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GORDON MITCHELL MEMORIAL FUND

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2015 RECIPIENTS

Sports Award Baylin Unger *Basketball* Sports Award Laura Klinck

RAP Award Dexter Hebert Auto-Mechanics

Spirit Award—Gr 9 Haley Larsen

Spirit Award—Gr 11 Keith Miller



QUICK FACTS:

- \$30,258 raised
- 233 gifts
- 3 youth share \$1,500/ each year
- \$16,500 given to 54 students in 12 years
- Independent selection committee selects the students annually

2015 DONORS

Tracey Melnyk Jim & Joyanne Mitchell Kaitlyn Mitchell Rotary Club of Olds

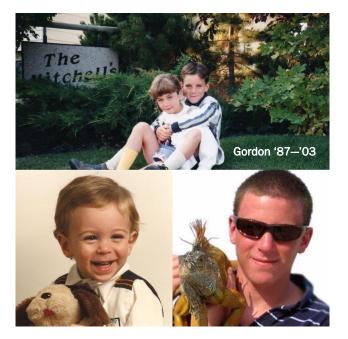
2015 RECIPIENT-Thank you's

Thank you for sponsoring this award; it was such an honor to receive it. ...**it was such a pleasant surprise**, I didn't think anyone noticed it when I stayed after school Once again, thank you for sponsoring an award that encourages putting others before self.

> Haley Spirit Award-Gr 9

"Thank you....I attended a NBC basketball camp in Olds. It was a blast and it really helped shape my ball handling skills. Our team (this year) was very young and I had a **big leadership role** that I think camp helped me with. The highlight of this season was hosting the 3A boys Provincials and having really close games with the top teams in Alberta/"

Baylen Unger, Basketball



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Donations Accepted

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR YOUTH

This Memorial Fund honors Gordon Mitchell (Grade 11 student at Olds Jr. Sr. High School) who passed away December 29, 2003 at the age of 16.

Five (5) awards are awarded annually (to students from Olds High School) from gifts made by family, friends and faculty.

Gordon Mitchell (RAP) Scholarship Fund

1 x \$500 annually (Sept) Students are nominated: See: Ms. L Statchuk

Gordon Mitchell Spirit Awards

2 x \$250 annually (Sept) Students are nominated: See: Ms. L Statchuk

Rotary-Gordon Mitchell Sports Awards

2 x \$250 annually (June) Applications available at Olds High School

MESSAGE FROM THE MITCHELL FAMILY

Gratitude-

When Gordon died we adapted to the loss of not having him at the evening dinner table and we adapted to having birthdays and Christmas's with an empty chair. We knew that we wouldn't celebrate more time together, so we hung on even closer to the memories that shaped our lives with him. We have been grateful for that precious time.

Many students have also expressed gratitude - gratitude for the awards that they have been selected for. It is 'enough' that they have been selected but we always enjoy the notes that come with an expression of thanks and some specific detail about what they have done with the financial support.

We accept those notes on behalf of the many friends and family members who have supported Gordon's legacy fund.

> We miss you Gordo— Jim, Joyanne & Kaitlyn

GMMF Thank-You's -

Fun Fact: #1:

65% of Students sent a thank you note.

Fun Fact #2:

Males sent 20% more thank you notes than females.



Jim & Joyanne Mitchell



Kaitlyn Mitchell with "Gypsy"