



And the winners are...

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 6th annual — were bigger and better than ever. Ballots were distributed in the November/December/01 issue of Calgary's Child Magazine and more than 150,000 readers were invited to vote for their family favorites in over 50 categories. The response was phenomenal this year.

Congratulations to all the winners!

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You said it!

Thank you for all your wonderful comments and feedback on our Parents' Choice Awards ballot.

- ▶ Keep up the good work. There's nothing else like this publication in the city! - Mary, SW Calgary
- ▶ I enjoy the magazine a great deal! - Kallie, SE Calgary
- ▶ You guys do a great job! - Michelle, NE Calgary
- ▶ I love the magazine and look forward to reading every issue. - Amanda, SW Calgary
- ▶ With one child I have to work hard to keep her entertained. Your magazine has helped tremendously! - Janis, NW Calgary
- ▶ Great magazine!! - Jolene, SW Calgary
- ▶ Great local info! Keep up the intelligent, unbiased work. - Barb, SE Calgary
- ▶ I love your publication and refer to it constantly. - Shelina, SW Calgary
- ▶ Great magazine, resource for most of my information. Thank you! - Shelly, NW Calgary
- ▶ Fantastic topics, overall good support and advice for families. - Rebecca, NW Calgary
- ▶ I really enjoy Calgary's Child (I think you should add to the parents choice favorite coffee spot.) - Patty, NW Calgary
- ▶ I feel the magazine is the most comprehensive parents guide for the city of Calgary. It is well funded, well researched and put together in a user-friendly format which is supported by a useful web site. - Shelly, NW Calgary
- ▶ The magazine is really great it gives so much information. - Heather, NW Calgary
- ▶ The paper is well written and covers all aspects of parenting and child rearing. We Both enjoy reading it for ideas for birthday parties, family outings, health concerns/issues and especially your upcoming events calendar. - Wendy, SE Calgary
- ▶ I love your magazine! - L.N., SE Calgary
- ▶ Great job, have read it since the start. - Jill, Calgary
- ▶ Great Info. - Debbie, SE Calgary
- ▶ Love this publication, keep up the great work! Calgary's Child is Awesome! - Cari, NW, Calgary
- ▶ Keep up the good work! - Victoria, NW Calgary
- ▶ I really enjoy this paper. It has everything we're looking for. - Irmii, NW Calgary
- ▶ Informative and Interesting, Thank You. - Cathy, NE Calgary
- ▶ Keep up the good work and the price is right! - Peter, NW Calgary
- ▶ I moved to Calgary when my daughter was six weeks old and now she is six years old. Your publication over the years has helped me keep informed about 'Kids in Calgary' Thanks for being a great resource. - Brenda, NW Calgary
- ▶ I Love your magazine! I recommend it to many parents I talk to. - R.B., SE Calgary
- ▶ I enjoy Calgary's Child Magazine. It is very informative and it keeps you up to date! - Jackie, SE Calgary
- ▶ You always seem to do a wonderful job of information sharing on most pertinent topics. - Kathleen, NE Calgary
- ▶ Great job! Love your paper. Lots of good info. - Lori, NE Calgary

Best Overall Radio Station

- 1st Lite 96
- 2nd Country 105
- 3rd Power 107

Best Overall Television Station

- 1st Global Television
- 2nd CFCN TV
- 3rd (tie) A Channel
- 3rd (tie) CBC
- 3rd (tie) Treehouse TV

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 CFCN Canada AM

Favorite Evening News

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

Best Birthday Cakes

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

Best Grocery Store

- 1st Calgary Co-op
- 2nd Safeway
- 3rd IGA

Best Ice Cream

- 1st Dairy Queen
- 2nd Cochrane Ice Cream
- 3rd Baskin Robbins

Best Natural Food Store

- 1st Community Natural Foods
- 2nd Amaranth Whole Foods
- 3rd (tie) Calgary Coop
- 3rd (tie) Sunterra

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 Restaurants
- 3rd Wendy's

Best Pizza

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

Best Children's Menu

- 1st Boston Pizza
- 2nd Moxie's
- 3rd Montana's

Best Restaurant for Parent's Night Out

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

Best Hotel/Motel

- 1st Sheraton Suites - Eau Claire
- 2nd Banff Springs Hotel
- 3rd Kananaskis Delta Lodge

Best Travel Agency

- 1st Calgary Co-op
- 2nd AMA
- 3rd Marlin Travel

Best Weekend Get-Away

- 1st Banff
- 2nd Kananaskis
- 3rd West Edmonton Mall

Best Pharmacy

- 1st Shoppers Drug Mart
- 2nd (tie) London Drugs
- 2nd (tie) Safeway
- 3rd Calgary Coop

