



# Lions Quest Canada

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*The Centre for Positive Youth Development*

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## ***Our Mission***

Provide leadership, knowledge and resources to develop capable young Canadians of positive character.

## ***Our Core Values & Beliefs***

### ***1. Positive Potential for Youth***

All young people have the innate right and capacity to develop their full potential as responsible and caring individuals.

### ***2. Young People as a Priority***

Fostering the positive potential in all young people is a critical priority and must be cultivated and strengthened by adults and their institutions.

### ***3. Positive Life Skills and Character Development***

Young people become personally and socially responsible and develop strong character by learning and applying essential life skills in meaningful contexts. They should actively engage in their own learning and learning cooperatively with others.

### ***4. Personal and Social Responsibility***

The values, attitudes, and knowledge necessary for personal and social responsibility include the timeless principles of respect and caring for self and others, honesty, and trustworthiness, a sense of justice and fairness, service to others, capacity for critical thinking and problem solving, and commitment to family and community.

### ***5. Parent as Primary Educator***

Parents are the primary educators of their children, and enduring, nurturing relationships with caring adults are essential for young people to flourish and grow.

### ***6. Collaboration***

The power and breadth of our mission can best be achieved through dynamic, mutually beneficial relationships with other organizations and associations.

### ***7. Caring Adults Supporting All Youth, Everywhere***

Promoting healthy, responsible, caring behaviours requires adults to work together to build lasting foundations for positive learning experiences in all arenas where young people live, learn, work and play.

### ***8. Organizational Integrity***

We strive for an organizational environment that exemplifies the characteristics of respect and caring that are the hallmarks of our mission. We will safeguard and nurture ideas through an environment that encourages creative thinking, collaboration, and development of new opportunities for youth.