

Hello All

Wowwwww does a year go by fast. Here we are to start another.

In this past year we at Safe Parents have been very busy. We started off by meeting with Minister Ambrose. She is such a nice person and was very interested in our program. Karen and I had a meet and greet with her on which we discussed various topics relating to us. In July we were on Global with Crime Stoppers, had a display at Butler Park to help promote safety with the revitalization of Stony Plain road, and of course Safe Parent House at Capital X. In August Karen and I participated in a Color Spectrum seminar at Grant McEwan. In October I meet with Constable Dale Brenneis to discuss possible improvements that need to be made at Capital X Safe Parent House. November was the Edmonton Planning Meeting. January we meet with the Boys and Girls Club of Edmonton and in February they became Associate Members. In April I meet with some members of SAGE and I am now in the process of setting us a Safe Parent with in the SAGE buildings so that the elderly also have a safe place to go in times of need. They do not have to go out of their comfort zones and no one will come in from the outside. In June Karen and I have been invited to attend the Fire Prevention Summit. I also continue to speak about Safe Parents at the Edmonton Police Academy course that is put on by Mr. Lawrence Jenson who is the volunteer coordinator for the Edmonton Police Service.

We also did the first trade show for EFCL where we introduce our newest fund raiser, our bottle recycle bins. Some community halls have placed these bins with in their halls. All the money from these collections are use to purchase educational materials, supplies, etc. We still have lunch and shopping bags available for purchase at \$2.00 each as well.

We still continue to set up displays and information booths at community events.

We realize that everyone's time is very precious and very much stretched to the limits, but, if you could volunteer a few hours a month you could help out a community that is in need of some info or some guidance. The more the community works together the safer the community is and makes for a great place to live.

Feel free to make it better.

Dawn Banner, President