



2025/26 Fall/Winter Community News Magazine



Home Ice, Full Heart: Jonathan Toews Returns to Where It All Began



See Jonathan on Home Ice!

You're Invited to Daktoa Community Centre Night at Canada Life Centre on Oct. 26 as the Winnipeg Jets take on the Utah Mammoth!

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Message from the Chair & CEO

He's Home! These words, for anyone who's part of our Dakota community, didn't require any further explanation, while gracing our sign boards following the news that Jonathan Toews would return to his hometown after signing with the Winnipeg Jets in late June. The buzz surrounding the return of our Sportsplex namesake and champion supporter continues as the Jet's prepare to hit the ice for another exciting season of hockey in our City.

Amidst the excitement of welcoming Jonathan back home, we're extremely proud to be working with the Winnipeg Jets to provide our community with a chance to see Jonathan as he steps on the ice, as well as acknowledge his long association with our community centre, on Sunday, October 26, when the Jet's host the Utah Mammoth. In this issue you will find information on how to purchase specially priced tickets for you, your family or your group of neighbours or friends, for this special game night. In addition, everyone who purchase tickets through this special offer will be entered to win an will be coming soon. Please go to page six to learn autographed Toews #19 Jets jersey, as well as be part of a special night cheering on Jonathan and our Winnipeg Jets and celebrating our wonderful Community Centre! We hope many of you will take advantage of this fabulous more details in the coming months. offer and join us at the game on October 26! (See details opposite this page for discount ticket offer!).

Our Board of Directors and Senior Leadership took some time this spring/summer to update the Centre's Strategic Open Dakota (Free - Sept. 22 -26); Our famous Christ-Framework and Plan as we look ahead to the next three years. While our Vision and Values remain essentially the same, we updated our Mission to be 'A gathering place for all, fostering social connection and excelllence in recreation and sport', to better reflect who we serve and what we do each day for our community and beyond. In addition, our new Strategic Plan will have us focus on four pillars of priority — Place; People & Culture; Purpose and Partnerships, as we work to achieve goals related to facility expansion, engaging our community, focusing on our purpose and strengthening relationships with our key stakeholders. (See story page five).

This past spring also saw Dakota CC play host to the community for a number of local high school convocation ceremonies, as well as first-time hosting the LRSD Graduation Pow-Wow. It continues to be a special honour to be the backdrop to these important milestone and cultural events in our community.

With the support of a City of Winnipeg Renovation Grant award, we've also begun work towards the installation of accessibility platforms in both our arenas. When complete later this fall, these platforms will provide appropriate accessible seating and viewing for persons who cannot access seating in our existing stands. We are very proud to continue to prioritize projects to increase accessibility within our facilities.

We also continue to move forward with plans and activities to prepare for another phase of expansion to Dakota and excited that a community announcement more about what's under consideration and where we are in the planning process. We will be taking steps to gather more imput from our community and share

The fall/winter season is shaping up to be another busy one at Dakota CC, with many programs and activities for all ages; Come try one of our programs at Doors mas Market runs again (Nov. 8 &9), Skate with Santa

(Free - Dec. 20), or just pop by for some weekly "Free' Public Skate or a Skate on the Jumpstart Community Rink, once the ice is in.

We hope to see you all at the Centre this season.





2024/25 Board of Directors

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Our Board of Directors are community volunteers who focus on governance and leadership, based on the Centre's Vision, Mission and Values.

Interested in serving on our board? Send your resume and cover letter to info@dakotacc.com.

This year's Annual General Meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, November 25 at 7 PM. Nominations are due by Friday, October 20, 2025.

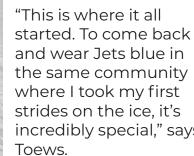
We wish to acknowledge that the land we work, play, and live on in Winnipeg, is Treaty One land—the home of Anishinabek, Ininew, Anisininew, Dakota, and Dene people, and the home of the Red River Métis.



