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Leadership Calgary Alumni recognized in the Top 40 Under 40!

Last night Jay Baydala and Blythe Butler joined the ranks of a select group of influential Calgarians who have been making their mark in their own professions and in our community according to *CalgaryInc* magazine's Top 40 Under 40.

For the past decade, graduates from Volunteer Calgary's Leadership Calgary program have been participating in Calgary as the next generation of influencers and leaders, according to the city's most prominent business magazine. Every year since the annual Award was created in 1998, graduates from Volunteer Calgary's Leadership Calgary program have been among the honourees. In all, Leadership Calgary alumni have been honoured for their contributions to the community 30 times by *CalgaryInc* magazine.

"It is no surprise to us that the Leadership Calgary Alumni have consistently been honoured for their outstanding commitment to Calgary. The program is all about problem solving and creating healthy sustainable communities and clearly that is just what all of these individuals are doing" says Buffy St-Amand Manager, Leadership Calgary.

Jay Baydala (class of 2005) heads up ChristmasFuture, a non-profit organization that offers users the opportunity to give the gift of charity through its multimedia website, allowing the gift giver to select the type of cause, or location or organization that will receive the donation and then allows both the gift giver and the recipient see the ongoing impact of the gift. ChristmasFuture has been very well received, with more than 2,000 donations since the website's December 07 launch.

Blythe Butler (class of 2005) is a Communications and Program Development Manager for Simpect Strategy Group working with companies, such as TD Bank, Enbridge Inc., CIBC, Telus Corp. and TransCanada Corp., in this role Butler measures the performance of their community and volunteer contributions. Through workshops and one-on-one meetings, she assists her clients by establishing a series of measurements, including cash, time, in-kind donations and management costs that will capture and calculate the long-term impact of each philanthropic related effort on society.

The 2008 recipients and several of the past winners are featured in the September issue of *CalgaryInc* magazine.

CalgaryInc's annual top 40 list recognizes individuals excelling in their careers, giving back to the community and raising the city's profile. This is exactly the type of professional and personal development that plays a prominent role in the Leadership Calgary program offered through Volunteer Calgary, encouraging existing and aspiring leaders to work collaboratively to build a healthy and caring community.

Celebrating its own 10th anniversary in 2008, Leadership Calgary is a community-based, leadership development program of Volunteer Calgary. Each year, a group of individuals representing the public, private and nonprofit sectors embark on a 10-month leadership journey. This experience provides an opportunity to gain a deeper fundamental understanding of community issues, a greater sensitivity to community diversity, and a new commitment to community cohesion and stewardship.

Leadership Calgary Alumni honoured in CalgaryInc's Top 40 Under 40 include:

1998 - Sue Chambers, Sara-Jane Griffith, Fouad Jomaa

2004 - Adam Legge, Laurie Leier

1999 –Janice Iverson, Ian Prinsloo,

2005 – Lisha Hassanali, Terry Rock, Tim Stock-Bateman

2000 – Sue Chambers, Sara-Jane Griffith, Fouad Jomaa

2006 – Amanada Affonso, Joan Chand'oiseau, Dean Loeller, Erich Mende, Gerrad Oishi, Kelly Pitaoulis, Stephanie Pollock, Sharon Small

2001 – Sue Chambers

2002 - Sue Chambers, Sara-Jane Griffith, Ian Prinsloo

2007 – Tamara McCarron, Jessica McNaughton

2003 – Jamie Niessen

2008 – Jay Baydala, Blythe Butler

For more information on the Leadership Calgary program visit our website www.leadershipcalgary.ab.ca.

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