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1st Annual Whitmore Park Family Fun Day

Saturday, September 26th, 2009 was a beautiful day for the 1st Annual Whitmore Park Family Fun Day and Torch Walk held this year at Whitmore Park United Church. The event got off to a great start with welcoming addresses by some of the attending dignitaries- Public School Board Trustee/Chairperson Barbara Young, City Councillor Louis Browne, Paralympic [Amy Alsop](#) and Whitmore Park Community Association (WPCA) VP Terry Shalley. Other dignitaries in attendance throughout the day were MLA Ralph Goodale and Shawn Kuster (City Council candidate)

Amy Alsop had us spellbound as she spoke of her Olympic dreams and adventures. She has competed in both the Sydney and Athens Paralympics and has brought home gold medals from both. Amy has been a key component of Canada's rise to women's goalball supremacy and is working hard to promote the sport amongst the visually impaired community. After her motivational speech, Amy led a symbolic Torch Walk through Mike Badham Park ending with a showing of her Olympic medals for all to touch and see. It was very inspirational and a fantastic way to kick off the fun day.

Attendees were able to grab a free lunch and lounge around the large grassed front yard of the church chatting with neighbourhood friends and listening to the lively musical entertainment provided by talented Campbell students (Ben Sefton, Keiffer McLean, Kaleena Calcutta, Roberta Wallace and the band Leadfoot) and musician Matt Gelowitz with his electric accordion. It was magical. There were many activities happening. One could have shot some hoops with Cougars Basketball star Jamal Williams and picked up a signed Cougar poster. Or one could have gotten their face painted by Street Culture Kids, received a balloon animal or checked out the City of Regina fire truck and experimented with the fire hose. Or one could have watched or joined the many Tai Chi demonstrations by Cathie Gibson and crew from Taoist Tai Chi. There were also informational displays put on by Healthy Heart Partners, WPCA and Regina in Motion which included playing video games and winning prizes. Last but not least, you could have been a big winner of the many door prizes, which Doug Samchinsky our newest WPCA member got from neighbourhood businesses (Subway, Rogers Video, Pizza Hut, Cottage Restaurant, Thomas Cook Restaurant, Plum Gardens, Montanas, Applebees, Tony Romas, Boston Pizza, Pasta Prima, Heather Willman PhotographyPetro Canada). Now who could ask for anything more!

We hope everyone enjoyed themselves

Many thanks to the organizing committee (Terry Shalley – chair, Curt Schroeder, Fred Silzer, Ray Silzer, Hilary Craig, Karen Williams, Patti Nauta, Karen Stoddart and Glenda Calcutta), Whitmore Park United Church and all the volunteers who made this event so successful.