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Dear Mayor & Council,

"When Eagles Fly," is a new program for our youth in Fort Frances and area.

Our main focus is to empower teens, helping them discover their goals, talents and abilities.

Equally important is their safety and well-being.

This program's founder Sandra Lori Allan is a certified Addiction Worker who has worked extensively in the past with troubled teens in group home facilities.

"We are losing our kids to drug and alcohol abuse and suicide," says Sandra.

"Gang activity has increased and become a "place to belong," amongst our teens, even younger."

A great majority of these youth have never had the opportunity to explore their life aspirations, their goals and their dreams. It's difficult seeing what could be, coming from broken homes, poverty, lack of self-esteem and feeling worthless. Add bullying into this and the outcome is usually catastrophic.

"When Eagles Fly," is developed for youth to discover themselves, how unique and individual each are and how they could contribute their gifts and abilities to their community and outward.

"Never be afraid to dream big!" Is one of our motto's.

Built with 3 separate components in mind, When Eagles Fly Youth Empowerment and Safety is as follows:

1. **When Eagles Fly Neighborhood Patrol Watch:** in the beginning adult volunteers will patrol our Fort Frances area from 7 P.M.-9 P.M. Thursday and Friday evenings. We offer community hours to teens willing to patrol with us. In return this gives our youth a feeling of being part of keeping our community safe while practising their social skills as well, co-hearsing with other teens. Another of our goals is to have our youth volunteer in community events such as Stuff a Cruiser or Christmas Hamper/Ringing of the Bells-Salvation Army.
2. **When Eagles Fly-Green Light Program:** the green light program was developed in first nations communities to promote safety and offer a safe house where those in need could go to in case of emergency. When Eagles Fly would like to incorporate safe homes for youth in our community to go when they have an emergency. These trained homeowners would offer referral services as needed such as a call to Police /Ambulance/Family Services and Victim Services. The owners of these homes will have criminal reference checks and be supplied with a green light for their property.

3. **When Eagles Fly Youth Empowerment Interactive Presentations-** these presentations are specifically for youth ages 13-18. Youth will participate in developing their goals and aspirations in a fun 1 1/2 hour presentation. Special guests may be brought in to inspire and encourage youth with their powerful life stories. This program is also used as a "Say No To Drugs and Bullying! With the focus on being yourself and embracing who you are and what you have to offer! It's a "Build You Up." Presentation!

**At this time our program is in need of the following items to get started:**

Walkie-Talkies (\$100.00)

Safety Vests and Patches (\$450.00)

Green Lights (\$50.00)

Flashlights and batteries (\$60.00)

You can contact Sandra Lori Allan at 1-807-861-0629 if you would like to make a donation.

Help us to help save our youth!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra Lori Allan".

**Sandra Lori Allan**

**When Eagles Fly –Founder/Coordinator**