



The Rainbows Journey

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Rainbows Barbeque

A number of our Rainbows children with their parents and some facilitators from a number of groups got together at a farm



outside Calgary for a barbeque, some games and to plant flowers. Everyone had a great time. It was so much fun, we are planning to have a barbeque and games day for our

Rainbows groups every year.

The Flower Tower

Rainbow of Encouragement is participating with 12 other charities in a charity fund raising event in Calgary this summer. A giant flower tower,



constructed by our Rainbows children will be on display in the Eaton's Centre and Bow Valley Square From May 26 to June 18. 15 of these towers will be auctioned at a big

garden party on June 19, from 6 – 9:30pm in Bow Valley Square. If you

could help us sell tickets to this event, please call Dennis at 289-8555.

What Has Happened Lately?

Training was held in High River for a number of groups who will be starting Rainbows in September. People from Okotoks, Black Diamond, Turner Valley, and High River are working together to bring Rainbows to their schools, group homes, social services groups and others.

Churches in Banff and Medicine Hat have requested Rainbows information and are considering starting Rainbows programs for the children in their areas.

The Boys and Girls Club in Cochrane just received their approval and funding for Rainbows and will be starting in September.

Supporting Rainbows

If you would like to support the work of Rainbows in Southern Alberta, you can send a cheque made out to "Rainbow of Encouragement" or call Dennis at 403-289-8555

Helping Families

Do you know someone who could benefit from Rainbows? 50% of our children in Alberta will suffer from the loss of a parent. Be a friend to them. Be a friend to the single parent that is left to bring up the children. Refer them to Rainbows. There are now 10 active Rainbows sites in southern Alberta. Each one is facilitated by trained, caring people who will help the children and their parents to work through their emotions so that it does not need to hurt forever. Have your friend call 289-8555 to find out more about Rainbows and to register their children in the program. Or call us for them and we will contact them.

Garden Party and Auction

Tickets for the big garden party and auction are on sale for a mere \$40 each. Enjoy some hors d'oeuvres and mingle with other Calgarians at Bow Valley Square on Thursday, June 19. The flower tower auction begins at 6pm. There will be entertainment and the opportunity to bid on the Rainbows tower or one of the other fine flower towers created by 13 different charities in Calgary.

For tickets, call Dennis Sanders at 289-8555.

Rainbows Programs

All active Rainbows sites in southern Alberta will be starting up again in September. We have sites in Lethbridge, Coaldale, Vulcan, Bassano, High River, Okotoks, Cochrane, and Calgary. To register in a program, or to get dates and locations, call Dennis Sanders at 289-8555.

Interesting Reading

If you want to learn more about the effect of divorce on children as they move through life; try reading "The Unexpected Legacy of Divorce" by Judith S Wallerstein. This book will take you on a journey through the life of a number of people from their childhood through to their thirties and how the legacy of their parents divorce has affected them throughout their life. You can help by recommending your friends to Rainbows.

In the words of one of our Rainbows moms:

" I like to come to Rainbows to see my kids faces light up. I love to see their excitement over Tuesday nights. This is our 3rd year and nothing has come before Rainbows in my kid's lives. I like to come to see the familiar faces, meet new people and to share. I get support for myself."



Here are some of our Rainbows children part way through planting the flower tower.