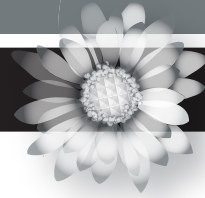




Youville Centre *News*

Summer 2007



Youville Proudly Sends 2007 Graduates on Their Way

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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.

Youville proudly held its Graduation 2007 ceremonies on June 7th, 2007. As always it was an emotional and uplifting experience for the students and teachers and held special significance as it marked the 17th graduation ceremony during Youville's 20th Anniversary of service to young parents and their children.

It was a pleasure to welcome **Toonee Kootoo-Chiarelo** Alumna/Graduate 1996 as this year's emcee. Toonee is an aboriginal woman who attended Youville Centre when it was still a residential program. She brought a friend, **Loee Okalik**, and an Elder, **Susanna Singoori** who joined her in singing *O Canada* in Inuktitut. A flame was then lit by the Elder who spoke in her native language of the significance of the flame as a strength and guide to native women and their work.

Christiana Cloutier gave the valedictory address. In her address, she encouraged her fellow graduates to "think about all the obstacles that we have had to overcome throughout our journey. We are here today knowing that there is more ahead. We know that the obstacles are not impossible, they might be hard but just keep your mind focused and you will be able to do anything you want".

Youville recognized 3 honorary graduates and 2 students acquiring secondary certificates. Three of our graduates came from the ILC outreach program at Bethany Hope Centre, initiated by Youville Centre three years ago.

A number of bursaries were awarded to enable our graduates to attend post-secondary institutions including college, university and academies. Six \$1,000 bursaries were given by an **Anonymous Donor** to assist former graduates

entering the second or third year of multi-year post-secondary programs. Three \$1,000 bursaries were awarded to the children of former students, now of age to attend college or university themselves. These bursaries and their recipients are testimony to the success of our 20-year history of making a significant difference in the lives of two generations!

Congratulations to all our young Moms. You did it! May the strength and wisdom you have gained guide you well in your future.



Piper Sr./Const. Eric Booth and Grads

Coming Soon...

Ooh 'n Ahh Fashion Show

October 18 at Youville Centre

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for ticket info...



Alumnae
Dates to Remember

October 27

20th Anniversary
Reunion

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Youville Centre

November 8

"Girls' Night Out"

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.



Sister Betty Ann Kinsella:

The Founder of Youville Centre

The Come On Back to Youville event on October 27 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM will be an opportunity to look back on the 20-year-history of the Centre. A retrospective exhibit is being prepared that will chronicle the contribution that Youville Centre has made in the community.

Sister Betty Ann Kinsella, the Founder and first Executive Director of Youville Centre, recognized back in 1985 that there was a need to provide single teenage mothers with accommodation, daycare for their infants and toddlers and social services that would allow them to complete their high school diploma.

She brought together the first volunteer Board of Directors in February of that year and they worked to realize the dream of opening a centre that combined education, housing and child care under one roof. Starting with \$5 in the bank and focusing on what was possible, the challenges in



those early days included raising funds as well as finding and renovating a suitable building. There were many setbacks along the way. Following the opening of the first Youville Centre location on Melrose Avenue in March 1987, posters went up around the city announcing "The Impossible Dream... that is Now a Reality!"

The rooms in the residence were completed in 1988 with the generous support of community groups. A second location was later opened to accommodate a pre-school for older children.

Sister Betty Ann was the Executive Director of Youville Centre until 1997 and then returned in 1999 to chair the Capital Campaign that raised the funds needed to open the new home of Youville Centre on Mann Avenue. The "Impossible Dream" is still a reality twenty years later and we look forward to sharing these memories with Youville alumnae, staff, friends and supporters on October 27th.

Almost Time to Ooh 'n Ahh

at the 4th Annual Shepherd's Fashion Show

Plans are underway for the 4th annual Shepherd's Fashion Show on Thursday, October 18th, 2007. Come and enjoy marvelous food by **David Smith** (Creative Kosher Catering), wine, magnificent door prize packages and, of course, fabulous winter fashions and accessories presented by **Marlene Shepherd**. Our emcee will be long-time Ottawa favorite, **Ken Grant**. The evening will feature live and silent auctions and as a special treat an on-line auction will be held for **The Ultimate Girls' Night Out week-long experience for 4 at the l'Oréal Fashion Event** in Toronto next March (value: priceless, tickets cannot be bought).

