



# Youville Centre *News*

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## Spotlight on Student Success

Last June, one of our 2009 graduates-to-be approached us to request permission to work on two credit courses over the summer in place of the regular one-credit summer school program. **Julie Stewart** needed to complete Grade 11 Chemistry and Grade 11 Accounting in order to prepare for post-secondary studies in Engineering in 2009. Her teacher supported her request and a plan was developed. Julie's schedule included daily work from 8:30 to 3:00pm on Chemistry at Youville Centre in July and Accounting in August under the supervision of our Learning Coach at Bethany.

Julie was faithful to her plan and worked diligently and independently. When asked how things were going, Julie answered: "Just fine, thanks. I have a picture of my son propped up on the desk in front of me and when I feel discouraged I look at the picture and get my focus back... he's why I'm doing this."

Julie is on track to graduate next June and her Accounting (done through ILC) and Chemistry courses will be completed. Remarkably, amidst all this hard work, Julie also found time to play competitive hockey once again in Gloucester. For the second year, Julie's passion has been supported by **Martine Menard**, Senior Director of Corporate Communications at CBC, Radio-Canada. Martine's family has covered the fees to enable Julie to participate.

## Christmas Music Matinée

On December 14, 2008 at 3:00 p.m., Canadian Martyrs Catholic Church will echo with the magical strains of Christmas and seasonal music. **The Cumberland Community Singers (CCS)** will host our 4th Annual Christmas Concert "A Christmas Music Matinée" and they will be bringing along some friends to help kick off the Christmas season.

Tickets are \$15 for adults. Children under 12 are free. Tickets are available either in advance by calling 613-231-5150 Ext. 128 (Mon. - Wed.) or at the door.

Guests this year will include **Cross Town Youth Chorus, The Ottawa Folk Choir, Harmonia Choir of Ottawa, the Ottawa Brahms Choir** and the **Choirs of St. Thomas the Apostle.**

We send a sincere thank you to **Father Robert Smith, Jane Staples** and the congregation of **Canadian Martyrs Church** for welcoming us to their amazing venue again this year.





## Alumnae News

We are delighted to introduce our new part-time Alumnae Coordinator, **Patti Ellis**, who joined us early in September. Patti comes to us with a wealth of experience in secondary education and with linkages to the world of work. She is working closely with our Co-op Education teacher and partners in the community to plan for graduating students as well as for former students.

Alumnae who are not in school or working are invited to call Patti. Perhaps we have information to help you; perhaps you'd like to join one of the employment prep courses Patti is offering here at Youville. Call Patti at 613-231-5150 ext. 117.

### Focus on Front-line

The staff at Youville Centre are often involved in community service in a variety of ways. One of these staff members is **Shannon Paquette**, an Early Childhood Educator in our Childcare Program. Shannon is qualified to install infant/toddler car seats, an expertise that has taken her beyond Youville Centre. Recently, Shannon took part as an instructor in an information session for parents about car seat safety and installation. She has also accompanied OPP Sr. Constable Eric Booth on car seat safety checks conducted on the 417. She has made herself available to our students, staff and Youville friends to provide safety information, to check seat installation and use, and even to install seats herself.

Thanks to Shannon's volunteerism, many parents are assured that their children are in safe car seats which are properly installed and that fines of \$110 and 2 demerit points will not be sent their way. Thanks to Shannon from all of us!

## Summer School, 2008

During the month of July, students at Youville Centre once again had the opportunity to obtain secondary school credits thanks to our partnership with the Continuing and Community Education Department of the Ottawa Catholic School Board. This past summer two courses were offered: Visual Arts and Physical Education taught by staff from M.F.McHugh. Youville Program Support Staff served as Educational Assistants. In all, 37 credits were awarded.

Enrolment was open to clients from our sister agencies in the Young Parent Support Network. Youville is grateful to the Ottawa Catholic School Board for enabling our students to access this educational opportunity on-site at Youville where childcare services are available. Special thanks to Continuing Education Principal **Gino Milito**, and teachers **Eileen Wolanski** (Visual Arts) and **Eva Moons** (Physical Education).

Youville is fortunate to offer these full-credit courses each summer. The nature of the courses offers a change from the more academic content of the school year. Each course involves the students' children, when appropriate, and emphasizes links to the community and real life experiences. The Physical Education course stressed fitness, "Mom and Me" activities, and off-site events such as dragon boat racing. The Visual Arts course included local field trips, appreciation of children's artwork, and photography.



## Alumnae Dates to Remember

**December 2, 2008**

*Next Steps Workshop*

1-2:30 p.m.

Providing info on:

*Post-secondary Education*

*Employment Programs*

*Legal Resources*

Come on out for this afternoon experience!

Call Patti Ellis, Alumnae Coordinator

613-231-5150 ext. 117

## 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:*

**Les Suites Hotel, Ottawa**, for tickets to this summer's Shriner's Circus.

**Dennis Jackson VP, Ottawa & West Quebec District, and Scotiabank** for 8 complimentary tickets to the United Way 2008 Campaign launch.

**Marlene Shepherd, Father Joe LeClair and the Fashion Show Committee of Blessed Sacrament Church** for partial proceeds from their Fashion Fund-raiser on November 14.

**Tom Donnelly, Rick Gauthier and the Canadian Automobile Dealers Association** for their donation of \$1,000 to support transportation needs at Youville. Funding is often required for monthly bus passes and emergency taxi fares.



