

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB



OF COCHRANE
& AREA

Annual Report 2019



STRONGER TOGETHER

2019-2020 was yet another year of growth for BGCCA. With The CLUB teen numbers increasing, to the increased spaces of our Out of School Care, and our Day Home Agency at capacity, we were once again able to meet the growing needs of our community.

Over the past year The CLUB has seen a 200% increase in visits from youth in our community, since opening day in February 2019. We continue to offer a safe, non-judgemental place where teens can interact, meet new people, eat, play games, listen to music, try our DJ equipment or just hang with friends. As always, our youth workers and youth outreach worker are available if teens need support, resources or just need to talk. We have continued to offer the *Raise the Grade* program at The CLUB where we provide support for homework, study skills, and post secondary prep. Our strong partnership with Rocky View Schools continues to grow each year, with one of the local high schools offering our outreach worker office space once per week. Here they can meet with teens at the school to reduce barriers. Lastly, our club offers a wide variety of support and resources to the teens/youth identifying in the LGBTQ2S+ community including support at school Gay Straight Alliance's (GSA), information and supplies (such as chest binders). This year we had 2 amazing sponsors provide food one Friday each month. A very special thank you Montana's BBQ and Pagano Pizza for the amazing donation to The CLUB!

Our vision to increase our Out of School program came to fruition in September 2019 with full enrollment. Having created a second Kindercare room at the Glenbow location meant transitioning the Grade 1's to the 5th Ave location downstairs with our grade 2's & 3's. We then had the ability to enhance and expand our grade 4-6 program upstairs creating a space that was reflective of their age, ability and interests. Finally, we implemented new digital systems to manage staff and child attendance, allowing for more efficiency and ease of use for parents and staff.



Jill Bilodeau
Executive Director

Tammie Comstock
Board of Directors Chair



Playdays Family Day Home agency had another successful year with our day homes meeting our provincially contracted maximum of 45 including our providers on temporary leave and having a waitlist of new day providers in the process of opening. Our homes remained primarily at capacity and we continue to see community need be well over and above the spaces in our homes. . As we continue to implement the GRASP program, a government supported program that promotes early developmental screening and subsequent parent resources our consultants have had the opportunity to participant in professional development enabling them to coach day home providers in supporting the development of children in their dayhomes in the early years. We have maintained a partnership with It Takes a Village Educational Society (ITAV) allowing qualifying children to access funding from Alberta Education to provide supports in the areas of speech and occupational therapy through sessions within the day home. We were also successful in our advocacy efforts to have the Town Bylaw Amended that previously required our day homes to attain a development permit before opening (a process that took upwards of 2 months).

In addition, we would like to add staff and Day Home Educators were able to attend training number of training opportunities including Creating Healthy Meals in a Child Care Setting, Managing Challenging Behaviours, Supporting Children with Exceptional Needs through GRIT (getting ready for inclusion today) and Effective Communication & Relationship Building with Families. We want to thank our dedicated partners for their continued support on the path to success. In particular, a huge thank you to our donors, funders, local businesses, the Town of Cochrane, Rockyview County, FCSS, BGCC, United Way and the Government of Alberta for providing the funding and support we need to ensure that children and youth are safe, active, and healthy.

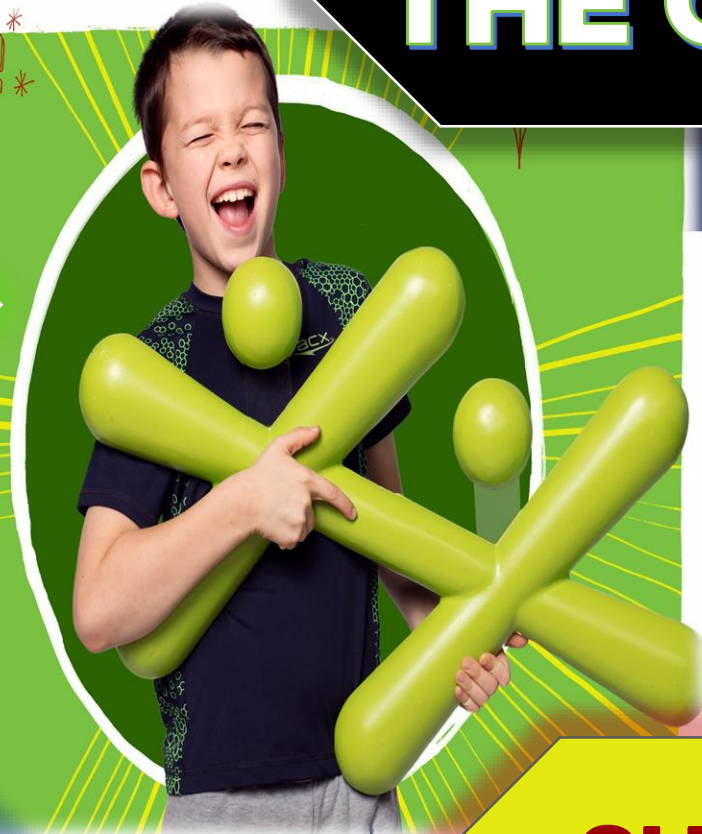
I would like to extend a special thank you to our Board of Directors for their continued support and passion towards this organization. We also extend our most sincere thank you to all the staff and volunteers, for your hard work and dedication to the children and youth in our community; YOU are essential to our success.

