



Local resident recognized for Rodeo of Smiles

Submitted by Volunteer Leduc

Leduc resident Tonya Fillenberg received a Leduc Achievement Award, Sept. 12, in recognition of her long-standing commitment to the Rodeo of Smiles program, held annually during the Leduc Black Gold Pro Rodeo and Exhibition.

For the last 14 years, Fillenberg has worked with special needs children in the Black Gold School Division through the Rodeo of Smiles. Program participants receive a personal invitation to attend this special event. It includes a petting zoo, mascots, games and face painting sponsored by community businesses and volunteers.

Her dedication and passion to this program is fuelled by her desire to work one-on-one with volunteers, caregivers, sponsors, entertainers, various organizations and of course, the participants.

Rodeo of Smiles has a tremendous impact on children and youth with special needs, which has made Fillenberg's involvement very rewarding. In 2010, 100 volunteers contributed to this program's enormous success. For more information on the Rodeo of Smiles, visit blackgoldrodeo.com or call (780) 887-3235.

Leduc Achievement Awards are presented by Leduc City Council as it acknowledges individuals, groups, organizations and businesses for their significant achievements that have brought credit to the City of Leduc. For more information, please call (780) 980-7177.