

Greening McVeety

SaskTel EnviroCare and the Pioneers Make Donation to Vandalized Daycare

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The YMCA daycare play area at McVeety School in Regina.

Kindness and caring can play a role in helping to soothe even the most senseless of situations.

An example of this occurred this past September when the YMCA of Regina reached out to the community for help after the playground of a daycare at Marion McVeety School was vandalized.

Two groups that stepped up to help were SaskTel EnviroCare and the SaskTel Pioneers.

“There was a lot of damage done at the property, up to \$5,000 worth,” said Tony Showchuk, Director of STEPPP at SaskTel and chairperson of the EnviroCare committee. “I spoke to a YMCA representative who was in charge of raising funds for the rebuilding of the playground.”

Tony learned that the vandalism included the complete destruction of a wooden playhouse, climbing structures, seating and interaction spaces.

“We felt this was an opportunity to make something positive out of a negative situation,” said Tony. “It also related well to EnviroCare’s mission of ‘Greening the spaces in which we work and live in’. We therefore dedicated \$2,500 to the rebuilding efforts at McVeety school, which will be used towards the development of a green space within the play area.”

The Pioneers' support will go directly into the playground.

Besides its planned projects, EnviroCare makes donations like this one a few times a year when they discover a situation that fits within their mandate where they might be of assistance. In this case, the group was able to assist the YMCA (which is a charitable none-profit organization) in dealing a situation that arose unexpectedly.

The EnviroCare donation was made possible due to the proceeds the group receives from their internal bottle recycling efforts they have set up at SaskTel. The group also received a special contribution of \$5,000 from the SaskTel Pioneers earlier this year to mark their fifth-year anniversary.

“The donations will be especially important to the more than 30 children who attend the daycare and use the playground several times a day,” said Tony. “We hope the new greenspace will help to make their playtime that much more enjoyable.”

The greenspace is slated to be completed for the spring of 2020.