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Youville Benefits from Community Initiatives

Literacy Initiative Brings the Gift of Reading to Moms and Children

The Ottawa Public Library bookmobile has visited Youville Centre several times this fall so that our moms and children can participate in the Family Literacy Initiative. This innovative program is meant to support parents and their children in ways that promote reading and language-based activity as a valued family experience. Our young mothers embraced the opportunities it provided with great enthusiasm. New library cards

were issued and old cards were renewed. Thanks to this endeavour our young moms have access to shelves of print, audio, and audio-visual materials. We are grateful to **Jennifer Johnson, France and Betty**, for bringing this learning and literacy opportunity to our young families.

Local Centre Offers Self-defence Course

A course in self-defence was offered to all of our moms recently. Students were taught strategies for personal safety and self-protection. Special thanks to Sensei **Brian Aylward** and his staff at GIRI Self Defence Centre for providing this learning experience on-site in our gym.

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*Help Make Christmas Bright
for a Youville Mother and her Child.....*

Join us for

An Evening of Christmas Music

Benefitting the Youville Centre, featuring

Karen Lahaise - Anne Hurley

Cross Town Youth Chorus & the Cumberland Community Singers

Saturday, December 10th, 2005

7:00pm to 9:00 pm

Canadian Martyrs Roman Catholic Church

100 Main St., Ottawa

Admission: \$15 per person

Children under 12 Free

Tickets may be purchased by calling 231-5150 Ext. 128

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The Youville Centre is
an innovative centre that

**motivates,
educates
& nurtures**

young parents and their
children to become
self-sufficient contributing
members of society.



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iSisters Brings Technology to Youville

iSisters Technology Mentoring Inc. has begun phase 2 of its partnership with Youville/McHugh. This fall, a 12-week employability skills program has been offered, led by iSisters' **Judy Purrit**. As with all iSisters' initiatives, this program will be sustained by Youville staff after iSisters' direct involvement ends. Next term, the focus will once again return to the classroom with the purpose of integrating technology into the high school curriculum.

Youville was happy to host the iSisters' AGM which featured a power-point presentation designed and delivered by one of our Youville students. Thanks to a wonderful and effective partnership with iSisters, technology opportunities have been provided to our young mothers. We are truly grateful to **Cathy Reid** and the iSisters' Board for their encouragement and support.



Ottawa Public Library bookmobile visits the Youville Centre



Alumnae Dates to Remember

Moms' Night Out

February 9, 2006

4:00-6:00pm

Graduate/Alumnae Family Picnic

June 22, 2006

Note...

Bursary Opportunities

for child of an alumna attending college/university
September 2006

or for alumnae entering second or third year of post-secondary programs
September 2006

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Alumnae News

Progress reports from our 2005 Grads

Special thanks to the graduates of 2005 for attending a forum here at Youville on November 8 to answer questions about their experiences in their new post-secondary educational environments. We hope to provide continued support for them as well as to discover ways to prepare them more effectively for their post-secondary study demands.

Former Students Offer Support at Christmas

Former students have called to offer Christmas support to families, alumnae or current students, in the form of Christmas dinner or small gifts. Any

alumnae who wish to participate, or any student who requires assistance, is asked to contact Caterina at 231-5150 ext. 107.

Spring Means Bursary Opportunities

It's time to start thinking of next spring's bursary opportunities. We would like to help graduates entering the second or third year of post-secondary studies next September. In addition, the Board of Directors will once again offer a \$1000.00 bursary for September 2006 to the child of a former student of Youville entering college or university. Watch for further information and application forms in our next newsletter or contact Caterina at: 231-5150 x 107.

We Couldn't Have Done it Without

You

The generous support of the community makes many of our programs and services at Youville possible. We would like to thank the following people and organizations for their generous support:

The Mitzvah Knitters for lovely hand-crafted hats, mittens and blankets.

Ottawa Chapter-Woman's Law Association of Ontario for a donation of \$200.00.

ACTA Golf Tournament and **Mr. Pat Rochon** for raising \$2700.00.

Max Keeping at **CTV Ottawa News** for 10 very special tickets to "The Wiggles- Live".

Marc Quigg and **Julianne** for tickets to the Avril Lavigne concert.

Steve Georgopolous for Chamber Music Festival passes.

Thanks to the **Southwestern Ontario Liberal Caucus** and **Peter Graham** for choosing Youville to be the charity recipient of funds raised at their Wonderful Wednesday event. The proceeds will support Youville programs.

Special thanks to **Scotiabank** for a \$5000.00 cheque in support of the money raised at last Spring's Auction Dinner. Pictured here are **Ms. Ping Ku**, Scotiabank Branch Manager, with some of our moms and their children.



Thanks to the **Kiwanis Club of Nepean** for their gift of a fully-portable sound system for our Centre. The Kiwanians held a dinner meeting here to show members the equipment and its versatility. We are truly grateful for the long-time support of these Kiwanians.



Minister of Labour and Housing Pays Youville a Visit

On Wednesday November 2, 2005, the **Honourable Joe Fontana, Minister of Labour and Housing**, came to Youville for a tour of our facility. Minister Fontana met and spoke with several of our young mothers and then presented a cheque for \$1600.00 to our Centre to support our work with teen parents and their children. Minister Fontana proved to be a hit with our students who described him as friendly, approachable, and kind.



Upcoming Events

"An Evening of Christmas Music" Benefit Concert for Youville Centre

December 10, 2005
7:00 pm- 9:00 pm

Canadian Martyrs Roman Catholic Church
100 Main St., Ottawa

Shepherd's Fashion Show

Spring 2006

Graduation

June 8, 2006

Did you know...

We are in the process of changing our domain name from .com to .org

Ottawa Citizen Champions Cause

Funding for Counselling Services Critical to Youville Students' Success

Youville was the topic of a June 14th editorial in the Ottawa Citizen which focused on the challenges Youville faces in procuring funding for important counselling services.

Since the inception of our mental health counselling services, our attendance has increased by 50% and the number of credits granted and graduation diplomas awarded has increased by 40%. Thanks to private donors, we have been able to provide this much-needed service to our clientele as they study and parent at the same time - but we need more. Sustainable funding for individual counselling is imperative if our young Moms are to succeed in their dual goals of education and parenting.

Special Thanks

Very special thanks to our donors for their faithful support of Youville Centre. It is nice to know that even in the past year of global needs, many of you recognize the on-going needs of our young mothers and their children and choose to support Youville programs.

Can You Help?

We need Volunteers for the following activities at Youville:

For the food bank- Wednesdays
10:00- 12:00, once or twice a month.

For help with our breakfast program
8:30-9:30 a.m. daily.

For computer / technical support.

Music To Inspire The Christmas Spirit

We hope you will all come out and join The Friends of Youville and support our benefit concert, "An Evening of Christmas Music" on December 10th at Canadian Martyrs Church located at 100 Main St. What a great way to get into the Christmas Spirit! Not only will your hearts be lifted by beautiful music but your attendance will mean a gift of support for the important programs at Youville.

The **Cumberland Community Singers**, 75 voices strong, the **Cross Town Youth Chorus** under the artistic direction of **Kurt Ala-Kantii** and **Cheryl Kellar**, the beautiful voice of **Karen Lahaise**, and the strains of **Anne Hurley's** fine piano music will prove to be a wonderful experience for all those who attend.

Tickets can be purchased by calling 231-5150 ext. 128. But hurry, seating is limited. Hope to see you there.



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I/We wish to contribute \$ _____ at this time.

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