allowing our young artists to pursue their creative aspirations. This newsletter will highlight the current initiatives of the CGBDCLP and recognize the benefits that communities gain by hosting major national and international sporting events. The CGBDCLP is managed by Sask Sport Inc. on behalf of the Regina 2005 Canada Games Host Society.

Canada Games Dream Brokers Program Launched in Regina

The Canada Games Dream Brokers Program was officially launched in Regina on November 2. This four-year program was made possible thanks to a one-time contribution of \$530,000 from the Legacy Fund established following last year's Games.

The goal of the Dream Brokers Program is to encourage inner city children and youth to participate in sport and cultural activities and programs that currently exist in Regina. Three Dream Brokers – Kris Johns, Jennifer Tzupa and Garrett Mathias – have been hired to work with local schools to help ensure that inner city children and youth are participating in these programs and activities. The brokers will also be responsible for identifying and eliminating barriers that prevent children and youth from participating in these activities.

The Dream Brokers Program is designed to encourage inner city children and youth to develop their own dreams and the initiative to achieve those dreams. Successful athletes and artists will be called upon as role models to discuss their dreams, the obstacles they have overcome in their lives and other life experiences.



Dream Broker Jennifer Tzupa (left) is interviewed about the new program.

"It'll keep me out of trouble and I get to do it with my friends," said Travis Machiskinic, a Grade 6 student at Herchmer School. In a newspaper interview, Machiskinic said since the program began he's taken an interest in curling.

Garrett Mathiason, Herchmer's Dream Broker, said recently one of his students approached him about her interest in track and field and the lack of facilities and training. "There was really nothing offered for her in the inner city so what I did was contact one of the track clubs, Excel Athletica... and we were able to get her involved in an existing track program," he said.

"The Canada Games Dream Brokers Program is just another example of how cities and provinces can benefit from hosting national sporting events," says Bob Ellard, Board Chair and President of the



(L - R) Elder Harry Francis from the Piapot First Nation, Joe Daniels of Sask Sport Inc. and Mayor Pat Fiocco.

"The 2005 Canada Games generated an estimated \$101 million in economic impact activity, of which nearly \$85.2 million occurred within the City of Regina."

Canadian Sport Tourism Alliance





Host Society of the 2005 Canada Summer Games. "This invaluable program will help ensure that more of our children are given the opportunity to participate in and benefit from sport, culture and recreation activities."

The City of Regina, Sask Sport Inc., the Regina Catholic School Board and the Regina Public School Board are key partners in the Dream Brokers Program. A committee, consisting of members from all key partners, will oversee the project. The program will initially focus on children and youth ages 8 to 14 in the North Central area.

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Aboriginal dancers were part of the Dream Brokers launch.

Canada Games Days "Catch the Spirit" Program

The "Catch the Spirit" Program is designed to create a sport, cultural and education experience for Saskatchewan children and youth ages 4-14 that will capture the excitement and spirit of the Canada Games. Participants are learning more about the Canada Games, the Saskatchewan Indian Games and the benefits of taking part in physical and creative activities, while enjoying a healthy, active lifestyle. The Saskatchewan Games Council and Saskatchewan *in motion* have partnered to deliver the program through schools and the zones in Saskatchewan. For more information contact Susan Schneider at (306) 780-9357.

Canada Games Council National Dreams and Champions Program

\$150,000 was provided to the Canada Games Council (CGC) to promote the Canada Games Movement across Canada. The CGC provides Canadian youth with the resources, support, programs, activities, tools and events necessary to encourage youth to participate in sport and physical activities and help them reach and achieve higher athletic levels. The CGC is working with federal, provincial and territorial governments, as well as various sport federations and future host societies to ensure that the movement continues in Canada. For more information visit the Council's website at www.canadagames.ca.

Investment in major events provides short and long term benefits to a community.



Canada Games Saskatchewan Athletes Grant

The Future Best program is designed to provide financial assistance to Saskatchewan's high performance athletes, who are striving to become National Senior Team members. Through the Canada Games Saskatchewan Athletes Grant component, a one-time donation of \$200,000 has been donated to the Future Best program to assist Saskatchewan athletes over the next four years. Thanks to this additional funding, approximately 20 more athletes will be eligible to receive funding through this program. Grant applications have already been distributed, and the award recipients will be announced this December. For more information contact Rob Kennedy at (306) 975-0809 or email rkennedy@sasksport.sk.ca.

