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The Youville Centre is an innovative centre that

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Provincial Ministers Pay a Visit to Youville

On February 19th, Youville Centre and the M.F. McHugh Education Centre welcomed special visitors, the **Honorable Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Education** and the **Honorable Madeleine Meilleur, Minister of Community and Social Services, Minister of Culture and Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs.**

In addition, we were happy to welcome **Mr. James McCracken, Director of Education**, of the Ottawa-Carleton Catholic School Board.

Youville Centre staff, assisted by M.F. McHugh Education Centre Principal **Jonathan Crosier** and Vice-Principal **Leslie Coates**, provided a tour of the Centre.

Visits of this nature don't happen often and we were delighted to have the opportunity to showcase our Section 23 Care and Treatment Centre, its students, their children and our staff.

Newest Member of the Youville Board of Directors...a Youville Grad!

Tooneejoulee Kootoo-Chiarelo came to Youville Centre from Iqaluit, Nunavut, at 17 years of age with her 7- month- old daughter. Fourteen years later she is a successful relations advisor with the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs. As well, she hosts a current events show on the Native Cable channel APTN.

Toonee served as the Emcee at our last graduation and spoke of her challenges and successes as a Youville student. Her encouragement and her story assist our current moms to persevere in their studies and to achieve their dual goals of obtaining a high school education and developing effective parenting skills.

Congratulations and best wishes to Toonee as she joins our Board of Directors!



Tooneejoulee Kootoo-Chiarelo

Back row: Jonathan Crosier (Principal M.F. McHugh Education Centre), James McCracken (Director of Education OCCB)
Front row: L-R: Caterina Pace (Youville Program Coordinator), Elaine Bisson (Youville Childcare Coordinator), Judith Sarginson (Youville Executive Director), Minister Wynne, Minister Meilleur and Leslie Coates (V.P. M.F. McHugh Education Centre)



Did you know that...?

You can receive our newsletter electronically? Please e-mail us at **add_to_newsletter@youvillecentre.org** and your name will be added to our electronic mailing list.

You can access up-to-date information about Youville Centre by visiting our website at **www.youvillecentre.org**.

Can You Help?

Youville is still in need of a mature shade tree for our toddler playground. If you can help us with this need, please contact Elaine at (613) 231-5150 ext.122.

Reminders to Alumnae

Bursary money is available to former students entering their second, third, fourth years of post-secondary study. Please contact Caterina at ext. 107 before **May 31** to access this funding opportunity.

\$1000 bursaries are available to the children of former students entering post-secondary studies. Call Caterina at ext. 107 and access application forms on-line. Requests are due by **May 15**.

Alumnae Dates to Remember

Application deadline:
May 15, 2008

Bursary Funding for
Former Graduates

For more information:
613-231-5150 ext. 107

Application deadline:
May 31, 2008

Second Generation
Bursary Applications for
Children of former
Youville students

For more information:
613-231-5150 ext 107

June 26, 2008

Graduate/Alumnae
picnic

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Youville Centre

In Love and In Danger:

A Violence-prevention Program

In Love and In Danger is an Ottawa based program designed to address concerns about violence in teenage dating relationships.

Youville Centre is pleased to support this initiative developed collaboratively by **Family Services Ottawa, the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board, the Ottawa-Carleton Catholic School Board, Ottawa Police Services, Ottawa Public Health and Crime Prevention Ottawa.**

Alarming statistics from the '90s indicated that increasing numbers of youth were involved in dating relationships that were abusive. The *In Love and In Danger* program aims to stop the violence before it begins.

Using a train-the-trainer format, teams of youth from each school come together for a dynamic and interactive day of learning about dating violence and woman abuse. Teams collect information and skills, develop action plans, and then go back to their schools with ideas, strategies, and plans to educate their peers. At the end of the school year, the youth trainers come back together to share their projects and celebrate their successes.

Brianne Luckasavitch, a member of our Student Support Team, is the Project Coordinator for the *In Love and In Danger* program and several of our students have attended conferences and taken an active part in a Youville Centre initiative.

At a recent conference, a Youville alumna, **Danielle Faddies**, was the keynote speaker and spoke movingly about her challenges leaving an abusive relationship. Seven of our students presented two videos which they had prepared to address issues concerning violent relationships.

Congratulations to Danielle and our young mothers. Thanks to Brianne for her involvement in this worthwhile endeavour and for bringing this prevention program to Youville Centre.



Danielle and The In Love and In Danger Team

We Couldn't Have Done it Without **Y**ou

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:

La Z Boy Furniture Gallery for a donation of \$400 from the sale of tote bags made from re-cycled upholstery fabric.

CBC Radio Ottawa for including Youville Centre in their annual **Share Central** funding drive broadcast on December 14. Not only did this event raise more than \$7500 for our Centre, but it was hugely enjoyable for us to host a live radio broadcast from our gymnasium. Special thanks to **Ruth Zowdu, Michael Bhardwaj, Pam Millar, Hallie Cotnam, Carolyn Carson, Karla Hilton, Shane Bryanton and Jean Sebastian Villeneuve**. Thanks as well to everyone who made this event so successful, especially all those who donated to Youville through Share Central.