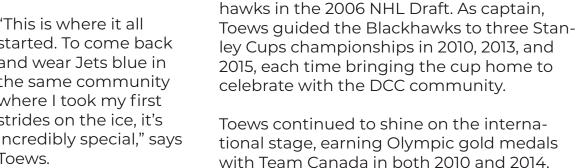
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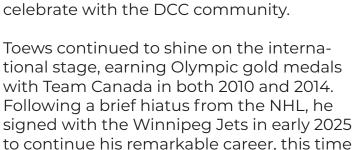
on home ice.

Jonathan Toews signing with the Winnipeg Jets is more than a return to the ice—it's a homecoming to his roots, and to the community where his NHL dreams first took flight.



incredibly special," says





Born and raised in south St. Vital, Toews first

kota Community Centre (DCC). Years of hard

work and determination led to his selection

as the third overall pick by the Chicago Black-

laced up his skates as a Dakota Lazer at Da-

"I've been fortunate to achieve a lot in my career and it has been really meaningful to be able to celebrate those moments with this community. Winnipeg has been a big part of my journey."

Following his first Stanley Cup and gold medal win in 2010, Toews relationship with DCC took on a permanent legacy when the facility was renamed the Jonathan Toews Sportsplex.

In 2016, Toews further demonstrated his commitment to DCC by stepping up as Honorary Chair of the Dakota Futures Campaign, launching the construction of a 60,000-square-foot Fieldhouse with a transformational \$1 million gift.



"Giving back is my way of saying thank you—and hopefully helping the next kid believe in themselves the same way," he says, crediting his parents, Bryan and Andrée, for their ongoing guidance and support.

"Nothing I've achieved would have been possible without my parents. They taught me about hard work, humility, and giving back."

Toews influence on young players in the community goes far beyond the banners and trophies—it's woven into the daily rhythm of kids lacing up skates at the Jonathan Toews Sportsplex.

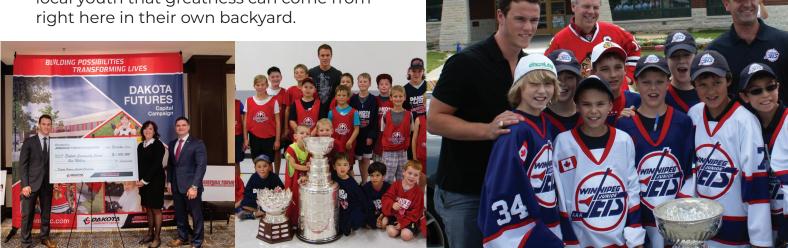
Many young athletes see in Toews someone who once stood exactly where they stand now, on local ice, full of big dreams. His return to Winnipeg is a powerful reminder to local youth that greatness can come from right here in their own backyard.

As he reflected on what he hopes to pass on to the next generation, Toews shares:

"Dream big, but remember: it's the small days—the early morning skate, the extra practice, the way you carry yourself off the ice—that define you. Work hard. Be kind. And never forget where you started."

As he steps back onto the ice in the city where it all began, the community stands behind him with pride, gratitude, and open arms. His journey has inspired generations, and now, his return brings that inspiration full circle.

Welcome home, Jonathan!



Investing in Our Future

At DCC, we believe great facilities don't just serve communities—they grow with them. Over the past several years, our team has worked to enhance and expand our campus—upgrading infrastructure, adding new spaces, and elevating every aspect of the experience we offer. But none of this would be possible without you, our incredible community. Your continued support, feedback, and active participation have guided our efforts every step of the way.

We're proud of how far we've come, and even more excited for what's ahead. Thank you for growing with us.

DCC's Stategic Plan 2025-2028

In early 2025, DCC's Board and leadership team put together a three-year Strategic Plan for 2025 to 2028. This plan will serve as a roadmap designed to guide the organization's priorities and sharpen its focus as we move forward together.