**WHO WE
ARE**

**OUT OF
SCHOOL
CARE**

**LICENSED &
ACCREDITED
DAYHOME AGENCY**

THE CLUB



**SUMMER
CAMPS**

OUR MISSION

To provide safe, supportive places where children and youth can experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, build positive relationships, and develop confidence and skills for life.

OUR VISION

All children and youth discover and achieve their dreams and grow up to be healthy, successful, and active participants in society.



OUR VALUES

BELONGING

We welcome everyone in a safe, accepting environment based on belonging and positive relationships

RESPECT

We ensure that everyone—children, youth, families, volunteers, staff—is heard, valued, and treated fairly

WORKING TOGETHER

We work together with young people, families, volunteers, our communities, and government

ENCOURAGEMENT & SUPPORT

We encourage and support every child and youth to play, learn, and grow to achieve their dreams

SPEAKING OUT

We speak out for children, youth, and families so that we can make our world better



WHAT CLUBS DO

**HEALTHY
SNACKS
& MEALS**



**TEEN
DROP-IN**

MENTORING

COMMUNITY

INVOLVEMENT

SCHOLARSHIPS

JOB READINESS

KITCHEN

LITERACY

**MENTAL
HEALTH
& WELLNESS**

**NUTRITION &
FOOD
EDUCATION**

