

Evening Of Decadent Dessert

Together We Are Better



Dessert Donation Opportunities

Friday, May 11, 2018

Parkland Pavilion, Westerner Park

Red Deer

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

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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 invite you to be a part of the 24th annual Evening of Decadent Dessert, which will be held on May 11, 2018. For over two decades, businesses, bakers and individuals from across central Alberta have come together to support this event, which has grown into one of the largest fundraisers in our community. In 2017, over 530 guests attended Evening of Decadent Dessert and raised over \$129,000, ensuring that every child has access to the services they need 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 provide diagnostic consultation, therapy services and early intervention programming. The important work done at Aspire gives families with children who have special needs, access to answers, resources, support and helps them move towards a brighter future.

**We invite you to support Evening of Decadent Dessert with a donation of cash,
sponsorship merchandise or services.
Sponsorship opportunities are also outlined on the following page.**

Together we are better! As such, we appreciate your investment in the exceptional children at Aspire Special Needs Resource Centre. If you have questions regarding Evening of Decadent Dessert or any other sponsorship opportunity, please do not hesitate to contact me at 403-340-2606 or e-mail mvine@aspirepecialneeds.ca.

Sincerely,



Melissa Vine
Fund Development Coordinator
Aspire Special Needs Resource Centre

"We are proud to be a longtime supporter of Aspire Special Needs Resource Centre. We believe Aspire offers invaluable services and programming to the children and families in our community. The Evening of Decadent Dessert event ensures that these services remain accessible to everyone who needs them and that families can be served within Central Alberta. This partnership has been beneficial to us both and we look forward to attending again this year."

- The Swainson Family, Southside Dodge Chrysler Jeep & RV Centre

Evening of Decadent Dessert – Dessert Donation Form

Dessert Donor Information:

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.

Dessert Donation Opportunities:

Live Auction Please consider donating two identical desserts

- One will be used in our Live Auction, which will then be served to guests later in the evening.
- The second dessert will be presented to the purchaser (highest bidder) in the form of a gift certificate or voucher (of equal value to the first dessert) for redemption at a later date so that they can claim their dessert at a time of their choosing.

Dessert Buffet

- This dessert will be featured in our Decadent Dessert Buffet (served to guests after the auction), which is a highlight of the evening.

Edible Centrepiece

- This dessert will be used as a stunning edible centrepiece, and will be available for purchase through our Centrepiece Silent Auction.

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

Personal

Company

No tax receipt required

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

Benefits	Live Auction Cake	Edible Centrepiece	Dessert Buffet Cake
Listing in Annual Report	*	*	*
Recognition in event program	*	*	*
Recognition in event multimedia presentation	*	*	*
Recognition in Aspire e-news (4,000 distribution)	*	*	*
Cake (or Centrepiece) displayed prominently for viewing	*	*	
Social Media Recognition	*		

Name of Dessert(s): _____

Description: _____

Special Serving and/or storage details: _____

Retail price or current market value (not including GST): \$ _____

Additional Contact Information for Dessert: _____

Pick up

Delivery

Date: _____

Time: _____

Please include:

Voucher or certificate for redemption of 2nd dessert

Please email company logo to: mvine@aspirepecialneeds.ca in high resolution format

Aspire provides hope to families.



Austin is a happy, loving, active little boy with an infectious smile and laugh. He is our third boy or as I called him the minute he was born "Our Third Musketeer". Our oldest son attended Aspire as well, and it is because of our previous experience that you could say we watched Austin and his milestones and mannerisms like a hawk. When he showed signs of fine motor and speech delays we once again put our pride, as parents, aside and turned to professionals at Aspire for help. We did private speech intervention for a year prior to attending Aspire and this is when he was diagnosed with Apraxia.

It was an easy decision to send Austin to Aspire's EASE program. We know when he goes to school he'll be loved and cared for the way a 3-year-old should be. Most parents don't have to think about sending their non-verbal child off to school. It is

easy to take for granted those first words "MAMA" or "DADA" that just roll off their child's tongue and quickly turn into a string of a 4-5 word sentence. But not our family. Apraxia has affected two of our children.

We have learned so much from Aspire. They have given us a strong foundation to help and advocate for our boys. They are a building of angels and will forever be a part of our extended family. Every day that I have dropped off Austin and his brother I have seen how hard the staff are working to make the hard things fun and exciting for the children. I have seen parents cry tears of joy because their child is finally taking steps at 4 years old with the help and creativity of the staff.

"The best part is we know that we do not have to do it alone."

Austin is talking more and more everyday. Our family has so much knowledge and understanding for the struggles our boys are facing. But the best part is we know that we do not have to do it alone. With all my heart, I thank Aspire for all that they have done for my children and our family over the last 5 years. Red Deer and surrounding areas are so lucky to have a place where we can send our unique and often misunderstood children to reach their fullest potential.

Together We Are Better

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



350+ 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

