

Six Young Calgarians Recognized as Husky Heroes

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Calgary, AB – Six young Calgarians were recognized as “Husky Heroes” by Husky Energy and its partners, the Calgary Emergency Medical Services Foundation and Public Safety Communications. Ranging in age from five to 12 years old, each child was the link to 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Officers (Public Safety Communications) until emergency services arrived on the scene. The Husky Heroes program recognizes children who have accessed 9-1-1 appropriately in an emergency or were of significant assistance to emergency services.

Some of the children recognized as a Husky Heroes this year include:

- A five-year-old girl who called 9-1-1 for an ambulance when her mother suffered a medical event at home and could not call for herself;
- An eight-year-old girl who called 9-1-1 not once, but twice, for an ambulance on different occasions when her mother suffered medical emergencies at home;
- A 12-year-old boy who called 9-1-1 for an ambulance when his younger brother injured himself at home.

“These young people, in very trying circumstances, all demonstrated the value of making the right call in an emergency,” said Asim Ghosh, CEO of Husky Energy. “Husky is pleased to recognize their initiative and the example they have set.”

“Teaching children the importance of using 9-1-1 correctly is crucial, not only for their own safety but for the safety of others as well,” said Public Safety Communications Commander Kirk McCallum. “All of the staff at Public Safety Communications – Calgary’s 9-1-1 centre – applaud these young Husky Heroes for their quick and significant actions, which ultimately saved lives. They truly are heroes worthy of recognition.”

“The EMS Foundation supports education, critical medical research, training, safety, and illness and injury prevention in our communities. We are proud to recognize our brave Husky Heroes for 2012. The Husky Heroes program highlights the actions of what children are capable of in an emergency. We hope their examples serve to demonstrate that when educated about the proper use of 9-1-1, young people can make the difference in an emergency situation,” said Lisa Barrett, Executive Director, EMS Foundation.

The program is supported by Husky Energy, the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Foundation and The City of Calgary Public Safety Communications.