



# MARTINDALE MATTERS

Spring 2013

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## Presidents Message

### Hello Martindale Residents

The year of 2013 will be a year of celebration. The Martindale Community Association has successfully completed **25 years** of volunteer service to the residents of Martindale. I have been reflecting on the successes I have seen over the years and there are many events, programs, and community developments that Martindale Community Association has participated in, to make our community a vibrant place to live!



In 1988 there was a group of Martindale residents who had the vision to create the community association. Over the years there have been over 100 residents who have volunteered their time to make their community a better place to live.

MCA has organized Stampede Breakfasts, Cricket League for Martindale kids, Park N Play programs, Movie in the Park events, Family Skating Parties, Family Carnival Events, Jelly Bean dances, a Silent Auction event, attended thousands of hours of community meetings in order to make our community voice heard with developers, city officials, and business partners and other government agencies such as the Calgary Airport Authority. MCA volunteers have worked 10 casinos to help fundraise for our community events, sold 100's of memberships, cooked hamburgers, hot dogs, pancakes, hand delivered thousands of newsletters, hosted 6 community clean-ups to help residents get rid of trash, electronics, metal, paper just generally helping to keep our community clean.

MCA has supported many initiatives and donated monies to the three schools in the area, Our Lady Fatima, Crossing Park School and Ecole La Mosaique to help build playgrounds for the students. We built one new playground on Martinview Close and partnered with Parks Foundation to rebuild 4 existing playgrounds in our community and donated monies to the park in Saddle Towne Circle, we have also supported other causes brought to us by residents.

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There have been many city developments that Martindale Community Association has committed time and volunteer hours to participate in the successful completion of: LRT extension to McKnight Westwinds/station, the extension to Martindale/station, the art program for the Martindale station, the airport tunnel construction, Metis Trail construction, the area structure plan for northeast Calgary, and the Partners In Planning certificate program. These are a few of the very important initiatives that MCA has worked alongside of city staff to help our make our community a vibrant place to live.

There have been many other groups that have partnered with Martindale over the years, in 2000 a boy scout troop from the Church of the Latter Day Saints Church in Martindale installed our cabinets in the garage as a service to the community, we have worked with the Dash Mesh Cultural over the years to help promote the annual parade held in the spring of each year, the Ahmadiyya Mosque so generously gave us meeting space before our office space was open, these kind of partnerships and cooperation have helped both Martindale Community Association and residents to foster an understanding of the diversity in the community.

In 2011 the United Way and the City of Calgary approached MCA to enlist our help with an initiative to help us create a Stronger Communities program; Martindale Action Development Committee was created. We have met with a group of residents and have committed time and energy to promote our community to all residents. These residents who have volunteered their time for this program are learning and giving back to the community. MDAC has planned the following events;

In 2011 a celebration held in conjunction with our Movie in the Park event, and a traffic safety program "PACE" car program,

In 2012 a family carnival event,

And in March 2013 they will be treating Martindale residents to coffee during the morning rush hour at the Martindale LRT station. MCA board has supported these causes with volunteers and financial support.

The most successful task that we have accomplished was working on the Genesis Centre of Community Wellness. It was an idea brought to Martindale in the 1990's and past board members had the vision to commit to this tri-community center. We made a financial commitment to the capital fundraising of this building of \$216,492.00 and a \$25,000 donation towards TV screens within the building and thousands of hours of volunteer time to complete this project. It opened in 2012 and during the first year we have held several meetings and hosted family events in this great facility. In 2013, our office will open in the community area in the basement. We are looking to staff the office a few hours a week so we can offer a new level of service to residents, by selling memberships during week, and generally helping residents with general requests.

During this time of reflection I have seen many residents of many different backgrounds and cultures volunteer and give back to the community. I personally have had the opportunity to learn and grow while giving back to the community. I would like to thank all the volunteers who have given their time to Martindale for the past 25 years; we could not have accomplished all these events without your generous donation of time. In closing I would like to invite you to attend our **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party**, please watch for the details and come celebrate with us on **June 8, 2013**.

Terry Lyn Martin President MCA