Throughout the planning process, DCC's Board and leadership team engaged in thoughtful reflection, listening to voices from across our community, evaluating strengths and challenges, and exploring new possibilities for growth. As part of the process, 1,495 surveys were distributed to three key groups: board members, staff, and volunteers; donors and stakeholders; and our valued pass holders and program users. The insights gathered helped shape four core strategic priorities:

Place: Align community needs with capacity

People and Culture:

Define and engage our community

Purpose: Stay focused on our mission and clearly define our goal

meaningful relationships



Partnerships: Strengthen, build, and leverage



To support these priorities, we've also refreshed our quiding statements to reflect who we are and where we are headed:

2017: Dakota Fieldhouse

2018: Jumpstart Community

2023: New storage garage

and ice plant upgrades

2023: New fitness

playground opens

2024: Dakota Events

Hall opens

installed

Outdoor Rink opens

officially opens

Vision: A welcoming, healthy, vibrant community

Mission: A gathering place for all fostering social connection and excellence in recreation and sport

Values: *Inclusivity,* Teamwork, Fairness, Opportunity, Excellence

Future Expansion

For years, DCC has been the heart of southeast Winnipeg—a place where families, athletes, and community members come together. But as our neighbourhood continues to grow, so does the demand for modern, inclusive, and accessible recreational spaces.

With aging single-pad rinks across the city and growing waitlists for ice time and community programming, the need for expansion has never been greater. Right here in our community, demand for ice has far outpaced capacity. That's why DCC has been working to lay the

groundwork for something new.

What's Being Considered?

DCC has begun to outline what an expanded facility could include, such as:

- · A brand-new 750-seat arena—modern, accessible, and built for the next generation
- A childcare centre with capacity for 50+ children, plus a family play area
- · A state-of-the-art fitness facility
- Upgraded food services
- · A fully climate-controlled and accessible main entry
- Expanded parking and improved traffic flow

What's Already Been Done?

Behind the scenes, a lot has already been accomplished, including:

- · A full Campus Masterplan, building assessments, and public consultations
- Key upgrades to existing infrastructure including a new ice plant, storage facility, and event hall improvements
- In 2023, a detailed site location study helped determine the best locations for future growth

What's Next?

The DCC team is currently working to establish a detailed business plan, a feasibility study, as well as actively exploring funding and partnership opportunities.

Stay Tuned!

We'll be sharing more details in the coming months including ways you can help shape the future of DCC.



Subscribe to our monthly e-newsletters and follow us on social media to get the latest news & updates!



Around DCC

DCC by the Numbers



DCC was established in 1987 and has been serving the community for

Over
500
children
participate
in DCC's mini
soccer
programs every

year.

vears!

The Dakota Hockey League has hosted over

100 teams with more than 1,800

participants every year for nearly 30 years.

Over **2,000** individuals hold passes for DCC's Track and Fitness Centre.

Approximately 750
people play
pickleball at
DCC every week!

DCC maintains **32** playing fields across our catchment.

New Director of Programming and Operations

DCC welcomed Mike Whalen as the new Director of Programming and Operations in early 2025.

Bringing 30 years of experience in nonprofit and community-focused roles, Mike has a clear vision: To ensure DCC remains a vibrant, accessible hub for the local community by delivering inclusive programs and efficient operations that reflect its needs and values.

"My focus is on making sure DCC stays rooted in the needs of the people who use it—keeping it local, accessible, and responsive to what matters most to our community."

Mike brings a strategic approach to enhancing our operations, with a focus on improving program quality, increasing efficiency, and ensuring the DCC

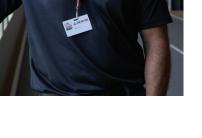
continues to be a lively, inclusive space where everyone feels welcome.



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DCC Reinvigorates its Hockey Programming



With the appointment of a new director and two dedicated staff members, DCC is marking a fresh start to its hockey programming.

"This is about building a grassroots hockey program the whole community can be proud of. We want families, new residents, and long-time locals to know there's a place for them here," says Tyler Riel, DCC's newly appointed Director of Hockey and Ice Programming.

Tyler brings over 10 years of experience in player development, coaching, and community outreach to DCC. He has been coaching in Winnipeg since 2011, holding the position of head instructor at Keane Hockey Camp, and formerly operating his own hockey school, Riel Hockey Development.

Known for his holistic coaching philosophy and strategic program management, he is passionate about using sport as a tool for growth—both on and off the ice.

"After several years of working in hockey instruction and youth development, I've seen firsthand how powerful grassroots programs can be. We're building something here that introduces kids and adults alike to the game in a way that's fun, consistent, and supportive," he explains.

