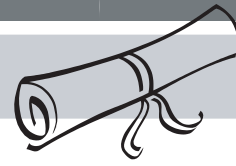




Youville Centre *News*

Summer 2009



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Ooh 'n Ahh FASHION SHOW AND AUCTION



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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.

19th Graduation Ceremony Held at Youville

The Youville Centre's 19th graduation ceremony was held June 4th, 2009 at the M.F. McHugh Education Centre with 16 young women receiving their Ontario Secondary School Diplomas and 2 honorary graduates receiving recognition for obtaining acceptance to Algonquin College.

Graduation Day symbolizes a major milestone in the lives of our moms and their children as they embark on the next phase of their lives. The ceremony is a testament to the value and success of the Youville Centre and its goal of helping our young mothers realize greater independence and self-sufficiency.

Thanks are due, as always, to the families, teachers and staff, volunteers and donors who support our Centre throughout the year. Your dedication makes this special

day possible and also ensures our moms can continue once they have left Youville.

We are proud to say that 17 of our 18 graduates are entering college this fall. As well, the generous support from our donors has made it possible to award over \$20,000 in bursaries this year to our graduates, 11 alumnae who are continuing post-secondary studies and 3 children of former students entering post secondary programs.

Our graduating students have persevered under challenging odds to obtain their secondary school diplomas and should feel very proud that by succeeding they have opened doors to greater opportunities for their future and their children's future.

Congratulations to you all! May you have continued success!



Piper Bethany Bisailion opens Youville's 19th graduation ceremony.



Grad 2009

Alumnae Dates to Remember

Girls' Night Out

November 19, 2009

Come & See Evening

February 18, 2010

Grad/Alumnae Picnic

June 24, 2010

Julie Stewart is Youville's 2009 Valedictorian

"For many of us, a high school diploma would not have been possible without the guidance, compassion and endless support that each and every young woman experiences walking through these doors... I am unaware of any other organization that has dedicated so much time, money, and effort to meet the needs of a small group of young women and their children. The level of support and encouragement here astounds me every day and I am truly thankful to the Youville Centre... I challenge you to continue to grow, to expand your knowledge, and to broaden your scope of opportunities by continuing your education... (Our children) have emboldened us once already to achieve our high school diplomas, and we must look to them once again for the inspiration to become greater, auspicious women... The one thing we will always have in common is that we succeeded. We succeeded as young women; we succeeded as young mothers."

2009 Valedictorian Julie Stewart



Mother, honour roll student, competitive hockey player and Valedictorian of the Youville 2009 graduating class, Julie Stewart delivered a heartfelt and moving valedictory speech to her fellow students.



Graduation ceremony Emcee Natalie Mapp, graduate of Youville Centre (1992) shared her experiences as a young mother at Youville, congratulating the graduates and thanking them for inviting her to be part of their special day.



Executive Director Judith Sarginson welcomes graduates and guests to Youville's 2009 Graduation Ceremony. *"The young women seated before you have recognized the need for a high school education and have graduated against phenomenal odds," she said. "In spite of these barriers, instead of giving up, these students, these moms, have shown determination, perseverance, courage and commitment... Today, this graduation ceremony, indeed each graduation diploma means more than just academic achievement - it means a better future for each Mom and her child."*

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:

Bytown Travel, Hassa Mirchandani and Dave Davidson, for organizing our successful golf tournament on June 17th in support of the Youville Centre. At the event, Hassa was awarded a well-deserved **United Way "Community Builder"** award for his long history of giving to the Ottawa community. Thanks to Hassa's efforts over the past 13 years, more than **\$150,000** has been raised for the Youville Centre and the Children's Wish Foundation.

Fred Bowie, Youville board member, for his donation of **\$900** to cover dinner expenses at Youville's June 17th golf tournament.

The **Canadian Paediatric Society** for the gift of children's and adult books to support literacy at Youville Centre.

Eva Moons, Phys. Ed teacher at Nepean High School, and the **afternoon girls' Phys. Ed. class** for their donation of **\$113.50**. Eva teaches our physical education summer course here at Youville. It's nice to know she remembers us when she's not on site!

Dominique Molzan



Did You Know That...?

Dominique Molzan was a recipient of a **Spirit of the Capital Youth Award** which celebrates the extraordinary achievements of youth making our community a better place including athletes, young entrepreneurs, budding artists, activists for social change, and those who have overcome personal obstacles. Dominique was recognized for her academic perseverance and received a \$500 scholarship at the May 11th dinner and ceremony. Youville staff were also in attendance to show their support.

John Reeder, our Learning Coach who oversees ILC courses at Bethany Hope Centre, is our volunteer web-master. Thanks to his time and talents our web-site provides a virtual wealth of information about our programs, services and upcoming events. Thanks to John for making us look so great!



Upcoming Events

AGM

September 22, 2009

6:00pm

5:30pm Refreshments

Guest Speaker:
Alex Munter, E.D. Youth
Services Bureau

Youville Centre
150 Mann Avenue

Ooh 'n Ahh Fashion Show and Auction

October 22, 2009

Presented by Shepherd's

5:30-9:00pm

Youville Centre
150 Mann Avenue

For tickets call
613-231-5150 x.128

Christmas Concert *December 13, 2009*

*The Cumberland
Community Singers will be
singing in support of Youville*

3:00pm

Canadian Martyr's Church

Wanted:
One used medical examination table.

Mom and Me

Youville moms enjoy a special year-end breakfast with their children. Thanks to the generous support of our donors and sponsors, "Mom and Me" provides nutritious meals for our moms, information on healthy eating habits, as well as cooking instruction and preparation in our collective kitchen to encourage healthy eating at home.



Here are Caterina Pace, Elaine Bisson and Judi Sarginson receiving their First Words Award from Caroline Desrochers and Sue O'Reilly. The First Words Preschool Speech and Language Program of Ottawa is a program that focuses on the prevention, early identification and treatment of speech and language problems in young children (age 0 until they become eligible for senior kindergarten).

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