**CHILD
CARE**

**DIGITAL
LITERACY**





STEM EDUCATION

PARENTING EDUCATION
& SUPPORT

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

SUBSTANCE ABUSE
PREVENTION &
COUNSELLING

MUSIC

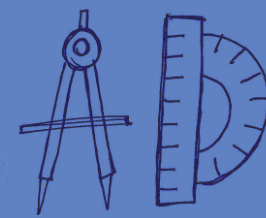
VOLUNTEERING

TRANSPORTATION

TEEN DATING
VIOLENCE
PREVENTION



SUMMER CAMPS



YOUTH COUNCIL

THE CLUB TEEN SPACE

ART &
CRAFTS

AFTER
SCHOOL
PROGRAMS

GARDENING



LGBTQ2S+
SUPPORT

HOMEWORK
HELP

FINANCIAL
EDUCATION

PHYSICAL FITNESS &

SPORTS

**18 CLUB SERVICE
LOCATIONS**

2019

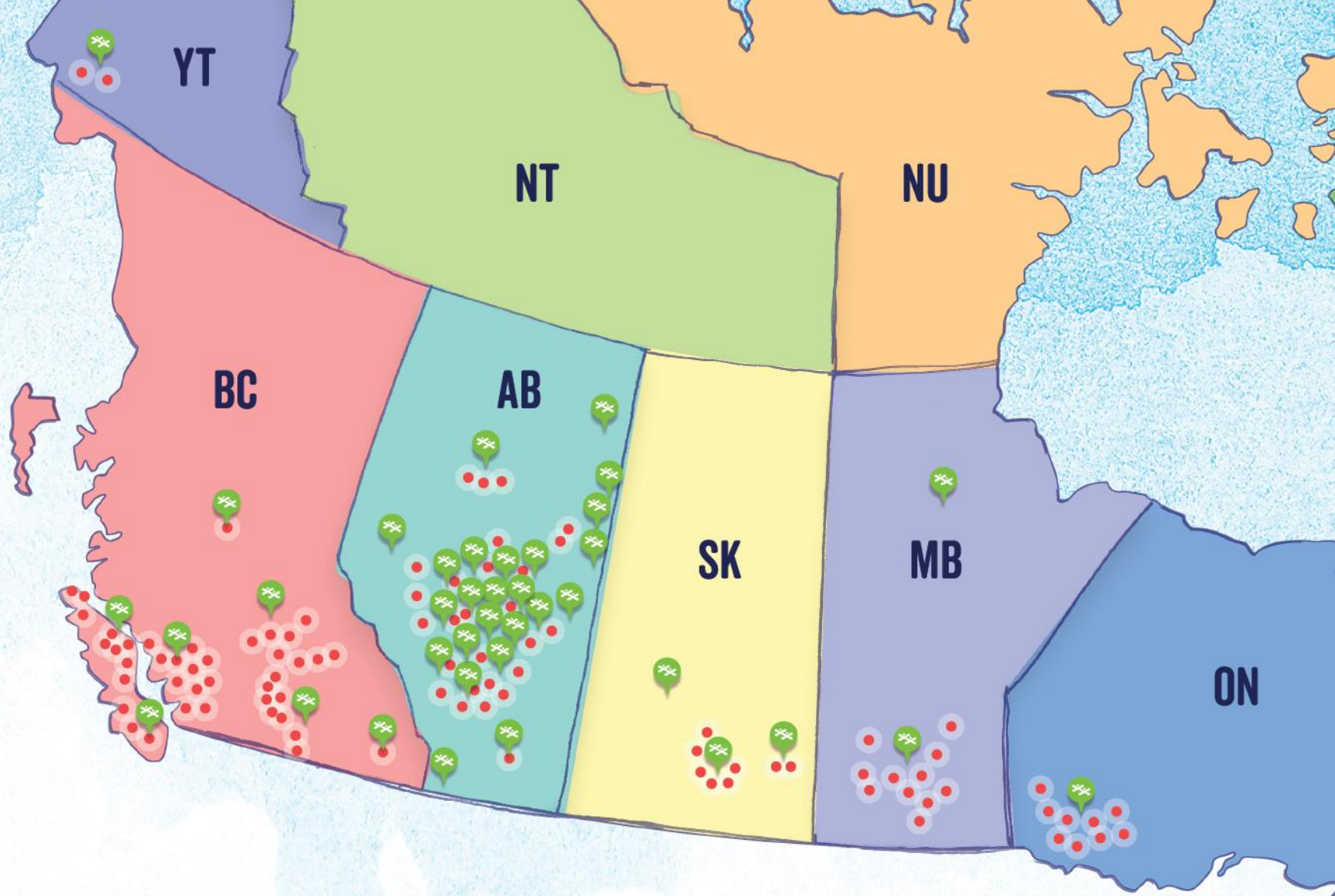
**BY THE
NUMBERS**

**1010 FAMILIES
SERVED**

**99,900
HEALTHY SNACKS
SERVED**

**3,647
CHILDREN
& YOUTH SERVED**

**45
LICENSED
& ACCREDITED
FAMILY
DAYHOMES**

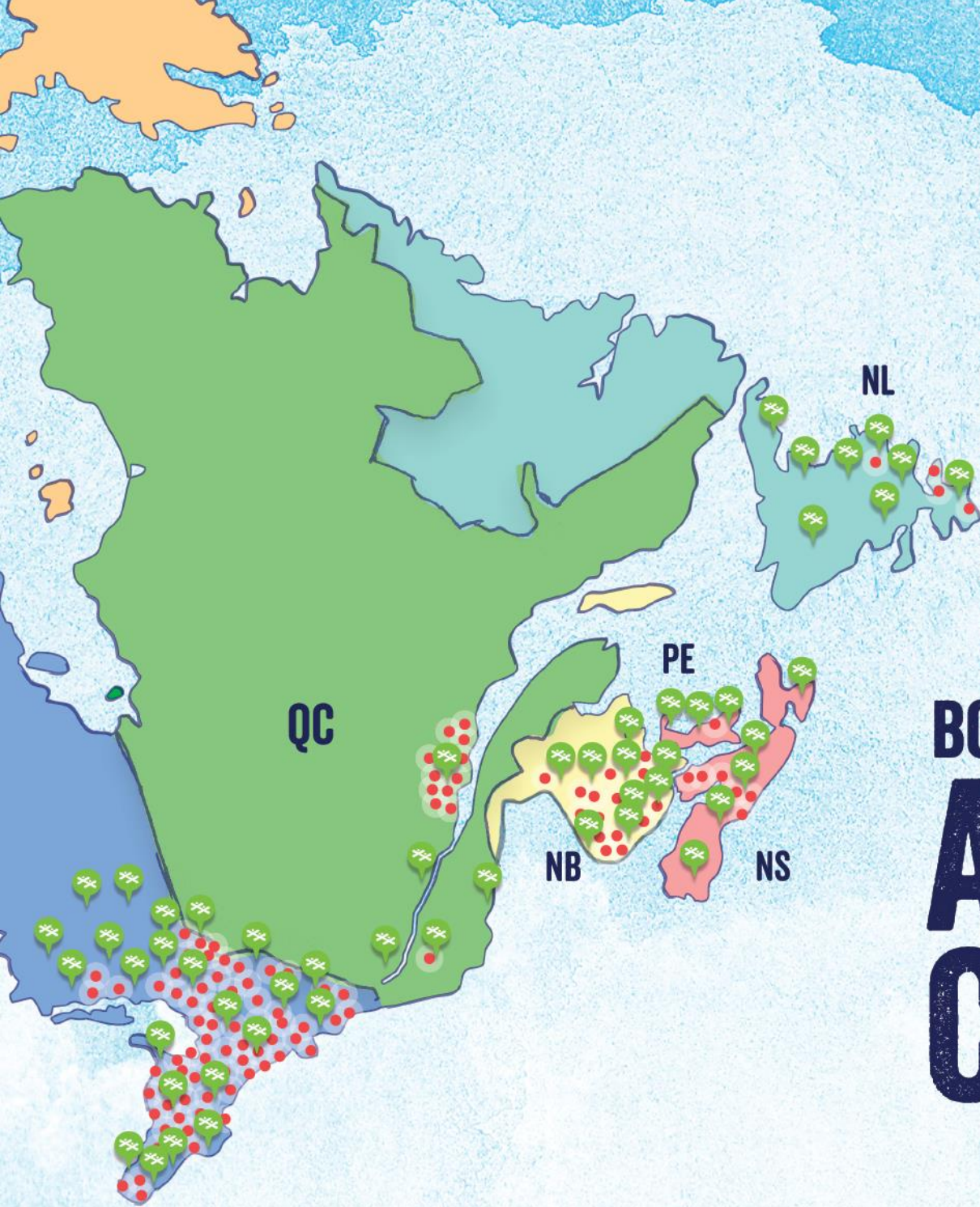


CLUB



COMMUNITY SERVED

This map is not to scale



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
ACROSS
CANADA**

**AT THE BOYS & GIRLS
CLUB WE BELIEVE
EVERY KID IS A...**



KID OF PRIVILEGE

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB



SUPPORTERS

My son attended Boys and Girls Club of Cochrane and Area prior to COVID-19 shutting down every aspect of his life. From school to sports and after school programming, his world was turned upside down. As parents working from home during the pandemic, BGCCA virtual programming has been very meaningful. It meant that for an hour at a time, we could concentrate on our work; knowing he was being positively led in creative activity by trusted adults who know and care for him. My son, age 7, says "I will miss the boys and girls club video calls because it was really fun seeing the leaders".
Thank you!



I can't thank you enough for all of your understanding in our new situation. We very much value your support and the wonderful programs you provide.

SUPPORTERS

I just wanted to send a quick note to say how impressed I have been with the Boys and Girls club so far. My son, Paul is in the 5th Avenue downstairs Kindercare program and already loves it so much. I have been very impressed with the professionalism of the staff (including bus driver, Cara!) and how much they genuinely seem to care about the kids. All the outdoor time is fantastic. Paul has never had childcare where after we have left, he has asked if he could please go back to say goodbye to the workers again. Thank you so much for what you and your team are doing to keep our kids safe and happy during this crazy time.

“The work that you are doing with Teens through BCCCA is so valuable and appreciated.