Joining Tyler are Braden Gibbs, Hockey and Ice Program Coordinator, and Chris Avery, Coordinator for the Dakota Hockey League.

With a new team in place, DCC will be looking to build on its existing programs and to expand its hockey offerings for all age groups to meet current demands.

In his role, Braden, will lead the on-ice programming for DCC's Lazers Hockey Club, including the U7 Learn-to-Play hockey program, an introductory program that welcomes kids to the sport.

Top-right: Tyler Riel, Director of Hockey and Ice

Left: Braden Gibbs, Hockey and Ice Program Coordinator.



"Whether it's your child's first time on skates or they're dreaming of playing competitively, this Learn-to-Play program welcomes everyone who is willing to try. We're here to help them learn, grow, and most importantly, enjoy the game," Braden says.

Through the program, participants work through basic hockey skills while making memories on the ice.

"We know that every child learns differently. Our approach is supportive, flexible, and fun. Parents can expect more than just skating drills. We're helping kids build friendships, develop resilience, and learn what it means to support others," he adds.

Along with getting new players started, Lazers Hockey Club offers programming, camps, and tournaments for all ages and abilities.



While many of the hockey programs are being refreshed, DCC is mindful of its longstanding programs, in particular the Dakota Hockey League (DHL) which has been operating in the community for more than 25 years.

"The DHL has been a cornerstone of our hockey community. We're putting in the work to bring back that sense of energy and camaraderie that so many people remember and value," says Tyler.

Part of that work will fall to Chris, the DHL's new coordinator.

"I've played in this league for over 10 years, so I know how much it means to the players and the community," he says. "We're focusing on consistency—regular schedules, clear communication, and a commitment to delivering a dependable experience week in and week out. We want to make this league a destination again—a place where players know they'll get great competition, strong organization, and a solid night out with a great group of guys."

With new leadership, a fresh vision, and an unwavering commitment to community, DCC is skating full speed into a new chapter—one that promises to honour the past, embrace the present, and build an even brighter future for local hockey at DCC.

Lazers Edge Skate Shop

From accesories to skate sharpening, we've got you covered. Lazers Edge Skate Shop is located between the North and South Rinks in the Jonathan Toews Sportsplex. Simply drop your skates off at the customer service desk in the Fieldhouse and pick them up on your next visit, sharpened and ready to go!





Lazers Hockey Club delivers an inclusive, player-centric hockey experience that nurtures both athletic prowess and personal character. Lazers Hockey offer a thoughtfully tiered progression across age groups—including U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, and U18—ensuring developmentally appropriate coaching at every stage.



Learn more and register at LazersHockeyClub.com

DCC Scholarships

2025 DCC Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to Caleb Lagace (Collège Jeanne-Sauvé) and Ushna Gull (Dakota Collegiate) on being this year's recipients of the DCC Scholarship Award.





Apply for DCC's 2026 **Scholarship Awards**

We're proud to offer \$500 Scholarships annually to qualified youth who have demonstrated a strong commitment to the DCC. Instructions on how to apply available at dakotacc.com. Submission deadline is March 31.

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- Catering Options Available

Hosting An Event? We can help! Veiw Centre Ice Cafe's Catering Menu.



Centre Ice Café

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DCC is your community resource finder for adults 55+ who need help connecting with support programs and services.

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- Cardio equipment (ellipticals, rowers, bikes and step mill)
- Strength training equipment and free weights up to 70 lbs
- Functional training equipment (TRX, stability balls, BOSU, bands, medicine balls)
- Free orientation on all equipment is available

	Drop-In	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month
Youth/Student	\$9	\$40	\$102	\$150	\$220
Adult	\$9	\$45	\$115	\$185	\$252
Family	-	-	-	-	\$860
Senior (60+)	\$9	\$42	\$100	\$150	\$222

Pricing effective September 1, 2025. Prices subject to GST.

Did vou know?

Group fitness passholders are eligable for 20% off Track and Fitness Centre Passes!

Visit Customer Service for more information.



Visit Customer Service to

Purchase Your Pass

Group Fitness, Yoga, & Dance



DCC's chair-based programs are a great option for those dealing with mobility issues.

