

# All we want this holiday season is... a friendship like **THE BRO-SKIS!**

## Greetings

It's never a bad day when Kaleb Krakalovich and Nick Fraser are together! The pair, dubbed The Bro-Skis, have been friends for 10 years, meeting first at school and then bringing their infectious laughter and love of jokes to Easter Seals™ Summer Fun program and, most recently, SLYP-Out. Always encouraging each other to do their best and try new things, the pair have become a cheering squad for other participants, making sure that everyone feels included in the group. Kaleb and Nick not only inspire us, but their genuine friendship is a perfect reminder of what really matters this holiday season!

**SLYP-Out is a social leisure youth program where participants grow in their self-confidence and independence while also learning how to develop and maintain friendships. Enclosed with this letter is a holiday postcard that we believe captures the essence of The Bro-Skis and SLYP-Out! It's all about friendships and fun! We invite you to send this postcard to someone you may not have had the opportunity to see in a while. Perhaps a friend who is encouraging and always makes you laugh and smile the way Kaleb and Nick do for each other!**

Kaleb and Nick are familiar faces to Easter Seals™ Saskatchewan and SaskAbilities Yorkton Branch. Their stories have been shared on past campaigns and newsletters because – let's be honest – their bright personalities and warm hearts make everyone smile! You can imagine what happens when the two are together! "They are both such characters," says Yorkton SLYP-Out Coordinator Olivia Gordon who also attended school with both Kaleb and Nick. "Seeing their friendship blossom and grow over time has been such a privilege. They are both so supportive of each other, trying to build the other one up, and always

staying positive no matter what. When Kaleb was away for health reasons, it was an adjustment for Nick. His energy just wasn't the same during activities. They really do have an amazing friendship and a tight bond!"

**Facing many obstacles in the middle of COVID-19, SaskAbilities staff members have made more than a few holiday miracles happen – all year round! Ensuring that best buds like Kaleb and Nick can safely access Easter Seals™ summer programs like SLYP-Out while navigating the global pandemic has required the assistance of technology to stay connected. With a lot of planning, extra time, and support from generous donors, 2021 saw new friendships formed and existing friendships grow. As we move into 2022, our focus once again is on ensuring that essential Easter Seals™ programs like SLYP-Out, Summer Fun**

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## This is where YOU come in!

Your holiday gift will help ensure Nick and thousands of other Saskatchewan residents continue to have new adventures at Camp Easter Seal every summer and at SaskAbilities' programs year round. Please consider making a donation of \$50, \$100 or \$200.

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Kaleb

and Camp Easter Seal are available for the many kids, youth and adults experiencing disability across Saskatchewan. This holiday season we are asking for your generous donation so we can continue to foster friendships and create more memories for participants next summer!

Given COVID-19 and some health issues with Kaleb, safety has been top priority! "We know Kaleb is going to be safe when he's at SLYP-Out. We trust the staff and know that they have everyone's health in mind," says Kaleb's mom, Caroline. SLYP-Out Coordinator Olivia Gordon created ways to keep Kaleb connected to the group and his best bud, even if he couldn't attend in person. "We switched gears a bit when Kaleb was away and moved some activities so that he could be included virtually. It isn't the same, but it does make a difference. You could see how excited they were to see each other again."

**When you donate to SaskAbilities and Easter Seals™ Saskatchewan, your dollars stay right here in the province. Your support enriches the lives of individuals in your community – like Kaleb and Nick – helping them build their confidence, improve their independence and, of course, foster life-long friendships. There is no better gift than the feeling of inclusion and belonging. Help us keep the spirit of friendship alive far beyond this holiday season!**

"It says something about our society and the people in it when we have these (recreational) programs available for individuals like Nick and Kaleb," says Gerry Ann Fraser, Nick's mom. Having a place like SaskAbilities for the pair to attend and foster their friendship is something Gerry Ann doesn't take for granted. "It's a place where they can go and just be themselves. Yes, there is structure and supervision, but it's still their time to hang out and have fun. You know, for Nick, everyone is a friend, but Kaleb is his absolute best friend. That's special. Everyone deserves to have that. I think it would have been especially lonely during the pandemic for individuals like Nick and Kaleb if they didn't have SLYP-Out. There aren't many places that have people like my son in

mind and support him in the ways SaskAbilities does. When he's having a good time with his best friend Kaleb doing an activity or game, any limitations he might have don't exist in that moment."

Highlights over the past summer for the pair included a circus day, eating popcorn and sharing in Kaleb's celebration over winning a bucket of gum balls – 265 to be exact. Did we mention all the jokes and laughter? Lots of that, too! "Kaleb is my best friend. We are a great team. We laugh a lot. Why did the banana visit the doctor? He wasn't peeling good," laughs Nick, sharing one of his favourite jokes.

**Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, support from our generous donors has allowed summer programming to expand its reach across the province. With increased accessibility of virtual programs like Camp Connected, Summer Fun and SLYP-Out, new participants have been able to join from all over Saskatchewan! Can you imagine how many new friendships have been made? We've lost count! With increased demand as the pandemic continues into 2022, we are asking our generous donors to help us create more holiday miracles once again next summer!**



Nick

With the festive season around the corner, Nick and Kaleb are hoping for a bit of a reunion, even if it's a virtual one. The two will be rocking out, just not to holiday carols like Jingle Bells. The Bro-Skis like to listen to something a bit heavier – AC/DC's T.N.T with Kaleb on the drums and Nick on his guitar! On behalf of SaskAbilities and The Bro-Skis we wish you and yours a safe, friendship-filled, rocking holiday season!

Sincerely,

Ian Wilkinson,  
Executive Director

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