# MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL

"A Mother is like a flower, each one is beautiful and unique"

# MOTHER'S DAY MATCHING

Tahani & Javari

"I'm so proud of many things in life but nothing beats being a mother" Raven

Brittany & Rylan

"Before I had kids, Mother's Day was about making my mom feel special on this day. Now that I have kids, Mother's Day is getting woken up by Jaxson screaming my name from his bed. Mother's Day is about spending time with the people who made this day special for me, teaching my little boys how to make breakfast for their future wife, playing games and just seeing those beautiful faces makes the day special for me." Jessica

For the month of May, we will be running our Annual Mother's Day Matching Campaign. You can make your donation in honour of your own mother, or a special woman in your life. We already have sponsors for this year prepared to match up to $4,000! That means that every dollar you donate will have double the impact this month! Last year our campaign raised over $16,000, and we are confident that we can beat that amount this year with your help!

If you would like to be a matching sponsor, please contact Alison Holmes at development@youvillecentre.org or call (613) 231-5150 ext 128.

Sarah & Jaspyr

"My daughter Niyah, is my heart living outside of my body." Rayann

"Becoming a mom is the best thing to ever happen to a woman." Summer

Sierra & Shila

"The best part about being a mother is watching your child learn and grow. Being able to be a part of that development and those special moments make the late nights and early mornings worth it. Being able to laugh and smile with them, knowing you are doing your best for them." Sarah

Trudy & Zechariah

# Updates on Recent Events

## February Highlights:

- Youville students commemorated Black History Month with a few events. February 1 students visited the Canadian Museum of History and attended a play called "Once: Africville Stories", a groundbreaking play telling the true story of a community in Nova Scotia scattered in the 1960's.
- February 21 students visited the Bank Note Musuem, and viewed the Noteworthy Woman Exhibition featuring the life and work of human rights inspiration Viola Desmond, the first Canadian woman to appear on a regular bank note.
- Youville Centre and Centre Psychosocial were approved for a Trillium Grow Grant to help both Centres focus on developing their Parent Child Attachment programs!

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Above: Alvy with Youville Staff; Jess Lemieux & Jenny Strange, at the Global Community Alliance Gala where she received a Youth Achievement Award. Well done Alvy!

## March Highlights:

- Knights of Columbus Council 7873 PASTA DINNER fundraiser was held on Saturday, March 23 at Divine Infant Parish. Thank you to Rob Lewis and his team of volunteers who planned this event, the pasta was delicious! Youville staff volunteers served the food and an alumni student, Nikki, spoke at the event which raised $3000!
- March 8 the Centre commemorated International Women's Day with special activities, and a luncheon, organized by the student-led Sources of Strength (SOS).

Above: Alumni student Nikki, with daughter Sophia, Bev MacKillop and Board chair, Heather Brown at Pasta Dinner

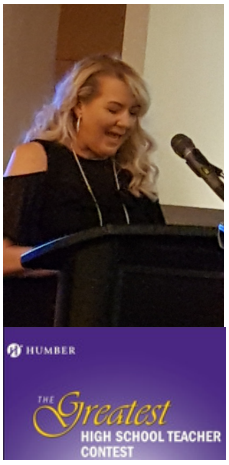
Left: SOS Students and Youville Staff, at the Women's Day luncheon on March 8

Left: Child Development staff Allie & Julie attended Algonquin College volunteer Gala on March 26, as representatives of Youville Centre, one of Algonquin's Community Partners

## April Highlights:

- On April 2 one of our own staff , Jenny Strange, was honoured to receive a student nominated award for Humber College's Teacher of the Year. Congratulations Jenny!

Left and Right: Students enjoyed an amazing Easter luncheon on April 18, thanks to the "Leading and Learning Journey" for Office Administrators and Administrative Assistants with the OCSB, with Carol McBride leading the cooking crew!




Above: Jenny speaking at Humber College

# VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK - APRIL 7-13, 2019

Above: A few of our volunteers who were able to join us for a Volunteer Appreciation event on April 24

Thank you for the time you have invested in the Centre, in various roles and capacities, as volunteers in Child Development, sorting SWAP, Food Bank, YouStore, as a Mentor, volunteer driver, or on the Board of Directors, or any other tasks! THANK YOU for all you do!

**"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention."**
**~Oscar Wilde**

# THANK YOU'S ARE IN ORDER!

**IODE Laurentian Chapter brought these sweet in-kind items!**

**Our Youville Angel Gavin brought these items and much more in the last few months!**

**MBNA-TD Women in Leadership Committe hosted an event for Women's Day and raised money and collected toiletries.**

**Volunteer Ria is pictured with Stephanie from the Manor Park Community Council, and donations from a clothing swap.**

**The PEO Sisterhood, Chapter J, dropped off Easter items and donations when they were onsite for a tour!**

**The CATSA Employee Giving Program held a month long campaign and collected a large amount of in-kind donations! Amazing!**

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE ELSE NOT PICTURED, WHO GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED US WITH IN-KIND DONATIONS!
IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE PHOTOS FOR ALL, BUT PLEASE KNOW YOUR GENEROUSITY IS VALUED!



Charitable Registration # 11884 8456 RR0001

# UPCOMING WAYS TO SUPPORT US...

Shepherd's Fashion FUNraiser

In support of the: Youville Centre
Charitable Reg. #118848456RR0001

Spring into a new fashion season while supporting young mothers and their children

**Shepherd's Train Yards**
**(145 Trainyards Drive, Unit 4, Ottawa)**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 7th, 2019
**Time:** 6:00-9:00 pm
**Tickets:** 1 for $65 (with a $45 tax receipt) or
2 for $100 (with a $60 tax receipt)
Call 613.231.5150 x128 or visit the link below for tickets
https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/118848456RR0001-youville-centre/events/fashionnight/

* Ticket proceeds and 10% from the sales of all Shepherd's merchandise purchased during the event will be donated to Youville Centre.

*Enjoy our annual ladies night out, complete with an exclusive fashion show, wine, appetizers and an opportunity to shop!*

## Youville Centre

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**Currently we are collecting new and gently used clothing and accessories for a Mother's Day Shopping Spree for our clients on May 9th.**

**58th Annual House and Garden Tour put on by the IODE's Laurentian Chapter**

The "Miles of Styles House & Garden Tour" features five fabulous homes across Ottawa in support of Youville. Since pioneering the house tour concept and introducing it to Ottawa in 1961, they pride themselves on offering an eclectic selection of homes with knowledgeable interpreters. The tour will take place on Saturday May 11th from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Tickets can be found on Eventbrite for $30.00. Youville staff, Bev MacKillop and Alison Holmes will be onsite from 10:30-11:30 am at House #4.

Class of 2019

**Graduation plans are underway! If you are interested in sponsoring a bursary, please email development@youvillecentre.org**

Check out this event, just in time for Spring!

Square Lemon ARTISTIC MARKETPLACE

Square Lemon Ottawa is a local artistic marketplace that hosts craft markets and workshops. We are grateful that the Youville Centre - Ottawa has been chosen as the charity of choice for this event. Saturday, May 11 at 6:30 pm at Makerspace North (250 City Centre Ave Bay 216)

## To Donate:

Yes, I/We wish to donate to support Youville Centre, to help empower a young mother to build a better future for her and her child.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

I wish to contribute $ _____

Payment to be made by:

___ Cheque ___Visa ____MC ___AMEX

Card# _____

Expiry (mm/yy) _____CSV _____

Signature _____

**Online donations can be made at:**
**https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/15999**

**If you wish to update your contact information, or be removed from our mailing list, simply contact us at: communications@youvillecentre.org.**