

WE AS PARENTS NEED TO RAISE CONFIDENT YOUNG PEOPLE

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Jeremiah, Isaiah and Elijah, residents of Summerside are participants of the Y's Kids Equipped to Learn and Circle of Learning Program funded by the United Way of Prince Edward Island. Cindy (mother) and her three little boys moved to Summerside from Saint John just over a year ago. It was hard for her to return to the workforce and leave her children at home.

Summerside YMCA enrolled her children in the Circle of Learning Program. "I am able to work fulltime and know that my boys are in a wonderful, caring and structured daycare," says Cindy.

Y's Kids Equipped to Learn program aims to provide necessary school supplies to children. Being prepared for school like other students of the same peer group is important for self-esteem and a child's feeling of empowerment. "September is always a rough month getting three boys outfitted for the new school year. School supplies, clothing, two pairs of sneakers each, backpacks and lunch boxes, student fees and the list goes on. The school supplies and sneakers supplied in their "Y's Kids to Equipped to Learn Program" not only is a tremendous help to us parents but also helps these children to go to school proud and with confidence. It is hard to put into words just how much the United Way means to our family. Thank you United Way for all that you do for us."

United Way is currently funding forty programs and services all across the Island. The following programs aim to provide services for Children in PEI – After School Enhancement, Community Kids, Breakfast Program, Drop In Center, ROPE Children, Future for Kids and Summer Action Program.

Please continue supporting your United Way. Get the help out for a person like Cindy and her three little boys who need programs like these. It's all about **Neighbours... Getting A Helping Hand.**