



# CITIZENS OF DISTINCTION AWARDS

## COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD

# Cody Kayfish

For his commitment to contributing to the Leduc community, Cody Kayfish is a worthy recipient of the 2023 Community Spirit Award.

Known for many years as the Leduc Santa and always willing to lend a helping hand, Cody put Leduc on the map when he established the Nightmare on Athapaskan Haunted House. A huge Halloween fan, Cody dreamed of creating an immersive haunted house experience. After he purchased his first home, he enlisted help from friends and transformed his property into a creepy carnival that attracted more than 400 visitors in 2017. It was a huge success and has grown to be a two-day event, winning multiple awards from the Canadian Haunters Association. It attracted 1,700 people in 2023. While not charging admission, Cody has raised funds and collected food bank donations for the Veterans Association Food Bank, Leduc Food Bank and Leduc Hub Association.

Cody is thrilled that he's been able to turn his passion into an event that entertains and scares so many people each year, and he aims to continue developing his haunted house for the enjoyment of the community. But, he says that his biggest accomplishment is his family. He and his wife Katherine have been married since 2021, and now have a young son, Noahh, named after "Nightmare on Athapaskan Haunted House."