

## Green Team Scholarships

### 2011

#### **Boys & Girls Clubs (CSI Program), Winnipeg**

CSI is a summer learning enrichment program for students in the inner-city of Winnipeg. This employee grew up and went to school in the inner-city and could relate to the struggles that these students face. She was very proud to now contribute to the community by being a positive role model. As an education student, the CSI program also helped her develop her skills in implementing academic and recreational activities.

#### **Riverside Lions Seniors Residences/Non-Profit Housing, Winnipeg**

This scholarship recipient spent his summer developing and implementing a recycling program at Riverside Lions Non-Profit Housing as well as a youth drop-in program at Riverside Lions Seniors Residences. After meeting with the residents to discuss their suggestions and concerns, a recycling program was developed to address their needs. This employee also contacted a local school to continue the recycling efforts over the winter months. The drop-in program was advertised in the community as well as through organizations such as the YMCA and Teen Stop for older youth to drop-in and do activities with the residents.

#### **Eastman Employment Services, Steinbach**

Eastman Employment Services is a non-profit organization that provides employment to challenged adults who have disabilities (mental, emotional, social, etc.). This Green Team worker was hired as a job coach for these adults doing grounds maintenance projects and other odd jobs around the community. He was responsible for motivating and encouraging his team while being a positive role model. He also ensured that the workplace was safe and all of them were properly trained and wore the proper safety clothing and protection equipment.

#### **Village of Wawanesa, Wawanesa**

For most of the summer, this employee did grounds maintenance work on public spaces throughout the Village of Wawanesa, including parks and other areas where youth recreational activities are held. Without proper maintenance of green spaces, these activities would not happen. In July however, he was asked to help with flood related tasks such as sandbagging and building the dikes around the river. He felt that his part in those efforts had a huge impact on the community and it was the biggest life experience he had ever had.

### 2010

#### **Daniel MacIntyre/St. Matthews Community Association, Winnipeg**

Garden space is often hard to find in Winnipeg's inner-city, so the Daniel McIntyre/St. Matthews Community Association decided to create their own for the community to use. Their Green Team employee coordinated a youth drop in program that allowed youth in the area to plant, water, weed, and harvest the vegetables grown. They also decorated the wooden plots, created "bat boxes" and cooked with the harvested fruits and vegetables.

#### **Deer Lodge Center, Winnipeg**

As a grounds maintenance assistant at Deer Lodge Center, this Green Team employee spent her summer maintaining many of the flowerbeds and green-spaces that cover the grounds. The work that she did on the lawns directly benefited both the residents of the center, and surrounding community. This Green Team employee knew that these tasks would sharpen her design and gardening skills, but she never thought that her interpersonal skills would be developed so greatly in her dealings with co-workers and residents of the center.

#### **Springfield Public Library, Springfield**

This Green Team employee was in charge of running a summer reading program offered through the library. The theme of the summer program was animals, and activities and books were tailored to this theme. As well as planning and running this program, this employee also brought in a local author to read to students. One of her summer highlights was a contest where youth logged what they read and got an entry ballad for a prize for every 20 minutes they spent reading.

#### **Lakeshore Recreation Commission, Eriksdale**

This scholarship winner spent her summer as a Recreation and Wellness worker, which involved organizing and implementing summer activities for youth in a number of rural communities. Some of the highlights were putting on a bike rodeo, organizing an amazing race, and promoting healthy living. She encouraged parents to send sugar-free lunches for the youth, and taught about the importance of sunscreen and keeping hydrated. The Green Team employee felt that the lessons learned during the summer would not only impact the lives of the youth, but also impact the communities she worked in.

## **2009**

### **River East Transcona School Division Summer Camps, Winnipeg**

As program coordinator for a day camp program, this green team employee had the tasks of planning and running the day to day activities of the camp. As her goal was to become a teacher, this employee found that the skills acquired applied directly to her long-term goals. The camp consisted of theme weeks such as; Magical Mystery, Extreme Sports, and Everything Prehistoric.

### **Canadian Blood Services, Winnipeg**

Hired as a "Community Development Coordinator" with Canadian Blood Services, this green team employee found his summer very rewarding. As his goal was to become a medical doctor, this was a job well suited for his career development. His main task was to find donors and encourage them to not just come once, but to commit to coming back again and again. This was accomplished by his role in the "Donors Rock" campaign that focused on reaching young people throughout Manitoba.

### **Oak Point Community Club, Oak Point**

Between working at a day camp, doing facility maintenance at the senior's summer games, and promoting an annual rodeo, this Green Team employee had a very eventful summer. She was glad to be able to contribute in so many different ways to her community. She believed that her previous volunteering activities and experience helped to contribute to the success of her summer job and credits the position to developing skills such as patience, responsibility and planning.

### **Alex Anderson Memorial Sports Club, Victoria Beach**

Growing up, this Green Team employee spent many of her summers at Victoria Beach, developing a love for the area filled with fond memories. Years later, this employee was given the opportunity to work as a recreation assistant in this same area through Green Team. Her roles were varied but included running a day camp and promoting a local music festival. She believed that her enthusiasm and hard work were important in contributing to the successes that she had during the summer.

## **2008**

### **Sport Medicine Council of Manitoba, Winnipeg**

When hired on as "Safety Program Director," this Green Team employee spent the summer traveling to schools, parks and festivals promoting the use of bicycle helmets. She was also involved in implementing a reward program in Winnipeg where youth and adults were given prizes for being spotted wearing helmets while bicycling. She felt that her Green Team position contributed to her development in many skills including: leadership, public speaking, organization, and taking initiative.

### **Manitoba Baseball Assoc., Winnipeg**

"Come Play Baseball" was developed as a safe place for youth in the inner city of Winnipeg to come each day during the summer and get involved with the sport of baseball. This scholarship winner spent his summer running the program, which was well attended by community children. While he enjoyed coaching the attendees, he appreciates how the program encompasses much more than just baseball, such as conversations about staying in school, achieving goals, and staying out of trouble.

### **La Salle Redboine Conservation District, Holland**

The purpose of this project was to manage natural resources for the long term benefit of all the residents, focusing specifically on erosion. He noted that he was involved in surveying areas of concern, working on the projects directly and contributing to follow up investigations. This job allowed him to understand the difficulties that erosion can cause to agricultural landowners and gave him specific skills in operating many different types of equipment used in this industry.

### **Minnedosa & District Recreation Commission, Minnedosa**

As a day camp instructor, this Green Team employee spent her summer planning, promoting, and implementing a summer day camp program for kids aged 3-12. She went to the local school to promote the day camp, and had the kids participate in a number of activities including wool weaving, and geo-caching. She was proud of the way the camp promoted healthy lifestyles and taught her skills that would be valuable to achieving her goal in becoming an elementary school teacher.