

CENTRAL OKANAGAN HIGHLIGHTS

November/December 2009

Young Leaders Supporting Young Children

The GenNext Volunteer Team understands that investing in young children today builds a healthy, prosperous community.

On December 6 and 13 the United Way's GenNext volunteers were on hand at local stores creating awareness about the health and development of children ages 6 years and under and Success By 6.

GenNext is a group of young leaders in their 20's and 30's who want to make a difference in their community in alignment with the United Way's mission and values.

Not only did they create awareness of the importance of the early years **they raised nearly \$1,000** to support Success By 6 projects in our community! Our hat goes off to this amazing group of volunteers who gave their time and passion to support young children in our community!



Also, **thank-you to Kelowna's WalMart and London Drugs** stores for providing them with a location to hold these events and **Costco** for providing the candy canes.

Okanagan Child Releases Free Parenting Magazine

Okanagan Child magazine is a fresh, supportive resource magazine for parents and caregivers living in the Okanagan region. From pregnancy through the teen years, each issue aims to include valuable information on topics including health & fitness, parenting, finances, green living, relationships and great products. The **Winter Issue is available at www.okanaganchild.com**. Be sure to check out the feature on Success By 6 on page 28!

What do Hair Salons have in common with Success By 6?



Answer: Both are committed to the health & development of individuals in our community.

From mid-December to mid-January, 6 local Hair Salons are distributing the 2010 Success By 6 Early Childhood Development (ECD) calendars.

Thank-you to **Beaners Fun Cuts For Kids, Magicuts, Jimmy Trims, Shear Pleasure Hair Design, Cabella Hair Design, and Karen's Place & Body Works** for your interest and enthusiasm to distribute the calendars to your customers. Now more young families who may not have been aware of this great resource have it to enjoy the rest of the year!

Also, a special thank-you to the **Credit Unions of BC** for sponsoring the Success By 6 calendars for the second year in a row! Through your generous support 50,000 families across BC are receiving the calendar this year.

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