



# Youville Centre *News*

Summer 2006



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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.

## Proud Moments at Graduation 2006

*To arrive at this day, we have struggled through a variety of problems. For some it was academic and others personal. We overcame stereotypes -- the stigma of being young mothers. But we, as the graduates of 2006, are exploding with great success and have the determination to make a difference.*

Valedictorian 2006 **Natacha Ray**

Youville Centre's Kinsella Hall was the site of our 16th graduation ceremony on June 8, 2006. Nineteen graduates and two honorary graduates were awarded diplomas and bursaries after being led in by Piper **Senior Constable Eric Booth, OPP.**

Messages of congratulations were read aloud from the Governor-General, the Prime Minister, the Premier and the Mayor of Ottawa. The Honorable **John Baird**, a long-time friend of Youville Centre, read the congratulatory message from **Prime Minister Stephen Harper** and spoke of his past connections with our Centre.

For the first time, Youville Centre awarded honorary graduation diplomas and bursaries to two students who are turning 21 and unable to return to Youville in the fall to complete their studies. Both have received letters of acceptance to Algonquin College in September as mature applicants.

In fact, fifteen of this year's nineteen grads are enrolled in post-secondary programs at Algonquin, Ottawa area academies or University. We wish both graduates and honorary graduates well and salute their fine efforts. Their futures are more promising as a result of their achievements!

The celebration concluded by awarding two \$1000.00 bursaries to the children of former students accepted into post-secondary education programs in September. **Holly Johnson**, whose mother, **Jennifer Balzamo**, graduated from Youville in 1992, is entering Ottawa University's Journalism degree program. **Jennifer Noseworthy**, whose mother, **Wanda**, graduated from Youville Centre in 1990, is pursuing a BA in Fine Arts, also at Ottawa University. We are truly making a difference with two generations!

Once again, we are grateful to our faithful donors - individuals, groups and foundations - for making financial support in the form of bursaries available to our graduates. It is a pleasure to welcome them to present their awards in person. Their presence is very special to our young graduates and their families.



Honorary graduates, Tiffany Bertrand and Amy Milonas  
with Board member Mike Lundy



M.F. McHugh Award recipient Natacha Ray with Leslie  
Coates, Vice-principal, Jonathan Crosier, Principal



## Alumnae NEWS

### Pre-apprenticeship Industrial Electrician

Are you 16 or older, have grade 12 education and eligible to work in Ontario?

Call us to receive info about training in this skilled trade.

Caterina @ 613-231-5150  
x107

### Bursary Opportunity

Are you a graduate entering the second, third or fourth year of post-secondary studies?

Call to see if you are eligible for bursary assistance.

Caterina @ 613-231-5150  
x107

### UPCOMING EVENT

### "Girls' Night Out"

**November 2nd**

**4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

## iSisters Technology Mentoring Inc.

After almost two years of partnership with Youville Centre, iSisters is leaving to provide another non-profit organization with technology support. Thanks to **Cathy Reid**, Founder and Executive Director, and **Judy Puritt**, Instructor, our students and staff are skilled and able to sustain the programs designed to assist our students to access the world of technology. We have a fantastic lab, thanks to IBM Canada and Advanced Business Interiors. We have integrated technology into the curriculum, provided students with I.T. skills (power point, web-site design, media literacy etc.) and conducted a job readiness program for alumnae.

While the formal program has come to an end, we are delighted that iSisters will return during the 2006-2007 school year to offer additional courses in Digital Ethics, Online Safety and Digital Imaging.

We are grateful for the marvelous contributions iSisters has made to our Centre's students and staff.



Three students receive iSisters certificates

### First Time Parents...

"Invest in Kids" is conducting a new prenatal/parenting course for couples expecting their first child (due date between Nov. 06 and Jan. 07) here on-site at Youville Centre, beginning in October. For information and to register for the course visit [www.investinkids.ca](http://www.investinkids.ca) or call toll free 1-877-583-5437.



Good enough to eat!

## OCRI - Pull Up a Chair for Breakfast 2006

OCRI (Ottawa Centre for Research & Innovation) and IKEA Ottawa sponsored a contest among local schools to provide funding for the Ottawa Breakfast Program.

Each participating school was asked to design a chair which was put on display at IKEA and sold as part of a silent auction. Our chair depicted the need for a balanced breakfast - the most important meal of the day.

We succeeded in buying the chair which is now on display in our Collective Kitchen.

All money raised was donated to the Ottawa School Breakfast Program which provides 8000 breakfasts to students each year. We are delighted to be the recipients of \$2000.00 toward our Youville Breakfast Program. Special thanks to our students and staff for their efforts as well as **Nancy Douglas** at OCRI and **Erin Stone** at IKEA for their involvement.