Best Place to Have a Children's Party

- 1st Science Centre
- 2nd Bonkers
- 3rd Village Square Leisure Centre

Best Birthday Party Entertainment

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

Best Local Children's Entertainer

- 1st Deano the Magic Man
- 2nd Mad Science
- 3rd Gail Gregory

Best Preschool

- 1st Campus Preschool
- 2nd (tie) Foothills Creative
- 2nd (tie) Southland Leisure Centre
- 3rd (tie) Learning Experience
- 3rd (tie) Beddington Community
- 3rd (tie) Creative Learning Centre

Best Tutor

- 1st Sylvan Learning Centres
- 2nd Kumon
- 3rd Oxford

Best Private/Charter School

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

Best Playgroup

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

Best Community Support Group

- 1st CCIS
- 2nd (tie) Calgary Health Region
- 2nd (tie) PACT
- 3rd Boys and Girls

Best Childcare Facility

- 1st Tiny Tots (Varsity Preschool)
- 2nd YMCA
- 3rd (tie) Bowness Montgomery Daycare
- 3rd (tie) Panda Daycare
- 3rd (tie) U of C Childcare

Best Children's Clothing Store

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

Best Place for Baby Stuff

- 1st Walmart
- 2nd Superstore
- 3rd Toys R Us

Best Second Hand Clothing Store

- 1st Once Upon a Child
- 2nd Lollipop
- 3rd Good Will/Interfaith

Best Children's Furniture Store

- 1st Ikea
- 2nd Sears
- 3rd Friendly Bears

Best Children's Book Store

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

Best Place for Children's Haircuts

- 1st Beaners
- 2nd Kids Play
- 3rd First Choice

Best Shopping Mall for Families

- 1st Chinook Centre
- 2nd Market Mall
- 3rd Southcentre

Best Place to Buy School Supplies

- 1st Walmart
- 2nd Staples
- 3rd Superstore

Best Family Photographer

- 1st Sears
- 2nd Walmart
- 3rd (tie) Sooters
- 3rd (tie) Brenda Castonguay Photography

Best Pet Shop

- 1st Petland
- 2nd (tie) Petsmart
- 2nd (tie) Pisces
- 2nd (tie) Petcetera

Best Shoe Store

- 1st Payless
- 2nd Shoe Company
- 3rd Walmart

Best Sporting Goods Store

- 1st Sport Chek
- 2nd Sport Swap
- 3rd Canadian Tire

Best Toy Store

- 1st Toys R Us
- 2nd Walmart
- 3rd Zellers

Best Video Store

- 1st Blockbuster
- 2nd Rogers
- 3rd VHQ

Best Tourist/Family Attraction

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



Best Calgary Sports Team

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

Best Festival

- 1st Children's Festival
- 2nd (tie) Calgary Stampede
- 2nd (tie) Winter Festival
- 3rd Folk Festival

Best Halloween Event

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

Best Christmas Event

- 1st Wildlights at the Zoo
- 2nd Heritage Parks 12 days of Christmas
- 3rd Santa Claus Parade

Best Programs for Preschoolers

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

Best Programs for School-Age Children

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

Best Children's Camps

- 1st YMCA
- 2nd Southland
- 3rd Butterfield Acres

Best Playground (Indoor)

- 1st Bonkers
- 2nd Let's Play
- 3rd Devonian Gardens

Best Ski Area in Alberta

- 1st (tie) Lake Louise
- 1st (tie) Sunshine
- 2nd COP
- 3rd Nakiska

Best Family Fitness Facility

- 1st YMCA
- 2nd (tie) Southland
- 2nd (tie) West Side Recreation
- 3rd Village Square Leisure Centre

Best Swimming Pool

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

Best Live Theatre Company

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

Best Movie Theatre

- 1st Famous Players Coliseum
- 2nd Famous Players - Silver City
- 3rd Famous Players - Chinook

Best Museum

- 1st Glenbow
- 2nd Royal Tyrrel
- 3rd Science Centre

And finally . . .

Best Place to Take the Kids on a Crummy Day

- 1st Calgary Science Centre
- 2nd Public Library
- 3rd Devonian Gardens

Congratulations

The winner of the Calgary's Child Magazine Parents' Choice Awards draw for a weekend at the Sheraton Suites Eau Claire is Heather Rowe from NW Calgary. Congratulations.

Enjoy!

