

# wp Puppet theatre

## GIVE BACK Program

WP Puppet Theatre seeks to spark curiosity and provide understanding about the world we live in, examine the issues of our time, consider solutions and inspire our audiences to be ethical and involved citizens through innovative and explorative puppetry.

We launched our “Giving Back” program on Giving Tuesday 2014 to give back to the community we’ve worked in for over 25 years and to increase our own visibility. Our mandate is to help children and adults from all walks of life to have a greater understanding and acceptance for each other and the world, thus supporting Calgary as a safe and caring city.

We pledged to donate three shows per year to local agencies, particularly those working with lower income families. Two months later, all spots are booked and more are on a waiting list.

We invite companies or individuals to support us in a monetary and/or advisory capacity to take our idea and establish a proper donor program, with appropriate activation and evaluation, and evolve it into a sustainable program. Each donated program cost WPTS about \$450 and sadly we can only afford to donate a few per year ourselves.

### 2014 – 15 Season Give Back recipients:

1) December 14, 2014: Servants Anonymous Christmas Party

2) February 3, 2015: Immigrant Services Calgary - Mosaic Family Services Preschool

*Hi Wendy,  
On behalf of the Mosaic preschoolers, staff and parents, I would like to express our profound gratitude for the Puppet show. Indeed this was a very tangible learning moments for the kids. It also provided bonding opportunities for moms and their kids. We sincerely appreciate your expertise and narrative skills. Thanks a lot.*

3) TBA: Inn from the Cold.



**Waiting List:**

Triwood Community Centre  
The Calgary Public Libraries

**The program:****WHY THE RABBIT'S NOSE WIGGLES - AN INTERACTIVE STORYTELLING PUPPET EXPERIENCE**

As Amal Tharani, Early Childhood Facilitator, Mosaic Family Resource Centre states *"The Rabbit's Nose" puppet program is "an incredible opportunity to:*

- *Expose children to literacy development in a creative and engaging way*
- *Exemplify the philosophy of learning through play.*
- *Show parents how to engage with children in a way that is sensitive to their stage of development and sensory learning styles*
- *Provide parents with the skills to ensure a healthy happy childhood.*

Watch the first part of this charming folk tale. Then make your own paper sculpture puppet, following simple directions or creating your own design. Finish the story together with everyone's puppets. Take your puppet friend home and create your own puppet shows!

Children are engaged. Adults are delighted!

Audience:               Ages 4 and up, maximum 25 children  
Running time:         Approximately 1 hour  
Performed by:         Wendy Passmore-Godfrey

Show Requirements: 10 feet x 5 feet performance area – clean and clear of equipment - inside or outdoors. 20 minutes set up and strike



WP Puppet Theatre Society incorporated in 1991 as a not for profit charitable organization. We produce and perform original puppet theatre touring throughout Western Canada to schools and public family events. We offer a wide range of learning experiences for children and adults through in and about puppetry arts.

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