



New Westminster Youth Ambassador Society Chair Report - November 2019

Another year has passed and we are in “full swing” as we head into 2019-2020 with our new Team.

After a slow start in recruitment, we ended up with 10 teens wanting to be a Team member, however we are only able to take 8 – so two will be first on the list for next year.

We welcomed back our sponsors from last year and said good-bye to two. We have added Royal City Wrestling and Koyabell as sponsors, but are still looking for 3 more. 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.

The 2018 – 2019 Team had a very busy year and they're not quite finished yet. On December 9, they'll be introducing the 2019-2020 Team to Mayor and Council at their council meeting, along with a short video of what their year had been. Their volunteer hours total 941! 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 is changing as well. We welcomed Terry and Margaret Leith, Barbie McGuire, John Ragone and Kane Van Leare as chaperones and they have been active in not only chaperoning, but helping with various aspects of the program.

We are continually fundraising with our bottle sorts, clothing drives and lawn bowling, trivia night and new this year, a monthly meat draw, thanks to the Tsawwassen Legion, to enable our Teams to contribute in a small way to our charity of choice, **BC & Alberta Guide Dogs**. The 2018-2019 Team have seen Willie grow up she is the dog we sponsor and the 2019-2020 Team have had the pleasure to have her accompany them to various functions.

Entering our sixth year, things have changed within our organization, but 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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