

New Westminster Youth Ambassador Society
Chair Report - November 2016



Another year has passed and we are in “full swing” with our 2016-2017 Team...and what a Team they are!

Without active advertising and mostly word of mouth, our new Team was filled in August this year. They started almost right away to volunteer in the community.

We welcomed back all our sponsors from last year and added a new one – Dale Darychuk, Q.C. Thank you all for continuing to have confidence in our Society to again support us. Without you, the City of New Westminster and The Record newspaper, we wouldn't be able to offer these wonderful young men and women, the opportunities we strive for.

Also, too, we are having organizations that we have worked for since we started in 2014, asking for our Teams to keep coming back to help out at their various fundraisers and community events. We've also had new enquiries as well and everyone is happy and impressed by what these teens do.

The 2015 – 2016 Team had a very busy year and they're not quite finished yet. On December 5, they'll be introducing the 2016-2017 Team to Mayor and Council at their council meeting, along with a short video of what their year had been. Their volunteer hours ranged from 105.5 – 159 hours! Amazing for teens to be able to put that amount of time in while still being able to work part-time, go to school, enjoy a sport and have a life!

Our Board and Chaperon list are growing as well. We welcome Laura Barrera, Delora Harper and Kelly Stromberg. Laura and Kelly had daughters on last year's team and were wonderful in helping out with chaperoning and fundraising.

We were honoured again this year, to receive the Record's Readers' Choice award for the Best Community Service and we have been nominated for a Platinum Award through the Chamber of Commerce.

We are continually fundraising with our bottle sorts, clothing drives and lawn bowling, to enable our Teams to contribute in a small way to our charity of choice, **BC & Alberta Guide Dogs**. Because of our donation last year, we are puppy sponsors to Simba – a beautiful 10 month pup who lives on Vancouver Island with his puppy raiser. Our “mascot” Siku, will be leaving us in April 2017 and we'll all miss having her attending events with us.

Going into our third year, I can only see good things for the New Westminster Youth Ambassador Society and Team.... Thank you for ***Investing in our Youth. Their future is now.***

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