## 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:**

Our generous donors who make toys, clothing or household goods available to our young families. Special thanks to one creative family who held a garage sale and forwarded the proceeds to us.

**Tim Thomas** from **Perley-Robertson Hill & McDougall** for his kind donation of tickets to see "Dora the Explorer" at Scotiabank Place. An exciting adventure for our Moms and their toddlers!

Our graduation sponsors whose generosity made our celebration so very special for our Moms and their families:

**Senior Constable Eric Booth, OPP** - volunteer piper, **Bill Lewis** - volunteer accompanist, **Mulligans Florist** - donation of corsages & flowers, **Claudia Siefer** - volunteer program design, **Versailles Academy** - complimentary hair fashions, **Jostens Photographers** - volunteer photography, and **Fairy Godmothers** - gowns on loan to our graduates.

### ***Did you know that ...?***

You can donate all or part of your HBC rewards to Youville Centre! Simply complete a "Supporting Member Donation" form at any Zellers, Home Outfitters or Bay location. Our Public ID number is 9549 966. Your old Club Z points donations can be changed too.

You can direct part or all of your United Way contribution to Youville Centre by indicating so on the back of your United Way donor card. Our Charitable Registration number is 11884 8456 RR0001. Please consider this during the United Way drive this Fall.

Many Thanks!

Our fabulous Fashion Show donors, sponsors and volunteers:

**Fred Bowie**, Canada Retirement Information Centre

**Château Cartier Resort**

**Chuck Brown Golf**

**Davidson Jewellers**

**Hilton Lac Leamy**

**Liz Jones, Mulligans Florist**

**Kittling Ridge Winery**

**Kevin Nelson, Majic 100**

**O.A.C. (Ottawa Athletic Club)**

**Ottawa Citizen**

**Ottawa Magazine/WHERE Magazine**

**Professional Entertainment Group**

**Scotiabank**

**Shepherd's Staff & Suppliers**

**David Smith, Creative Kosher Catering**

**York Street Spa**

**Youville Centre Students and Staff**

**Evan Potter, Professor, Ottawa University** and his team of Communications students who prepared a Communication Campaign Strategy plan in preparation for Youville's 20th anniversary next year. Thanks to **Jason Bouzanis, Sylvie Jacques, Joe Martines** and **Nathalie Saint-Fort** for their creativity and collaboration on our behalf.

Thanks to a group of **Nursing Students from Ottawa University** who, under the direction of **Liz Diem, Coordinator of Nursing**, conducted a practicum involving our most recent graduates. As a result of their work we are better able to support our graduates as they leave Youville and continue their studies at college or university.



## *Upcoming Events*

### **Annual General Meeting**

**September 12th  
6:00 p.m.**

at Youville Centre  
in Kinsella Hall

Guest Speaker:  
Deputy Chief, Sue O'Sullivan,  
Ottawa Police Service

### **"Nine and Dine" Golf Tournament**

**September 19th  
4:00 p.m.**

To join call Marta  
613-231-5150 x128

### **Christmas Benefit Concert**

**December 8th  
7:00 p.m.**

sponsored by Cumberland  
Community Singers  
here at Youville Centre



mothers, then it was time for us to pitch in and help."

Shepherd's staff, suppliers and friends have volunteered their time and products for a variety of events. The most recent, fun-filled Ooh 'n Ahh Fashion Show and Auction raised \$34,000. The sold-out event, hosted by Majic 100's **Kevin Nelson**, drew rave reviews from the 275 guests who are still

talking about the great food, fashions and prizes.

The Shepherd's Fashion Shows and Auctions are fast becoming a major Youville fundraiser. A big thank you goes to Marlene Shepherd and all the volunteers who made the evening a huge success. Special thanks to our part-time fund-raiser, **Marta Nuijten**, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the event's success.

## Ooh 'n Ahh Fashion Fundraiser Huge Success Thanks to Mother-Daughter team from Shepherd's

When the mother-daughter team that owns Shepherd's fashion and accessories stores learned about the excellent work done by the Youville Centre, they decided to help in any way they could.

Several years, three fashion shows, and three used jewelry exchanges later, Shepherd's has raised over \$112,000 for Youville's various programs.

"My mother, Trudy, and I were impressed with Youville's holistic approach and success rate," says **Marlene Shepherd**, "and felt that if the staff at the Centre could work hard to help these young

### Lost and Found!

Two pairs of reading glasses were left at the Fashion Show. Call us if you think they are yours.



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### *Youville Centre Support*

Yes, I/We wish to support The Youville Centre, an innovative centre that motivates, educates and nurtures young parents and their children to become contributing members of society.

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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

I/We wish to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month, commencing \_\_\_\_\_.

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

Payment to be made by:  Cheque  Visa  MC  Amex

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**We also accept donations online at [www.youvillecentre.org](http://www.youvillecentre.org)**