

8th Annual
“Lawyers for Literacy”
In Support of West Broadway Youth Outreach



Saturday, March 17, 2018

Mulvey School - 750 Wolseley Avenue

Time: Any hour(s) you choose between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

For the past seven years the Law Society has supported the West Broadway Youth Outreach organization (WBYO) in a program to promote literacy skills and to raise money for their great work in the community.

WBYO is a recreational life skills program for children who live in the West Broadway area. Participants range in age from 4 to 12, as well as junior volunteers, mentors and role models aged 13 to 17 from that community. All activities are free.

This organization operates on a shoestring budget of just over \$80k for salaries, operating and supply costs. It provides services to approximately 600 area children in the summer and a similar number after school and in the evenings throughout the school year. The funding they receive comes primarily from the United Way of Winnipeg. They provide 28 structured programs after school and evenings year round, including:

- Homework club where kids are encouraged to engage in their studies and are offered incentives to do so;
- The Dreams Program through which kids are encouraged to think beyond the day-to-day and realize that they can have dreams that can be fulfilled.

So it seems to be a natural and easy fit for lawyers to adopt and support WBYO by raising some money and/or donating some time. Amazingly, Lawyers for Literacy has raised over \$86,000 in the past seven years, with over 500 lawyers participating in reading to the WBYO kids.

It may be hard to imagine what it would be like not to be able to read, or as a child, not to have had an adult who encouraged reading. We take reading and writing for granted. Unfortunately, there are many children and adults who aren't as privileged and who struggle every day to understand information written at even a basic level. Many kids do not have an adult at home

who reads to them or encourages them to read by sharing with them the joy of reading. Many do not have an adult with sufficient literacy skills to help them with their homework. So, on March 17, 2018 our volunteers will have the opportunity to read with, or to, children from the West Broadway area.

The Law Society will provide pizza and drinks for the kids and volunteers.

How can you help?

- You can volunteer to read for an hour or more on March 17, 2018 to children who actually line up for a turn to read;
- You can sponsor one of your colleagues to read, or you can simply make a donation.

How can you donate?

- Monetary donations can be made by cash, cheque or online donation. [Pledge forms](#) are available on the Law Society website. WBYO will provide a charitable receipt for donations of \$25.00 or more;
- Online donations can be made by using the following link www.canadahelps.org/dn/16757 and selecting "Lawyers for Literacy" as the "Fund Your Donation Will Support";
- You can donate items. Start the new year off by recycling. West Broadway Youth Outreach welcomes donations of books, children's clothing, juice boxes for after school snacks, games, toys, and musical instruments... pretty much anything you can think of that would be of interest to a child.

We hope you can join us on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at the new location!

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