

# GATE Parent Association

## CASINO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The GATE Parent Association is pleased to announce that our next casino is scheduled for **Thursday April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010** and **Friday April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010** at the Casino Calgary at 1420 Meridian Road NW which is just off Barlow Trail and 16th Ave. We need to have volunteers in place by mid February to ensure that we can hold our casino.

### Why does the GATE Parent Association volunteer to work a casino?

We have the opportunity to hold a casino approximately once every 18 months to 2 years. Our last casino, in 2008, raised approximately \$75,000. This money has been used to provide additional resources for GATE students (technology, speakers, field trips, book and many other things) as well as to fund parent education sessions. The funds raised are used to benefit all GATE students, and this is our biggest fundraiser, so PLEASE, if you can, volunteer to help. .

As an added benefit – you get to meet some other parents with children in GATE, and, believe it or not, it's actually a fun day (or night!). You will work with other volunteers throughout your shift. We also make sure that you get a good meal while you are volunteering, and parking is free.

### What is involved if I volunteer?

There are a few different jobs that need to be filled. Training is provided for ALL jobs at the casino, and none of them are difficult. A casino advisor is on hand at all times to help out. Here's what the different positions are:

*General Manager* – the general manager makes sure that things are running smoothly. If volunteers don't show up, the general manager will make calls to the back-up list to find someone to fill in. The general manager can fill in for any of the other positions for part of a shift if needed.

*Banker* – the banker is in control of the cash and chip entries. This job involves lots of entering information into a computer.

*Cashier* – the cashiers take in chips, and give back cash.

*Chiprunner* – the chiprunners deliver chips from the banker to the gaming tables as needed. You have to input some things into the computer for this job too -- but you don't really have to run!

*Countroom staff* – at the end of the night, you get to count all the money (using cash counting machines). Probably the most cash you'll ever get to handle!

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Sounds Great! How do I sign-up to volunteer?

Please send the following information by email to Sharon Bonnett at [sharon.bonnett@albertahealthservice.ca](mailto:sharon.bonnett@albertahealthservice.ca) or fax at 403 944-8690, or call Terene at 403 404 3955 **before February 15th**. Sharon will contact you and let you know what day and time you are slotted in for so that you can mark it in your calendar. You also need to fill out a volunteer form, which is attached. If you are replying by e-mail you can send it in with your information. Otherwise, please mail it to GATE Parent Association, c/o Nellie McClung Elementary school, 2315 Palliser Drive SW, Calgary, AB T2V3S5.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please note which shift(s) you would be able to volunteer. Please check ALL that you would be willing work, and indicate your first, second, and third preference.

	<b>Thursday April 15<sup>th</sup> 2010</b>	<b>Friday April 16<sup>th</sup> 2010</b>
Day shift 10:30 am – 7:00 pm		
Evening shift 6:15 pm – 3:00 am		
Night shift (countroom) 10:15 pm – 3:00 am		

Do you have a job preference (no promises, but we'll do our best):

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Questions? Contact Sharon at [Sharon.bonnett@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:Sharon.bonnett@albertahealthservices.ca) or Terene on 403 404 3955

THANK YOU for supporting this initiative of the GATE Parent Association!