

# LEADERSHIP AS RX'D

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## CALGARY CROSSFIT-ENTHUSIASTS JOIN FORCES TO SUPPORT YOUNG LEADER IN INDIA

*Political Roadblocks Prevent Local Not-For-Profit from Bringing Young Athlete to Canada for an Experience of a Lifetime.*

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**Calgary, Alberta, July 22, 2011** – A small not-for-profit organization based in Calgary, Alberta, called Leadership As Rx'd, has hit many roadblocks on their latest project, but this group of CrossFit enthusiasts is not giving up on helping fulfill the dreams of a young orphaned athlete from India.

Leadership as Rx'd is an organization that promotes leadership in youth through CrossFit-based fitness. In January 2011, the team traveled to the Sri Ram Ashram Orphanage just outside of Haridwar, India. It was here that they met Vijay Raj, an inspiring 19-year-old natural born athlete and leader.

Upon their return to Canada, Leadership as Rx'd put together an action plan to bring Vijay to Calgary so that he could complete the CrossFit weekend certification program and train under CrossFit legend Brett Marshall.

Calgary citizens, CrossFit Calgary members, and their friends, family and colleagues rallied together to raise funds to cover Vijay's travel costs. CrossFit HQ based in California offered a scholarship to cover the costs of the certification program, and the community was ready to see Vijay's dream of coming to Canada to train with Brett and the CrossFit community a reality.

Unfortunately, after two applications for a temporary visa, Vijay was denied entry into Canada. Vijay is the big brother to 68 children at the Sri Ram Ashram, but the government does not recognize this as a strong enough family tie. As a result, he is considered a flight-risk and is being denied an opportunity to further his leadership skills and share his own knowledge and experience with the CrossFit Calgary community.

There is one more opportunity in September as CrossFit Calgary is hosting a CrossFit Level 1 Certification. The funds are in order, all arrangements have been made, and the Leadership as Rx'd is making one last call for support to media and political representatives to help with the appeal to allow Vijay into Canada.

Vijai Raj and the SRA Orphanage Director Rashmi Cole are available for interviews from Haridwar, India by phone and the Leadership as Rx'd team are available for local interviews.