

Evening of Decadent Dessert

Helping children with special needs reach their full potential

Friday, April 29, 2016
Pidherney Centre
Red Deer



In support of:



Special Needs Resource Centre

All proceeds from this event go directly to programs & supports for children with special needs.

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Donation & Sponsorship Opportunities

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Help local children with special needs by supporting one of Red Deer's premier fundraising events.

On behalf of Aspire Special Needs Resource Centre, I would like to invite you to be a part of the 22nd annual Evening of Decadent Dessert, which will be held on April 29, 2016. For over two decades, businesses, organizations and individuals from across central Alberta have come together to support this event, which has grown into one of the most elegant and successful fundraisers in our community. In 2015, 530 guests attended Evening of Decadent Dessert and raised over \$150,000, with all proceeds going to the programs, services and scholarships at Aspire.

As a charitable organization, Aspire Special Needs Resource Centre provides hope to children with special needs, the families who love them and the communities that care for them. We do this in a variety of ways, depending on the specific needs of the child and the family. In our specialized preschool program, for example, children receive assistance to help them develop skills ranging from walking and talking to learning the skills for school. In the assessment programs and services, children and their families receive strategies, answers and support to help them now and in the future. As a resource centre, Aspire provides information and assistance to people from across the community.

We invite you to support Evening of Decadent Dessert with a donation of cash, merchandise or services. These donations will be included in our auctions or raffles during the event.

Sponsorship opportunities are also outlined on the following page.

Thank you for investing in the exceptional children at Aspire Special Needs Resource Centre. If you have questions regarding Evening of Decadent Dessert or any other sponsorship opportunity that may arise, please do not hesitate to contact me at 403-340-2606 or mvine@aspirepecialneeds.ca.

Sincerely,



Melissa Vine
Fund Development Coordinator

"We look forward to supporting Aspire's Evening of Decadent Dessert for a number of reasons. As their financial services provider, we see the importance they place on stewardship of their funding. They are diligent in ensuring all contributions result in programs and supports for the children and families who require their services. This is a fun evening with a great organization, and we hope you can join us!"

Tracy Millman, Servus Credit Union

Evening of Decadent Dessert – Donation/Sponsorship Agreement Form



Company/Personal Name: _____ Contact Person: _____

*Please use preferred company or personal name that will appear on print material. Please supply your company logo in high resolution format.

Address: _____ City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

Ph: _____ Cell: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

*The address and contact information collected will remain confidential; it is required to track Aspire's contributors and gifts.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cash Donation | <input type="checkbox"/> Table Wine Sponsor - \$2,500 | <input type="checkbox"/> Champagne Reception Sponsor - \$2,500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Live Auction Donor | <input type="checkbox"/> Décor Sponsor - \$3,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Table Centerpiece Sponsor - \$1,500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Silent Auction Donor | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DJ Service Sponsor - \$1,500 <i>Sold</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Balloon Raffle Sponsor - \$4,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wine Raffle Donor | <input type="checkbox"/> Venue Sponsor - \$3,500 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Media Sponsor (radio) - \$10,000 <i>Sold</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Balloon Raffle Item Donor | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Auctioneer Sponsor - \$1,500 <i>Sold</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Media Sponsor (newsprint) - \$2,000 |

Value of Donation/Sponsorship: \$ _____

Description of Donation: _____

Tax Receipts: Choose one of the following:

*According to Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) rules, tax receipts cannot be issued for in kind services, use of vacation property, or gift certificates

- I am donating in my personal name & request a charitable tax receipt **less benefits received** (per CRA regulations)
- I am donating in my company name & will receive full benefits. No charitable tax receipt issued (per CRA regulations)
- I am donating in my company name & will receive no benefits. A charitable tax receipt will be issued (per CRA regulations)

Benefits	Fondant \$5,000+	Buttercream \$2,500-\$4,999	Truffle \$1,000-\$2,499	Meringue \$1-\$999
Listing in Annual Report	*	*	*	*
Recognition in event program	*	*	*	*
Recognition in multimedia presentation	*	*	*	
Company name/logo on Aspire website	*	*		
Company name/logo on event banner and event program	*	*		
Recognition in Aspire e-news	*			
Complimentary event tickets	8	4	2	

Payment Method:

Aspire is a registered charity, registration number: 87134 6623 RR0001

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Invoice me as of _____, 2016 | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheque (payable to Aspire Special Needs Resource Centre) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visa # _____ Expiry: _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MC # _____ Expiry: _____ | |

Name on Card: _____ Authorizing Signature: _____

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Sponsorship Level _____	Payment Type _____	Acknowledged _____	GiftWorks _____
Fund _____	Campaign _____	Appeal _____	Received by _____

Aspire provides hope to families.



On October 29, 2010, our family was blessed with a perfect son, Braydon. Weighing in at 7 pounds 4 ounces, he was a happy healthy boy. He was much fussier than my daughter was and refused to sleep at night for months, but I assumed it was because he was a boy! I didn't really notice the warning signs until we saw other babies, and it became very obvious that my beautiful boy just seemed to stop developing. He wouldn't respond when we called his name, he played alone, and he had horribly violent upsets daily that could last for hours. He just seemed to live in his own world, rarely making eye contact with anyone. After many specialist appointments and months of waiting, our pediatrician confirmed my suspicion: my precious boy was diagnosed with Autism.

Our first step was to start with therapeutic interventions as soon as possible, so we registered Braydon in the EASE program through Aspire. I didn't know anything about Aspire, but after a month of him attending EASE, I knew he was in the very best place he could be. I have said from the beginning and I still believe firmly that Angels work at Aspire. The unconditional compassion, patience, and earnest desire the staff have for these beautiful children to succeed, warms my heart and I couldn't be more proud that my son has had the opportunity to grow there. His intense behavioural meltdowns have improved dramatically, and his sleeping has improved, but most importantly he is able to come out of his Autism world and is able to connect in ways that I once thought were impossible. Although he is still non-verbal, I have hope that one day he may speak – a hope that at one point I didn't dare dream of.

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Although Braydon's journey is still just in the beginning, he has been given the tools through Aspire to be the best he can be, and they have given our family the best gift of all – hope.

Your support helps us change lives.

Aspire is central Alberta's resource for children with special needs, and your support is a critical piece of the puzzle.



Fundraising is an essential element that allows us to help children and families. This year, our target is to raise **\$400,000** to help support the programs and services at Aspire.

Please consider Aspire when you're making your annual donation plans.

Some of Aspire's statistics

2,000+ families and community members are touched per year, including referrals and support



250+ children with special needs served a year

60 staff work at Aspire, full-time or part-time

Aspire's annual budget is balanced because of:

- 79% grant funding
- 13% fundraising
- 8% fees

