

ROSETOWN YOUTH DROP-IN CENTRE

# WE WANT TO HEAR YOU!

...and so do others.



The pandemic has affected us all. How did it affect you?

- not seeing friends and family?
- less school work?
- your sports being cancelled?
- more time at home playing with your pet?
- what helped you get through it?
- what are you looking forward to when it's over?

We want to know about your thoughts and experiences during these unusual times - positive and negative! If you want to share, we will listen AND print it in a booklet for others to also hear your point of view.



## HOW DO YOU GET INVOLVED?

### BE HONEST AND BE CREATIVE

You can express yourself however you choose.

- write a letter, poem, rant, random thoughts
- create an art piece
- compose a song
- whatever your imagination comes up with!

*Open to youth aged 8 - 18 in Rosetown and other west central communities*

*To make arrangements on how to submit, contact Crystal at 1-306-831-5310. Include your name and address with submission so can send you a copy of the booklet.*

**Please have in by April 12, 2021**

*If provide an entry for the book, your name will be put in for a draw.*

Booklets will be shared with the participating communities. If you don't feel comfortable having your name or where you live in the book, that is okay. We will leave it out if you tell us to.

March 23, 2021

Parents/Guardians,

The Rosetown Youth Drop-In Centre has been operating since June 2009. It welcomes youth between the ages of 8 and 18 to have fun in a safe, supportive environment on Friday evenings. Youth from Rosetown and neighbouring communities regularly attend, with there generally being 20 – 45 youth of all ages every week. However, along with everything else, the Centre was forced to close during the pandemic. Our volunteers all miss the kids and the energy they bring. It has been particularly difficult for us to tell the youth we do not know when we can re-open the doors for them. Until we can, we still want the youth to know we are thinking about them and care about how they are doing. And we know we aren't the only ones.

It is for this reason we have decided to collate thoughts from youth in the 8 to 18 year old range on how the pandemic affected them, both good and bad, into a booklet to be shared with their communities. As with adults, this past year has brought many changes to kids' lives. We would like to provide a venue for youth to share their points of view. This can be done however they choose – a letter, essay, artwork, poem, song, descriptive words and so on. It doesn't need to be 'artistic' as long as it is their truth.

As parents and guardians, the Rosetown Youth Drop-In Centre are asking for your consent to have your child's work included in this project. Since this can be a very personal topic for many youth, we are respectful of their privacy and leave the choice of how to credit their work up to you as a family. This could be by only using their first name, initial(s) or anonymous if do not want their full name displayed. Please state your approval for participation and choice of how to sign your child's submission to be included with the submission at the bottom of this letter.

We unfortunately have a tight timeframe to do this as will be utilizing grant funding to offset costs of printing the booklet. If your child would like to participate, submissions must be dropped off at their school's office or emailed to [cstorey@sasktel.net](mailto:cstorey@sasktel.net) by April 12. Questions can also be sent to this email address.

Sincerely,



Crystal Storey  
Rosetown Youth Drop-In Centre

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, give consent for \_\_\_\_\_ work to be included in the Rosetown Youth Drop-In Centre's youth pandemic experience booklet. Please identify my child's work by using \_\_\_ their full name \_\_\_ first name only \_\_\_ first name initial \_\_\_ first and last name initials \_\_\_ anonymous. The name of our community \_\_\_ can \_\_\_ cannot be included with their submission and identifier.