Canada Games On-line Volunteer Campus (Volunteer Training Centre)

A website is in the final test stages that will deliver key education and training opportunities for volunteer development in Saskatchewan and across Canada. The website will provide free training to volunteers that will prepare them for the challenges they will face as volunteers. Volunteers can receive training in several areas including Facilitating Community Development, Board Governance and Event Planning. As well, CGC will develop one of the key modules that will transfer knowledge learned from each Canada Games onto the next organizing committee. For more information contact Tammy Hager at (306) 780-9318 or email thager@sasksport.sk.ca.

The 2005 Canada Summer Games' legacy lives on through the Credit Union Eventplex. Thanks to this state-of-the-art facility, Regina will host the Scotties Tournament of Hearts in 2008. It also played host to the 2006 Tim Horton's Brier.





1989 Jeux Canada Games Foundation

Since the 1989 Jeux Canada Games Foundation was established, the Foundation has distributed annual grants to hundreds of qualified non-profit sport organizations. Their goal is to assist in the development of amateur sport in Saskatchewan. The one-time donation of \$100,000 will help the Foundation support their ongoing good work in Saskatchewan. For more information contact Tom Kennedy, Executive Director, P.O. Box 1989, Saskatoon, SK S7K 3S5, Phone: (306) 251-1989, Fax: (306) 665-5740, E-mail: 1989jcgf@sasktel.net.

Canada Games Regina Major Event Bid Support

Tourism Regina is using the \$50,000 legacy contribution to create and implement a long term event development strategy for Regina. This strategy will position Regina as a major event destination in North America, which will translate into the "Queen City" hosting additional major national and international events. The strategy is under development and is expected to be completed by February 2007. It will include a best measures model and a detailed event management bid to host model for the future. For more information contact Marilyn Pollock at (306) 751-8774.

Canada Games Graduate Fellowship in Sport and Recreation Management

The Canada Games legacy provided \$200,000 to the University of Regina to establish the Canada Games Graduate Fellowship at the University of Regina. Starting in 2008, the program will provide \$10,000 annually to a full-time graduate student studying in the field of either sport or recreation management at the University of Regina. For more information, visit www.uregina.ca/gradstudies/forms.

Watch for our next newsletter for updates on other legacy initiatives such as the Canada Games Emerging Aboriginal Artists Program; Canada Games Aboriginal Building Future Champions Program; Fonds de bourses des Jeux du Canada 2005 ; and Canada Games Saskatchewan Arts Bursaries. Newsletter comments and suggestions can be directed to Pat Rediger at prediger@sasksport.sk.ca.



Dream Broker, Kris Johns, stands beside the commemorative mural that was donated to the City of Regina by the Canada Summer Games Host Committee to recognize the City of Regina's contributions. The mural was produced by Brian Cobbledick and is now on display at the west entrance of the Regina Sportplex (Fieldhouse/Lawson Aquatic Centre).

Canada Games Saskatchewan Coach Employment Program

Recently, nine summer sports received Canada Games Saskatchewan Coach Employment Grants. The grants are provided to eligible PSGBs that participate in either the winter or summer Canada Games. The PSGBs will use the grants to hire coaches, whose primary role is to prepare Saskatchewan's Canada Games athletes as well as ensure the development of other coaches. These coaches will work with Saskatchewan's high performance athletes to help them succeed at the 2009 Canada Summer Games and 2011 Canada Winter Games. The recipients of the winter sports grants will be announced in fall of 2007. For more information contact Rob Kennedy at (306) 975-0809 or email rkennedy@sasksport.sk.ca.

Canada Games Saskatchewan Sport Legacy

With the funding support from the Canada Games Legacy, Sask Sport has embarked upon the development of a comprehensive business plan to take the Sport Legacy Fund, Canada Games Legacy Plan and other fund development opportunities to the next level. This program will help sustain, grow and ensure the continued success of sport in Saskatchewan. It is expected that the plan will be implemented by October 2007. Stay tuned for more details.