The Barons Major Atom A Hockey Team who, for the second year, donated Christmas gift items to our young mothers and their children. Special thanks to the generous and caring young players, their coach, **Bernie Bourgault**, and to **Martine Menard** and **Tracey Clary** for making these donations possible.

The Parishes of St.Philip and St.Clare for their Angel gifts to 48 families along with turkey dinner and all the trimmings for our young mothers and Youville volunteers. Thanks to all of the generous parishioners, **Father Mark Slatter**, and his assistant, **Debbie MacSheffrey** and to **Father Bill Penney** for initiating this assistance and for his on-going support of our Centre.

Service Canada employees for their on-going support. This year they provided \$1200 in food vouchers for our families. Thanks to **Isobel Sebastiao** for coordinating this effort.

Jennifer Klatt and students at Sacred Heart Catholic High School for their successful diaper drive to support our infant and toddler needs.

Jask Spa and **Catherine Barre** for socks filled with personal hygiene items for our moms.

The Inglis/Mahaffy families for their on-going support---a true family effort every Christmas!

The employees of Canada Revenue Agency and **Barb Stewart** for their Union fund-raiser in support of Youville Centre.

Thanks as well to individuals who provided for our needs at Christmas: **Dr.Milne, Orthodontist; Daughters of Isabella, Pharmasave Ontario, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish CWL and the House of Commons Conservative Caucus.**

Ken "The General" Grant for contributing to our Moms' Christmas lunch and for on-going contributions to our lunch program.

The Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario for a donation of more than \$6000 raised at their Christmas gathering.



Upcoming Events

May 6, 2008

Bon Appetit 2008

5:30-9:00pm
Aberdeen Pavilion
Landsdowne Park

Information:
613-231-5651

May 26, 2008

*Knights of Columbus
(Holy Redeemer)
2008 Golf Classic*

Glen Mar Golf & Country Club
(Partial proceeds
to Youville Centre)

Information:
613-257-5181

June 5, 2008

Graduation 2008

1:00 p.m.
Kinsella Hall
150 Mann Ave

June 18, 2008

*Bytown/Youville Golf
Tournament*

Cedarhill
Golf & Country Club



An Evening of Christmas Music

On December 8, 2007 Canadian Martyrs Catholic Church echoed with the magical strains of Christmas and seasonal music.

The Cumberland Community Singers (CCS) hosted our 3rd Annual Evening of Christmas Music and brought along some friends to kick off the Christmas season.

The guests included **Cathy Goddard**, the **Cross Town Youth Chorus**, the **Ottawa Folk Choir**, and the **Harmonia Choir of Ottawa**.

The Cross Town Youth Chorus was joined by the children from the audience who delighted in leading us in an animated version of Good King Wenceslas.

The concert was a wonderful success and raised \$1600 for the Youville Centre. A sincere thank you to: **Father Robert Smith**, **Jane Staples** and the **Congregation of Canadian Martyrs Church** for providing us with an amazing venue for our concert. Thank you also to **Lynne Stacey**, **Kurt Ala-Kantii**, **Mathieu Saindon**, **Joanne Moorcroft**, **Tammy Shaw**, **David Loyer** and all the performers for their gift of music.

Special Thanks

The Family and Friends of Mr. Dan Donnelly

Several years ago Mr. Dan Donnelly helped Youville procure our first van to transport young mothers and their children to and from school.

Sadly, last December, we lost this special friend but his memory lives on. Youville Centre was the recipient of **In Memoriam** donations in Mr. Donnelly's memory. Thanks to his family and friends, Youville Centre has received over \$4500 to support programs and services for young families.

Carole Gilbert

On a cold, snowy day in February, staff at **Service Canada** held a Garden Party to mark the retirement of their colleague **Carole Gilbert**. In lieu of a gift for herself at her retirement, Carole requested a donation for Youville Centre.

Carole has long been a supporter of our Centre, raising money for our young moms in advance of Christmas. Hundreds of dollars in food vouchers have resulted from her efforts and the generosity of **Service Canada employees**.

Everyone at Youville Centre wishes Carole best wishes as she enters retirement and thanks her for her kindness to our Centre!



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Thank you to our Staff

On Wednesday March 19th, a catered lunch of sandwiches, salads and desserts was served to our staff compliments of the Youville Centre Board of Directors. Twice a year our Board is happy to acknowledge the significant contributions made to our Centre by the staff. They are truly special people working behind the scenes and on the front lines to make a difference in the lives of our young families.

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.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

YOUVILLE CENTRE 150 MANN AVENUE, OTTAWA, ON K1N 8P4

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

Card# _____ Expiry _____

Signature _____

We also accept donations online at www.youvillecentre.org