

Community Announcement

April 28, 2016



Local Asset Builders recognized this Sunday at Healthy Kids Day

LEEDS AND GRENVILLE — The Every Kid in our Communities (EKIOC) Coalition is pleased to present our second annual “Recognition of Asset Builders” Celebration on Sunday May 1st, 2016 at 1 pm at the YMCA of Brockville and Area’s Healthy Kids Day, located at 345 Park Street in Brockville. This event is a chance to celebrate and honour organizations, businesses, and people who make a difference in the lives of children and youth - in other words they build assets* in children and youth!

Through a public nomination process, the following twenty-nine “asset builders” were identified, and will be recognized at our celebration: Katie Burns, Brockville Youth Advisory Committee, Chris Emslie, Leigh Burse, The Carolyn Sifton Foundation, Anne Landon, Sweet’s Corners Parent Advisory Council, David Dargie, Susan Malanka, Karen Kingscott, Barbara Thomson, Ian McFall, Board of Directors of the Kemptville Youth Centre, Susan Turnbull, Genevieve Sabourin, Matt Reil, Charlotte Wright, Christina Davis, Summer Kargus, Raaja Haddouba, Sherri Davy-Erickson, Mark Heffernan, Marcus Dickie, Madison Montessori Academy, Westminster Public School, RNJ Youth Services, Inclusive Childcare Program, Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario, and the YMCA of Brockville and Area.

These twenty-nine “asset builders” are helping to powerfully and positively shape the lives of young people through some of these ways:

- Express care and concern (e.g., show interest in children and youth; invest time and energy in doing things for and with them)*
- Challenge growth (e.g., inspire children and youth to see future possibilities; expect youth to live up to their potential)*
- Provide support (e.g., encourage young people to achieve; provide children and youth with practical assistance and feedback; model positive behaviours)*
- Share power (e.g., respect young people and treat them fairly; give youth a voice)*
- Expand possibilities (e.g., expose young people to new ideas, experiences and places; connect youth to people who can help them grow)*

Tawnya Boileau, Chair of the EKIOC Developmental Assets Work Group says: “It takes a village to raise a child, and we are very lucky to have so many community members who are doing their part to support and raise healthy, caring, responsible, and resilient children and youth.”

This Recognition of Asset Builders Celebration is open to the public. Anyone seeking more information may contact Tawnya Boileau, by calling 613-345-5685 ext. 2226, or via e-mail tawnya.boileau@healthunit.org. For additional ideas to build assets in children and youth, please visit: <http://www.search-institute.org/content/40-developmental-assets-adolescents-ages-12-18>

**Asset building refers to activities that contribute to an increase in the internal and external Developmental Assets® of young people. Developmental Assets® are 40 research-based, positive experiences, skills, opportunities, qualities and values that influence young people’s development. They are developed through relationships with caring, responsible people. For more information please visit: <http://www.search-institute.org/> or <http://everykid.on.ca/>.*

Contacts: Tawnya Boileau, Chair of EKIOC Developmental Assets Work Group
Phone: 613-345-5685 ext. 2226; E-mail: tawnya.boileau@healthunit.org
Or Margaret Fancy, EKIOC Coordinator; Email: coordinator@everykid.on.ca