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[Play It Forward tour coming to Fox Creek School](#)

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Tenille, the 2012 Canadian Music Association's Slaughter Music Humanitarian Award recipient will be at the Fox Creek School on Oct. 22 presenting Play It Forward.

The Play It Forward School tour is a 50 minute in-school presentation that uses music and storytelling to spark interest, ignite change and fuel passion while recognizing positive leadership efforts of youth. During the presentation, Tenille and school staff members will call on one to three pre-determined leaders from the student body who will be recognized for their actions and receive an honorarium to Play It Forward. Each of the selected student's name will be entered to win the final mass draw at the end of the tour, a \$10,000 prize package consisting of \$5,000 donation to a charity of the winner's choice and a \$5,000 monetary prize to the school to be used towards the Plays It

Forward program.

Grande Prairie's Tenille's first experienced national media attention was at age nine, when she was hoisted on to an Edmonton stage to perform with Shania Twain. Since then she has performed when the 2010 Olympic Torch Relay went through Grande Prairie, performed her song Time Machine (which placed in the top 50 for the International Songwriter's Competition in the youth category) at the CCMA New Artist Showcase, in 2011 she released her debut album, REAL which reached No. 13 on the Soundscan Country chart in its first week and earned Tenille the title of youngest ever nominee for Female Artist of the Year at the Canadian Country Music Awards.

Aside from her music Tenille is a strong advocate for giving back and has contributed to fund-raising efforts for Slave Lake, Haiti and is the creator behind the annual music event Big Hearts for Big Kids which benefits the Sunrise House. This is the only youth emergency shelter north of Edmonton. She has managed to raise \$194,000 to help keep the shelter open.