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**20th
Anniversary
Edition**

*The Youville Centre is
an innovative centre that*

***motivates,
educates
& nurtures***

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

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



Join us for

An Evening of Christmas Music

In support of the Youville Centre

Featuring

***Cumberland Community Singers
Cathy Goddard
Cross Town Youth Chorus
Harmonia Choir of Ottawa
and Ottawa Folk Choir***

Saturday, December 8th, 2007

7:30pm - 9:30pm

Canadian Martyrs Church, 100 Main Street, Ottawa

Admission \$15 per person, Children under 12 Free

**Tickets may be purchased by calling
613-231-5150 Ext. 128 or 104
or at the door.**

Did you know that...?

Youville is able to accept donations in the form of shares, endowments, bequests, etc. Please contact our accountant at 613-231-5150 ext. 112 if you require information regarding the procedures involved for these kinds of donations.

Can you help us? We are looking for...

A relatively mature shade tree for our toddler yard in the Spring. Would you have one to donate that is fast growing or perhaps a mature tree to re-locate? Call Elaine at 613-231-5150 ext. 122.

Coop and job-related short-term placements for students at Youville. If you are an employer willing to offer a work place opportunity (not a job) to one of our clients, please contact Caterina at 613-231-5150 ext. 107.

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.

Alumnae

Dates to Remember

February 28, 2008

Girls' Night Out

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

June 19, 2008

Graduate / Alumnae

Picnic

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Bursary Funding

available

Apply by May 15

for September 2008

Caterina 613-231-5150
ext. 107

20th Anniversary

On October 27th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Youville Centre hosted an Open House and "Come on Back to Youville" event for current and former staff, students and volunteers. Over 80 people gathered to re-connect, re-visit and reminisce with one another.

Sister Betty Ann Kinsella, Sister Maco Cassetta and Judi Sarginson spoke briefly about the happenings at Youville during their terms as Executive Director. Memorabilia from the founding and "construction" years and testimonials from former students and friends of Youville were posted throughout the building.

For many folks it was an opportunity to tour the "new" location and check out the Childcare and Social Services areas. Thanks to everyone who joined us and helped to mark 20 years of service to young families at Youville Centre! Special thanks to Board of Directors member, **Ann Collins**, who was the energy and driving force behind this event.



Sister Betty Ann Kinsella, Judi Sarginson
and Sister Maco Cassetta

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:

Steve Georgopoulos and Les Suites Hotel for tickets to the Ottawa 67s. Our young families have come to look forward to this "Back to School Week" treat.

Sal Iacono and staff at Bell Canada for the wonderful gift of 200 15-minute phone cards for our students.

Betty Gauthier and Jessica Smith, United Way Staff and Kathy Angelo, a Loaned Rep from Andrew Fleck, for the gifts of

stuffed animals which our Moms will use as Christmas gifts for their children.

Bon Appetit Ottawa and the local hospitality industry for their second annual donation in support of food-related and nutrition initiatives for our young mothers.

OCRI and Brighter Futures for supporting the daily school breakfast program provided to give our students a nutritious start to their day of learning and parenting.

AGM 2007

Youville was fortunate to have **Gerry Clarke**, Chair of the Cross-sectoral Mental Health and Education Committee and volunteer member of the United Way Children and Youth Impact Council, as this year's guest speaker.

Gerry is a former Supervisory Officer responsible for Section 23 (Care and Treatment) programs and he was involved with the education program at Youville Centre from its earliest years.

Who better to help us celebrate 20 years of providing educational services to parenting teens!

Gerry was able to relate some of our history, the development of programs and services over the years, and the challenges and successes experienced along the way. We are grateful to him for sharing his expertise and experience with us and for his kind acknowledgment of the contributions the Youville Centre has made to education, social service and childcare in Ottawa.



Volunteer Recognition

Caroline Pidgeon

Youville has a behind-the-scenes "guardian angel" volunteer who has been quietly providing clerical support for the past 12 years. Her name is **Caroline Pidgeon** and she has assisted in the areas of Housing Outreach, Data Input, Fund-raising, Book-keeping and in every other way she was asked to help. Recently Caroline resumed her schedule of two days a week and is regarded as a member of staff on our "silent" payroll.

Caroline is always ready to pitch in, attends our after-hours events, volunteers at the AGM and other fundraisers whether these are on or off-site. She performs every task with efficiency and good humour. We are grateful for her many years of capable service, for her high degree of dedication and for her generous on-going contributions to our work with teen mothers and their children. Caroline is an example of volunteerism itself! Youville is in her debt.



Upcoming Events

December 8

Christmas Benefit Concert

7:30 p.m.

Canadian Martyrs Church

December 13

Christmas Lunch for Moms & Volunteers

12:00 p.m.

Youville Centre

December 14

CBO Morning Radio Broadcast from Youville Centre

5:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Graduation 2008

June 5 at 1:00 p.m.

Kinsella Hall

2007's Ooh 'n Ahh Fashion Show A Fabulous Success

Wow... what a fabulous evening!

Marlene Shepherd worked her magic to create an evening of dazzling fashions and accessories for the sold-out audience of 293 women.

These ladies enjoyed delectable food provided by **David Smith's Creative Kosher Catering**. David's elegant decorating flair, chair covers and extra touches turned the Centre into another world.

Add to this 7 wonderful models presenting 35 fashion combinations, 10 live auction items, 81 silent auction items, 6 Men-in-Black selling tickets for 3 stunning gift packages valued at \$1,000 each and you have the perfect recipe for an evening of glitter, glitz and fun.

\$46,000 was raised for programs and services for our young families. Judi Sarginson thanked Marlene and announced that an annual bursary of \$500 will be awarded to a graduating student who exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism at Youville or in the community. The bursary will be in Marlene Shepherd's name and will honor her efforts to support our Centre. Marlene's volunteerism has raised more than \$150,000 over the past several years. She is indeed a true friend of Youville.

Thanks also go to the Fashion Show Committee **Margo Shabinsky-Sherman, Marlene Shepherd, Sheira Smith, Doug Herbert,**



Theresa Smith and Ken "The General" Grant (our emcee and auctioneer). Special thanks as well to:

Fashion Show Sponsors

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