My child has been participating in Teen Club calls and activities since the spring. With all the craziness in the world with COVID, this has been a way for teens to connect in a healthy way. My child has made fast friends with another teen and they are now besties who support each other as they are both on journeys to figure who they are. My kid has NEVER gone with the flow!

Please know that the work you do is important and is making a difference. I cannot imagine how these kids would be coping without the support of the Club.

Thanks again for all you do. The work you do MATTERS.”

From a parent



THE CLUB

Be Seen. Be Heard. Be YOU.



3,150 YOUTH SERVED



Master Teen Chef &
Junior Chef



Raise the Grade
Chess Club
Art Club



Teen Wellness
Healthy Relationships
The Skin You're In



Youth Out Reach
LGBTQ2S+ Support
Drop-In



We are beyond grateful for Eden being Shiloh's day home provider. We cannot express what an amazing job she's doing! Eden goes way above and beyond in all she does and our daughter could not be in better care. Eden spends time educating the children working on fine and gross motor activities, arts and crafts, play time, and feeds them the best meals and snacks, usually home-made. Eden's home is always so clean and organized and there are so many toys and activities provided. Eden is extremely loving, attentive, and generous as are her entire family. We could go on and on as we are just so thankful for her! We really don't know how she does it, but she deserves a huge amount of credit and praise as there is no better feeling than to be able to leave Shiloh in her care and not have any worries at all.

38

Staff with early learning & child care education

50+

Volunteers

6

Staff with more than 3 years service to the organization

BY THE NUMBERS

18

Staff with more than 10 years experience working with children & families

3

Staff started as volunteer or practicum students

3

Alumni members recruited as staff

41

Staff with 100% passion for the work that they do

DEDICATED TEAM

LEADERSHIP

Our fun and energized leaders make Boys & Girls Club of Cochrane & Area a good place to be and work.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP

- Executive Director – Jill Bilodeau
- HR & Office Manager – Ana McCabe
- Manager of Licenced Programs – Maureen Topp

LEADERSHIP

- Office Administrator – Maureen Rowe
- OSC Program Coordinator – Hazel Carter
- OSC Program Coordinator – Charlotte Harrison
- OSC Program Coordinator – Sasha Langman
- Youth & Volunteer Coordinator – Nola Hume

OUR CURRENT AND DEDICATED TEAM

Our hard-working team members share a passion for the work they do on a daily basis. The significance of their work is truly appreciated.

- Bus Driver/Communications & Fund Development – Cara Sealock
- Bus Driver/Event & Fund Development - Julia Grohn
- Child Development Mentor – Dylan Burns
- Child Development Mentor - Amanda Carriere
- Child Development Mentor – Emily Carter
- Child Development Mentor – Jack Carter
- Child Development Mentor – Carrie Chellew
- Child Development Mentor – Valerie Cook
- Child Development Mentor – Madison Cruickshank
- Child Development Mentor – Andrew Denton
- Child Development Mentor – Adelaine Harding
- Child Development Mentor – Declan Harding
- Child Development Mentor – Denise Jensen
- Child Development Mentor – Jennifer Kraft
- Child Development Mentor – Miranda Lacombe

DEDICATED TEAM CONTINUED...

- Child Development Mentor – Kaley Marken
- Child Development Mentor – Angellana Patterson
- Child Development Mentor – Madison Perry
- Child Development Mentor – Cherylyn Radford
- Child Development Mentor – Kristyn Rottaire
- Child Development Mentor – Amanda Schneider
- Child Development Mentor – Robyn Smolarchuk
- Child Development Mentor – Margot Terrell
- Child Development Mentor – Peter Tomecek
- Child Development Mentor – Michelle Underwood
- Child Development Mentor – Elysa Xhepexhiu
- Day Home Consultant – Candace Bickford
- Day Home Consultant – Alex Daub
- Day Home Consultant – Marie-Pierre Gagnon
- Relief Youth Worker – Hannah McMahon
- Youth Worker – Bethany Poettcker
- Youth Worker – Liz Tang

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our dedicated Board of Directors work diligently in supporting Boys & Girls Club of Cochrane & Area in meeting its mission.

- Chair – Tammie Comstock
- Vice Chair – Erin Freadrich
- Secretary – Kelsey Sitar
- Treasurer – Malesa Godor
- Director – Shona Clark
- Director – Sarah May-McKibbon

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS

for their outstanding commitment to changing young lives

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