## ANNUAL REPORT 2019-20 STUDENTS AGAINST DRINKING AND DRIVING SASKATCHEWAN INCORPORATED





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### STUDENTS AGAINST DRINKING AND DRIVING INCORPORATED

#### **Mission Statement:**

Student Leaders Dedicated to Stopping Impaired Driving.

#### **Objectives:**

SADD will continually strive to bring deaths due to drinking and driving in Saskatchewan down to zero. We believe this goal can be achieved using the following objectives.

Expand the scope of the SADD program so that it reaches larger segments of society with its drinking and driving prevention message.

Work to establish greater continuity within local SADD chapters and the provincial SADD organization.

Save lives and prevent injuries caused by drinking and driving through education.

Influence legislation and public policy in areas related to drinking and driving.

#### **Statement of Principles:**

- 1. SADD is a youth organization and therefore at all public events, media appearances, and other public representations, SADD shall always be represented by youth.
- 2. SADD is dedicated to saving lives and preventing injuries and as such will use its resources to pursue that goal most effectively and will not use its resources to create a self-serving bureaucracy.
- 3. SADD is a volunteer organization and therefore any staff members that are hired are to work for the volunteers. It is to be clear to all the staff that he/she works for the volunteers, not the other way around.
- 4. SADD shall be carried on without purpose of financial or material gain of any kind for its members, and any profits or other accretions to the organization shall be used solely to promote the objectives of SADD.

#### **Statement of Purpose**

To initiate, organize, encourage, and facilitate activities, events, and general behavior that will prevent impaired driving acts, both directly and indirectly, in the following ways:

- 1. Promoting options to individuals who have been drinking so that they will not drive impaired. Examples would include designated drivers, chemical-free events, taxi/chauffeur services, sleepovers, and planning before social events.
- 2. Educating the public about the legal, social, health, and safety risks, associated with impaired driving.
- 3. Providing necessary training and education to volunteers who wish to facilitate the first two purposes.



#### **President's Report**

Hello everyone,

I am happy to thank everyone for another amazing year with SADD! I know the end of this year leading into next year has been a new and different experience for us all as we navigate our way through this new world. Additionally, this year will be starting off a bit differently than normal with some chapters choosing to take a break while we wait out COVID 19, however, as a board we are still looking for new board members. Similar to last year we are continuing the search for and recruiting of new board members to join the team. Don't forget to reach out if this is something that interests you! We always appreciate seeing the new and returning individuals full of motivation for our constitutional beliefs.

Though COVID did interrupt our speaker's tour during the Provincial Driving Awareness week in mid-March, nine out of the ten schools who were chosen to participate were able to receive a great presentation from Niall Schofield. We would like to express a special thanks to Niall and all chapters throughout the province who were able to advocate for our cause during such a changing and somewhat challenging time.

On a personal note, as president of the provincial SADD board and a fellow comrade in this specific fight for awareness, I want to ensure that everyone involved with our special group knows that they are making a difference. Never forget that the strength to fight for advocacy in such a trying time is not something to be overlooked. I know that you each make a huge difference in educating and teaching our communities on the importance of not driving impaired and that takes a special form of resilience.

This coming year we must remember as a collective that raising awareness for a cause we believe in is still an important task, but also remember that in this time of uncertainty, it is additionally important to remember we are not alone. Remember to stay true to your beliefs and never forget "Friends Don't Let Friends Drink and Drive!"

Keep safe and stay busy,

Lexi Harrison President SADD SASKATCHEWAN

## PROVINCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The 2019-20 year for SADD Saskatchewan was quite successful as we continued our campaign to stop the needless deaths and injuries from drinking and driving in Saskatchewan. Of our forty three registered Chapters, four were newly registered during the year. We welcome our new Chapters. Our returning Chapters are to be congratulated for conducting community Red Ribbon campaigns, public awareness projects, fun events and fundraising. Thank you all for your efforts. You and your advisors are to be commended.

