



Graduation Day at Youville Centre

On Friday, June 21st, 23 young mothers received their Ontario Secondary School Diploma, celebrating their graduation from Youville Centre. Graduation is always a momentous occasion for Youville Centre's young mothers to share with their families and friends. Also in attendance for the celebration were our generous bursary donors, special guest Max Keeping, Youville Centre volunteers, and members of our partner organizations and school boards.

This year's valedictorian was Taylor Sinden, who expressed her gratitude to Youville Centre for helping her create a new vision for her life with her daughter: "Because of Youville, I know what I want to do



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"Because of Youville, I know what I want to do with my life," said Taylor. "Not only did Youville help me set some dreams and goals, they helped me make them come true."



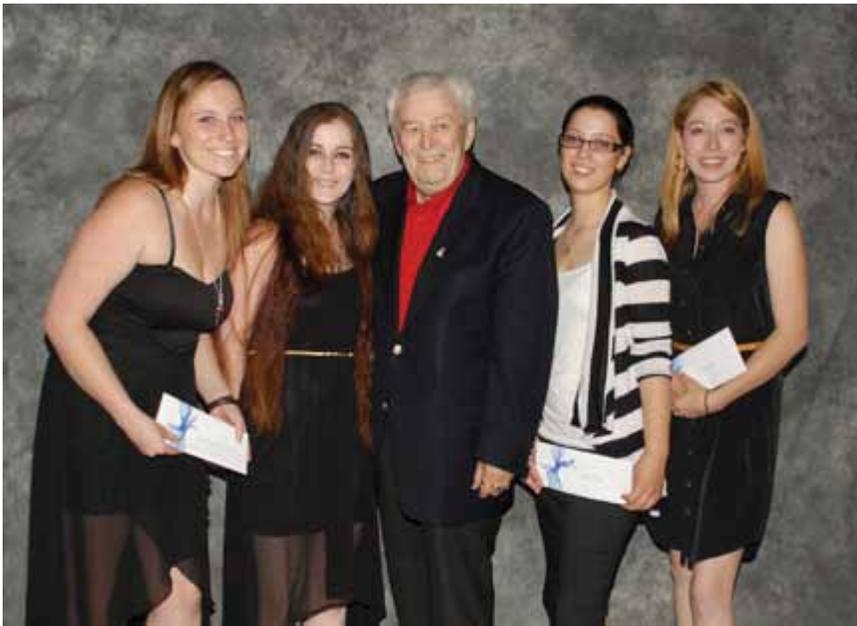
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"I am so proud of each and every one of our graduates," said Executive Director Cindy Simpson. "Each young mother who crossed the stage today to receive her Ontario Secondary School Diploma took an important step toward building a brighter future for herself and her child."

As a special presentation this year Max Keeping received the Youville Angel Award for his unwavering support of the young mothers and children of Youville Centre which has spanned decades. A relatively new tradition, the Youville Angel Award honours an individual who has shown a deep commitment to assisting Youville Centre's young mothers and children, through their own charitable acts, financial support and advocacy of our clients. We began this tradition at our 25th Anniversary, and since Max was unable to attend the event, we thought it might be fitting to present him with this award at our graduation. Max shared some inspiring, encouraging words to all who were in attendance, and we would like to thank him for continuing to remember Youville Centre in his wonderful work throughout the community.





We would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for helping us to make this graduation ceremony successful:

- Bill Lewis
- Heather Flinn
- Joan Taillefer
- Jodie MacLeod
- Jonathan Crosier
- Julie Stewart
- Little Cakes
- Margarita Zirolto
- Mary Donaghy
- Mulligans Florist
- Ottawa Catholic School Board
- Ottawa Carleton District School Board
- Youville Centre Board of Directors
- Youville Centre Volunteers
- Versailles Academy



Emilie and Carter, Class of 2013

The Max Keeping Foundation generously gives four bursaries each year to Youville Centre Alumnae who are continuing their education.

Pictured with Max are this year's recipients, (L to R) : Nicole Summers-Van Ness, Chloe Conners, Diana Riabko and Brianne Marvin.

Special Thanks to our Generous Bursary Donors:

- Brighter Futures
- Cadmus Foundation
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