	Drop-In	5 Classes	10 Classes	20 Classes
General	\$11.50	\$58.00	\$105.00	\$200.00
Senior (60+)	\$10.00	\$48.00	\$91.00	\$174.00

Pricing effective September 1, 2025. Group Fitness Class Passes expire after 3 months (5 class pass), 6 months (10 class pass), and 12 months (20 class pass), respectively. Prices subject to GST.

Group Fitness Classes

Fitness

Chair Cardio & Strength

Cardio & Strength **Growing Stronger** Hi-Low Strength **Total Body Circut** Total Body Flexability

Dance

Chair Dance

Line Dance Level 1 Line Dance Level 2 Dance Fitness

Yoga

Chair Yoga

Gentle Flow Yoga Restorative Yoga Restorative Yin Yoga Yin Yang Yoga Yoga Flow

Find full class descriptions on our website.



Pickleball

Drop-In Pickleball

To reserve your spot for drop-in, please use SignUp at pickleball.dakotacc.com

Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced Players

- ◆ Monday Friday ◆ 7:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.
- ◆ Ranked time slots change daily

Open Play Pickleball

- Monday, Wednesday
- ◆ 2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. ◆ No sign-up required

Please note: schedule is subject to change due to special events, etc.

Pickleball Drop-In/Open Play Passes

Drop-In	10 Passes	30 Passes	50 Passes
\$8.50	\$75	\$195	\$275

Pricing effective September 1, 2024. Pickleball passes expire after 3 months (10 passes), 6 months (30 passes), and 12 months (50 passes), respectively. Prices subject to GST.

Learn To Play Pickleball

Sessional classes for all skill levels! From beginners learning the fundamental skills, to tournament veterans developing their technique.



Reserve A Court!

DCC offers the most indoor courts in Manitoba. Visit our website to reserve a court for you and your friends.



Pickleball Flex Ladder

DUPR Ladder is a volunteer managed group. Email dakotapickleball@gmail.com for more information.

Women's DUPR Ladder

◆ Tuesdays ◆ 2:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Mixed DUPR Ladder

◆ Thursdays ◆ 2:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.





Adult Sessional Programs

Fall sessions: September to December Winter sessions: January to March

Floor Curling

◆ Tuesdays & Wednesdays ◆ 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Painting

◆ Thursdays ◆ 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Tai Chi

◆ Thursdays ◆ 12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Golf Swing Basics

◆ Wednesdays
 ◆ 1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.



Visit Dakotacc.com for more information

Resistance Training

- ◆ Tuesdays & Thursdays
- ◆ 10:00 a.m.. 11:00 a.m.
- ◆ NEW Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

NEW Seniors Games Club

◆ Thursdays ◆ 9:30a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Schedule is subject to change. Please visit the website for the most up-to-date information

Advertising at DCC

Choose from our digital and print options or speak to us about creating a custom package for you.

- ◆ Rink Board and Wall Signs
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- ◆ Program Sponsorship

Contact advertise@dakotacc.com







Dakota Fieldhouse

Court Rentals

The 60,000 sqft. fully accessible Dakota Fieldhouse is available to rent in a variety of configurations.

Rental Options Include:

- Premium hardwood floor gymnasium:
- ◆ Three FIBA regulation Basketball courts
- ◆ Three Feature or six cross-court Volleyball courts
- ◆ 12 Courts for Badminton or Pickleball

Health & Wellness Studio

• 880 sqft. studio for dance, yoga or other

Book a basketball, volleyball, badminton or pickleball court.



Event & Facility Rentals

Jonathan Toews Sportsplex

With a large variety of spaces, DCC is the perfect location for your next event. Vist our website for more information!