Call and purchase your tickets now - (they won't last long) by contacting Marta at 613-231-5150 ext. 128 or Jenny at ext. 104.

Come On Back to Youville

As our 20th anniversary year draws to an end this Fall, we're hoping to gather current and former Youville staff, students, volunteers, donors, supporters and friends at an afternoon event on October 27th, 2007. Folks can re-connect with one another, tour the new Centre, enjoy refreshments, reminisce and catch up on the latest developments at Youville. Please plan to **Come On Back to Youville**, Saturday, October 27th, 2007, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

RSVP before October 19 to 613-231-5150 ext. 202 giving your name, phone number, affiliation with Youville, and the number of people attending.

Thanks and Welcome Back!

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:

Ottawa Gatineau Hotel Association for their donation of \$15,000 raised at the 3rd annual Chef's Charity Café event last March at the Congress Centre. Although \$24,000 was raised, after expenses Youville Centre was given a cheque for \$15,000. Special thanks to the event Co-chairs: **David Smythe**, General Manager, Lord Elgin Hotel and **Dick Brown**, Executive Director OGHA. Thanks also to Auction chair **Steve Georgopoulos**,

General Manager, Les Suites Hotel and **Kristina Sparkes**, Event Planner, Knock on Wood Communications + Events.

Ace Bakery for a wonderful grant which will enable us to enhance the nutrition/cooking classes we offer to young Moms in our Collective Kitchen. Nutritious snacks, breakfasts, lunches and main courses are prepared on-site and taken for "Mom and Me" to enjoy at home.



Judi with David and Steve, ECE Kim and toddlers



Collective Kitchen

Youville Volunteers attend Caring Canadian Awards Ceremony at Rideau Hall

In April, Youville Centre was invited to bring two volunteers to the Governor General's Caring Canadian Awards ceremony. Two long-standing volunteers who work directly with clients attended: **Pat Slight**, who assists in our Childcare and **Flo Crosbie**, a tutor in our school.

Pat has visited our Childcare weekly for more than 3 years. Her background in ECE makes her a perfect fit with our infants. Each Monday she takes the bus into the city from North Gower in order to rock babies - a much needed service at Youville. Pat is a warm



caring person who refuses to let the fact that she is legally blind prevent her from serving others.

Flo has offered tutorial services to our young mothers since 1996. Her area of expertise is Math so she is usually in great demand. Flo loves Math and welcomes the opportunity to coach Calculus on occasion. This past year she has extended her tutoring services to our outreach ILC program at Bethany Hope Centre. Flo and her husband, Colin, have donated a \$500 bursary annually to graduating students who pursue Math excellence. Often Flo makes the bursary presentation to a student she has tutored and helped to improve.

Upcoming Events

September 11
Annual General Meeting
6:00 p.m.
Kinsella Hall,
Youville Centre
Guest Speaker TBA

October 18
Shepherd's Fashion Show
Youville Centre

October 27
"Come On Back to Youville"
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Youville Centre

December 7
Christmas Benefit Concert
Sponsored by
Cumberland Community Singers

Mother's Day Auction/Dinner Raises over \$10,000!

The Mother's Day Auction/Dinner event which took place at the Tudor Hall on Thursday May 10th, 2007 **raised over \$10,000.00.**

The opening reception was highlighted by hors d'oeuvres and friendly conversations while patrons previewed the silent and live auction items and renewed acquaintances.

A roast beef dinner was served by the Tudor Hall during which Master of Ceremonies, **Max Keeping** of CJOH-CTV, and auctioneer **Kent Browne** provided us with a few words about the importance of the Youville Centre and its mandate to assist young, high-risk mothers and their children.

Auctioneer Kent Browne choreographed the live auction coaxing all present to open their wallets for those much needed Mother's Day gifts and just absolutely "have to have" items. Bidding was quite lively at various points throughout the evening especially when Max added the tie he was wearing to the auction. Kent proceeded to coax all present to out bid the Royal LePage Realty crowd...Congratulations to the Royal LePage ladies!

We are honoured by the community support and donations received from all of those in attendance and we look forward to a continued relationship with you as we mark our 20th Anniversary with the Annual General Meeting in September and the Ooh 'n Ahh Fashion Show in October of this year.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, mothers and children, and the Auction Committee volunteers, please accept our heart-felt appreciation for the great interest and support you provided us. Your help ensures the continued success of the Youville Centre.

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