



## And the winners are . . .

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Who has the best ice cream? Which theatre company is the most fun? Where can you find the best kids' clothes? Calgary's Child Magazine asked . . . and our readers answered . . . these and more than 50 other family friendly questions.

Developed to recognize quality family retailers and service providers in our community this year's Parents' Choice Awards, the 5th annual — were bigger and better than ever. Ballots were distributed in the November/December/00 issue of Calgary's Child Magazine and more than 125,000 readers were invited to vote for their family favorites in over 50 categories. The response was phenomenal this year. Congratulations to all the winners!

### Best Overall Radio Station

- 1st Power 107
- 2nd Lite 96
- 3rd CBC

### Best Overall Television Station

- 1st Global
- 2nd CFCN
- 3rd A Channel

### Best Daily Newspaper

- 1st Calgary Herald
- 2nd Calgary Sun
- 3rd Globe & Mail

### Favorite Morning News

- 1st Global Morning News
- 2nd A Channel's Big Breakfast
- 3rd CBC Radio

### Favorite Evening News

- 1st Global Evening News
- 2nd CFCN TV
- 3rd A Channel

### Best Birthday Cakes

- 1st Dairy Queen
- 2nd Co-op
- 3rd Cakeworks

### Best Grocery Store

- 1st Co-op
- 2nd Safeway
- 3rd Superstore

### Best Ice Cream/Yogurt Store

- 1st Dairy Queen
- 2nd Baskin Robbins

### Best Natural Food Store

- 1st Debajis Fresh Market
- 2nd Community Natural
- 3rd Amaranth Whole Foods

### Best Fast Food Place

- 1st McDonald's Restaurants
- 2nd Wendy's
- 3rd Burger King

### Best Drive Thru

- 1st Peter's Drive-In
- 2nd McDonald's
- 3rd Wendy's

### Best Pizza

- 1st Pizza Hut
- 2nd Boston Pizza
- 3rd Panagopoulos

### Best Restaurant for Families

- 1st Jack Astor's
- 2nd Boston Pizza
- 3rd Swiss Chalet

### Best Children's Menu

- 1st Moxies
- 2nd Boston Pizza
- 3rd Jack Astor's

### Best Restaurant for Parent's Night Out

- 1st Earl's
- 2nd The Keg
- 3rd Chianti's

### Best Airline for Families

- 1st Air Canada
- 2nd West Jet

### Best Hotel/Motel

- 1st Sheraton
- 2nd Best Western

### Best Travel Agency

- 1st Co-op
- 2nd AMA
- 3rd Sears

### Best Pharmacy

- 1st Shoppers Drug Mart
- 2nd (tie) London Drugs
- 2nd (tie) Safeway

### Best Place to Have a Children's Party

- 1st Ton of Fun
- 2nd Bonkers
- 3rd Chuck E Cheese

### Best Birthday Party Entertainment

- 1st Mad Science
- 2nd Fairy/Princess Pirate Parties
- 3rd Vanishing Rabbit

### Best Local Children's Entertainer

- 1st Gail Gregory
- 2nd Rick Hertert
- 3rd Deano the Magic Man

### Best Live Theatre Company

- 1st Storybook Theatre
- 2nd Loose Moose
- 3rd Stage West

### Best Movie Theatre

- 1st Coliseum
- 2nd Westhills Famous Players
- 3rd Crowfoot Cineplex

### Best Museum

- 1st Glenbow
- 2nd Royal Tyrrel

### Best Playgroup

- 1st PACT
- 2nd Gymboree
- 3rd Wee Kids

### Best Community Support Group

- 1st CRHA
- 2nd Raymond Centre (Infant Resource)
- 3rd CCIS

### Best Preschool

- 1st Campus Preschool
- 2nd Southland Leisure
- 3rd Renfrew

### Best Private/Charter School

- 1st ABC Charter
- 2nd Calgary Waldorf
- 3rd Renfrew

### Best Children's Clothing Store

- 1st Gap
- 2nd Sears
- 3rd Walmart

### Best Place for Baby Stuff

- 1st Walmart
- 2nd Absolutely Diapers
- 3rd Superstore

### Best Second Hand Clothing Store

- 1st Once Upon a Child
- 2nd Lollipop

### Best Children's Furniture Store

- 1st Ikea
- 2nd Sears

### Best Children's Book Store

- 1st Chapters
- 2nd Indigo
- 3rd Monkeyshines

### Best Place for Children's Haircuts

- 1st Beaners
- 2nd Kids Play
- 3rd Great Clips

### Best Video Store

- 1st Blockbuster
- 2nd Rogers

### Best Car Dealership

- 1st Hyatt Saturn Saab Isuzu
- 2nd Marlborough Ford
- 3rd Tower Chrysler

### Best Attraction

- 1st Calgary Zoo
- 2nd Calaway Park
- 3rd Heritage Park

### Best Calgary Sports Team

- 1st Calgary Stampeders
- 2nd Calgary Flames
- 3rd Calgary Hitmen

### Best Festival

- 1st Children's Festival
- 2nd Stampede
- 3rd Winter Festival

### Best Halloween Event

- 1st Boo at the Zoo
- 2nd Pumpkin Hunts at Butterfield
- 3rd Heritage Park

### Best Christmas Event

- 1st Wildlights
- 2nd Heritage Parks 12 days
- 3rd Butterfield's Sleigh Rides

### Best Programs for Preschoolers

- 1st Southland
- 2nd YMCA
- 3rd Arts Centres

### Best Programs for School-Age Children

- 1st Southland
- 2nd Calgary Parks & Recreation
- 3rd (tie) YMCA
- 3rd (tie) Arts Centres

### Best Children's Camps

- 1st YMCA
- 2nd U of C
- 3rd Butterfield Acres

### Best Playground (Indoor)

- 1st Ton of Fun
- 2nd Bonkers
- 3rd Devonian Gardens

### Best Ski Area in Alberta

- 1st Lake Louise
- 2nd Sunshine
- 3rd COP

### Best Family Fitness Facility

- 1st YMCA
- 2nd Southland
- 3rd Family Leisure

### Best Swimming Pool

- 1st Southland
- 2nd YMCA
- 3rd Village

### Best Place to Take the Kids on a Crummy Day

- 1st Library
- 2nd Devonian
- 3rd Science Centre

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