The Board of Directors and Board of Representatives met four times during the year, including the Annual Meeting in Regina at the Provincial Conference and the budget meeting in May. These dedicated members give their time and energy to help ensure SADD Saskatchewan remains focused on serving our member Chapters and promoting our mission. Thanks to you all for doing a great job. As well, I would like to express my personal thanks and gratitude to our SADD Saskatchewan Program Assistant Jenny Spinarski for all her assistance over the course of the year.

The SADD Saskatchewan Provincial Conference was held October 18-19, 2019 in Saskatoon at the Travelodge Hotel. We had some 1711 delegates from SADD Chapters from across the Province attend. The conference had excellent speakers and breakout sessions. Special thanks to President Lexi Harrison, her planning committee, and Team SGI for an awesome event enjoyed by all participants.

Other events/activities conducted during the year included; the Red Ribbon Campaign Launch in November, Provincial Impaired Driving Awareness Week in March, and a Speaker's Tour featuring Naill Schofield in March. We received some excellent press coverage for many of our activities.

I must send out a special thank you to SJ Hundal and SGI, your continued support of SADD Saskatchewan is truly remarkable.

Even though Covid 19 interrupted many Chapter activities starting in March we still managed to have a great year.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Spelliscy Provincial Director

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SADD Students, Advisors, Board Members and Staff

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year! This year may look a little different for many of you due to the pandemic, but I know we still share the common goal of keeping our province's roads free of impaired drivers.

I recognize it's an ambitious goal, since impaired driving remains the top contributing factor in fatal collisions in Saskatchewan. However, I'm pleased to tell you that with your help, we're making progress in shifting the culture in Saskatchewan around impaired driving.

In 2019, there was a significant drop in the number of people killed and injured in impaired driving collisions in our province. This also contributed to a record low number of people killed in traffic collisions overall on Saskatchewan roads. These record-breaking numbers are only possible because of the work you do to educate your fellow students, friends, family and other members of your communities about the dangers of impaired driving.

Though it's important to celebrate these successes, we know there's still work to be done and we need your help to keep the momentum going. As advocates within your schools and communities, you're a critical traffic safety partner in helping us get the message out to never drive impaired. It's especially important to reach youth with this message, to ensure new drivers are committed to driving sober to prevent themselves and others from being hurt or killed in impaired driving crashes. With your help, we know this downward trend in impaired driving incidents can continue. My team and I in Traffic Safety Community Outreach are here to support your efforts. I encourage you to reach out to us or to SADD Saskatchewan if you need any support or assistance. You may also find it helpful to get in touch with other SADD chapters to ask questions or share success stories about the initiatives that have made a difference in your community.

I'm very proud of your commitment to this cause. Your awareness efforts are invaluable in keeping our communities safe and free from impaired drivers. I look forward to our continued partnership with SADD. On behalf of everyone at SGI, thank you so much for the work you do to reduce to prevent impaired driving.

Sincerely,

SJ Hundal Director, Traffic Safety Community Outreach



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# 2019-2020 Registered SADD Chapters

A.E. Peacock Collegiate Arcola School\* Avonlea School Carpenter High School Central Collegiate Institute **Colonsay School** Conora Composite School **Constable Robin Cameron Educational Complex** Churchill Community High School Dr. Martin Leboldus High School Eastend School Eaton School\* Gordon F Kells High School Hudson Bay Community School Invermay High School Jonas Samson Junior High School John Paul II Collegiate Kamsack Comprehensive Institute Kinistin Saulteau First Nations School\* Lipton School\* Macklin School Maidstone High School Melfort and Unit Comprehensive Collegiate Melville Comprehensive School Moose Jaw Central Collegiate **Muenster School** Naicam School North Valley High School Norquay School **Oxbow Prairie Horizons School** Paradise Hill School **Riffel High School Riverview Collegiate Institute** Sacred Heart High School Yorkton Shaunavon High school Star City School Sturgis composite school Swift Current Comprehensive high school Unity Composite High School Vanier Collegiate Wesmor Public High School Viscount School\* Yorkton Regional High School \* DENOTES NEW CHAPTER



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