Birthday Parties

Package Includes:

- ◆ Two hour Rental
- ◆ Sports equipment
- ◆ Two Inflatable Bouncers
- ◆ Tables & chairs setup

Showers & Celebrations

- Adjustable spaces to accommodate groups of any size
- ◆ Table & chairs setup
- New audio/visual Equipment

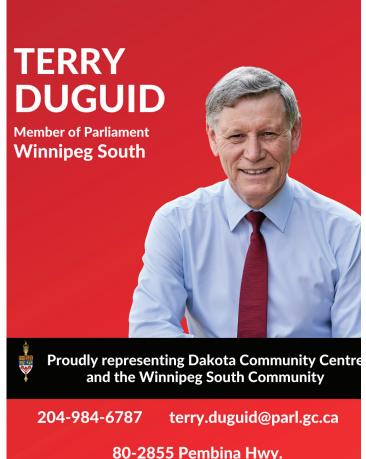
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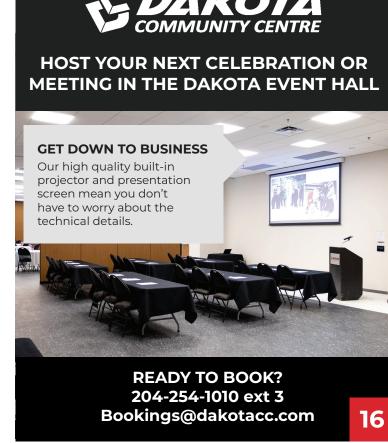
Book one of our two indoor rinks for hockey, ringette, family or corporate events, or birthday parties online.

Book online using CatchCorner.









Little Lazers

DCC's Little Lazers program is the perfect way to keep kids moving, learning, and having fun this fall and winter!



Program Dates:

Fall: October - December Winter: January - March

Offerings by Age Group:

Ages 2–3

Lil' Soccer A & B Lil' Movers A,B & C

Ages 4-5

Mini Soccer Mini Multi-Sport Multi- Sport - Girls-only

Ages 6–8

Junior Soccer Junior Basketball Junior Multi-Sport Multi-Sport - Girls-only



Kids explore a variety of sports: Soccer, basketball, volleyball, pickleball, and more—in a fun, supportive environment. It's about building confidence, coordination, and a love for being active.



Visit Dakotacc.com for more information and to register.

Nursery School Program



Our play-based program promotes overall growth and fosters a safe and inclusive space for all children. It is a great first step on their educational journey, as they learn and grow on the pathway to kindergarten.

- 2 Days / Week (Tue & Thu Mornings)
- 2 Days / Week (Mon & Wed Afternoons)
- ◆ 3 Days / Week (Mon, Wed & Fri Mornings)

Enrollment for 2026-27 Opens February 1, 2026.

Register at dakotacc.com or visit Customer Service

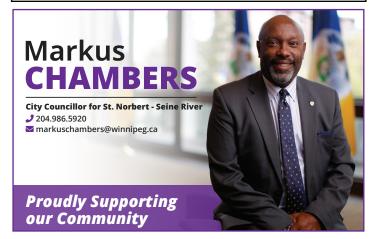


Winter Break Camps

Join us during winter break for up to four days of sports, arts and games for children ages six to 11 years old. Time: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Dec. 22, 23, 29, & 30 Cost: \$75 Per Day | \$225 For All Four Days

Visit Dakotacc.com to Register





Upcoming Events



Doors Open Dakota

September 22 – September 26

DCC is once again opening its doors for Doors Open Dakota. During the week, the public is encouraged to try out DCC programming and Fitness Centre, completely free!

You'll get a chance to try our:

- ◆ Fitness Centre
- ◆ Group Fitness Classes
- ◆ Pickleball Drop-In
- Stick & Puck/Ring



DCC - Winnipeg Jets Group Night

October 26 starting at 5 PM

DCC Night at the Canada Life Centre as the Winnipeg Jets take on the Utah Mammoths. See the inside front cover for more details!



Annual General Meeting

November 25

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.



Christmas Market

November 8 and 9

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Sat) 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Sun) Cost: \$5 per person



Skate with Santa & Friends

December 20

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Cost: \$2 per person



Buddy Month

January 1 - January 31



On behalf of everyone at the Dakota Community Centre, we want to say a heartfelt thank you for all that you do. Your kindness and generosity are truly appreciated!

To all of our wonderful volunteers.



Join our volunteer family! Head to dakotacc.com to learn more.

Buddy Month is back! Grab a buddy and come try DCC out for free. If your Buddy purchases a 6-month or 12-month Fitness Centre Pass, each of you will receive an extra month added to your Fitness Centre Pass for free.

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