The **Kiwanis Club of Manotick** for donating two Texas Instruments T1-83 Plus Graphing Calculators for our ILC class at Bethany. Thanks to Flo Crosbie for appealing on our behalf.

**Leo St. Jean and members of the Knights of Columbus Holy Redeemer Council 9544**, for their gift of \$1,542, proceeds from their annual golf tournament last Spring.



## Upcoming Events

**December 14, 2008**

*Christmas Music  
Matinée*

3:00 p.m.

Canadian Martyrs  
Church

100 Main Street

Benefit Concert for  
Youville Centre

For information call  
613-231-5150 ext. 128

## Bytown Travel / Holiday Inn Classic Golf Tournament

**Wednesday, June 18, 2008**

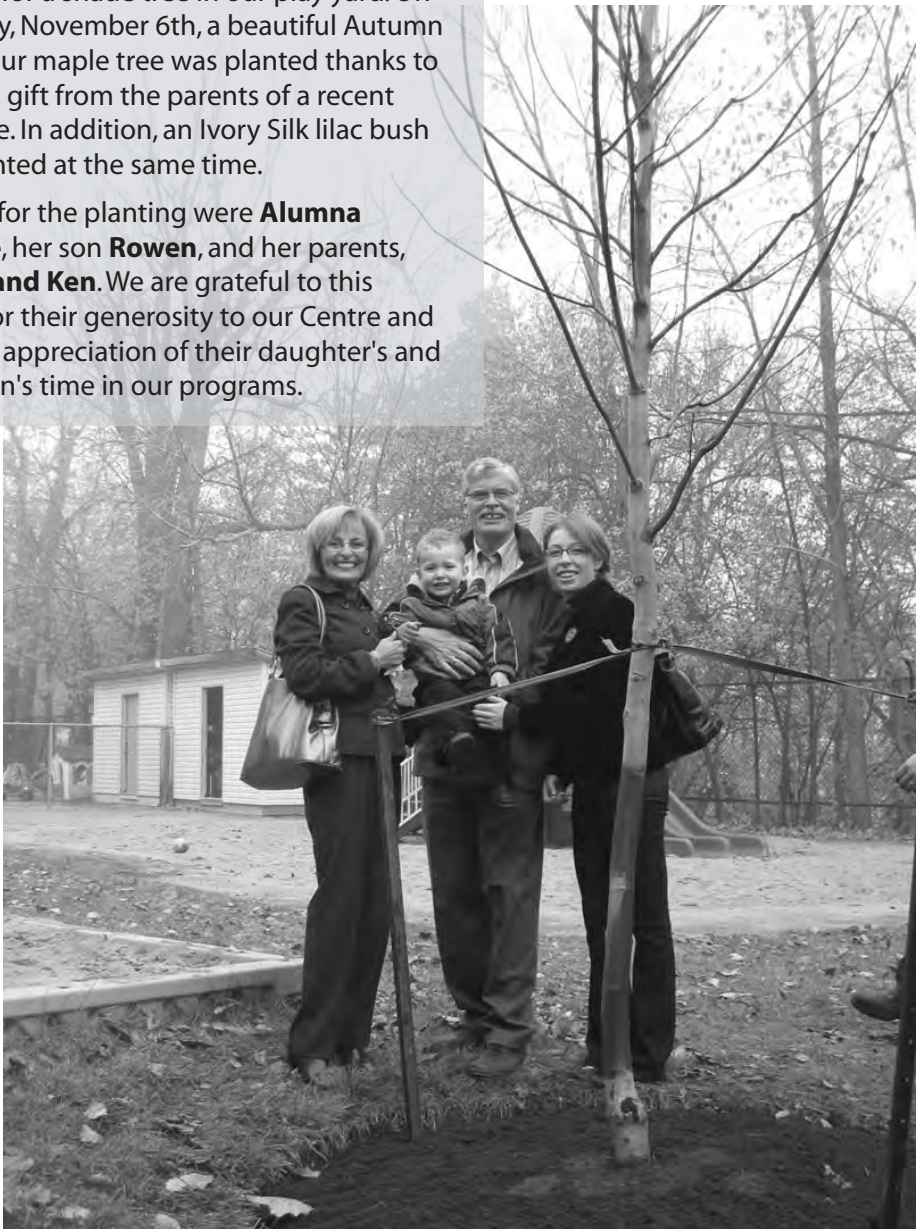
Youville Centre was delighted that **Hassa Merchandani** of **Bytown Travel** and **Peter Wilson** of **Holiday Inn** chose to have this prestigious event in support of our Centre. Approximately 144 golfers participated and were treated to a barbeque lunch, reception, a delicious roast beef dinner, a 50/50 draw, raffle draw and much more. We are extremely grateful to receive over \$17,500 at this very successful event. Congratulations and thank you to Hassa, Peter and the amazing Tournament Committee!



## Wishes Do Come True

For some time, Youville Centre has been wishing for a shade tree in our play yard. On Thursday, November 6th, a beautiful Autumn Splendour maple tree was planted thanks to a \$1,000 gift from the parents of a recent graduate. In addition, an Ivory Silk lilac bush was planted at the same time.

Present for the planting were **Alumna Brianne**, her son **Rowen**, and her parents, **Cheryl and Ken**. We are grateful to this family for their generosity to our Centre and for their appreciation of their daughter's and grandson's time in our programs.



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