Youville Centre GRADUATION 2019

She believed she could, so she did!

2019 Graduates toss their caps in front of the Centre, after this year's ceremony on June 21, 2019.

This year's class of 18 graduates, puts the Youville Centre grand total at 573! Youville Executive Director, Bev MacKillop, spoke the following words to the graduates: "You have developed confidence, you help each other in the face of adversity, you have learned to be humble in your encounters with each other and staff, you stand up for what is right, you forgive each other for mistakes, and you always work towards peace and love. We have asked so much of you and you continued to exceed our expectations. By choosing to come to Youville Centre, you chose to continue your fabulous quest to be the best moms ever. We see evidence of the beautiful relationships you have with your children everyday. You give us so much to be proud of you; You are all such fantastic mothers!!!
Our wish for you; "Every great dream begins with a dreamer; You have within you the strength, the patience and the passion to reach for the stars... to change the world."
Harriet Tubman

Congratulations to all of the 2019 Graduates!

(above) 2019 Graduates about to enter Kinsella Hall for the graduation ceremony

(right) 2010 graduates Chloe and Nicole giving an Alumnae message to the graduates

(left) Graduate Brynn, recipient of a Rotary Club of West Ottawa bursary, pictured with presenter Dave Morton

(right) OCSB Director of Education, Denise Andre, addressing the graduates

Spirit of Youville 2019

This year's Spirit of Youville was Alvy Catap. A few quotes from her inspiring speech are as follows: *" We made it! As graduates we have similarities like the beautiful little souls that call us mommy: our children, but it is our differences as young mothers than make us stronger. We were strong when we took our first steps through the doors of Youville..Youville helped me find myself...we are full of potential, we are full of opportunities waiting to be unleashed!"*

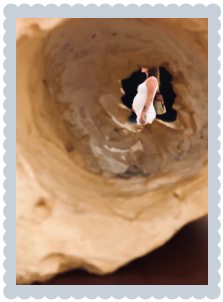
Summer School 2019

(above) Summer school trip to a local fire station

Once again this year, through a partnership with the Ottawa Catholic School Board's Continuing Education Department, and M.F. McHugh Education Centre, Youville Centre was provided with two teachers who delivered summer school programs during the month of July.

This year, students were able to select one academic course from two student-driven options that best met their academic needs as well as their personal interests. The two courses provided this year were Content Creators and Leaders & Mentors.

In Content Creators, taught by Taylor Cain of the MF McHugh Education Centre, the students were given the flexibility and freedom to choose what median of art they would like to explore such as; photography, painting, sculpting, wood-work etc. Many students who already had an art credit were excited to know that they could earn an alternative credit such as communication technology or fashion.



(above) Summer student photo taken at the National Gallery

In Leaders & Mentors, taught by Charlotte Coates of the MF McHugh Education Centre, students each had an opportunity to teach the class something they were passionate about. This included cultural foods, crafts and wellness exercises. They also explored what it meant to be a leader through team building exercises, and went on three alternative field trips to explore leaders in the community.

The art students were also fortunate enough to go to the National Gallery of Canada to tour the many exhibits and experience first hand what they have learned in the class. The leadership class challenged themselves to an Escape Room and built upon their teamwork and communication skills in a fun and exciting environment.

(above) Thanks to Candace and Mark from the Ottawa Police for serving ice cream at the BBQ.

On the last day of school, we had a showcase featuring all the work students created over the summer. There was great diversity and talent displayed through the various courses, including an art display, a slideshow of work, and photographs of hair, esthetics, and physical education activities. Our student showcase was followed with a celebratory end-of-summer school barbecue with lots of games, activities, and delicious food!

Summer school trip to Yoga on Parliament Hill

Summer student leadership class teamwork challenge at an Escape Room

Summer school students and Youville staff enjoying lunch.

Summer school student showcase, sample of artwork.

Pony rides at the end of Summer school BBQ

The children had lots of fun on the inflatable slide!

Summer Fun in CDP

(right) Group neighbourhood walks are always an adventure!

(below) Dreaden and Lilly-Ann in CDP enjoying water play puddle jumping in the yard

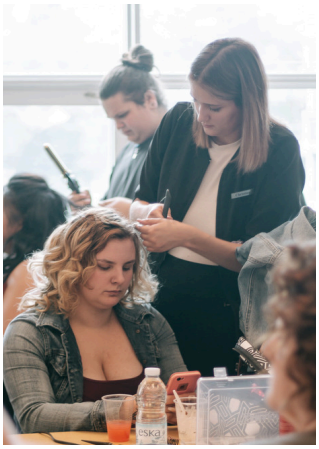
(above) Jaspyr enjoying outdoor waterplay and painting activities outside

(left) The Snapdragons and Daisy rooms have really been branching out and exploring all that the community has to offer this spring and summer. Just one of the City's many Parent Resource Centres is just a block away from Youville, so we decided to take a group of children to visit and play at this new fun and exciting place. The children enthusiastically explored the new space and the walk down the street was exciting!

PARENT RESOURCE CENTRE

THANK YOU'S ARE IN ORDER TO.....

(above) RBC Volunteers from the Convent Glen branch for spending time onsite for a spring clean, sprucing up the outdoor gardens and bringing a donation on May 16!



(left) Versailles Hair Academy for doing our graduates hair and make-up on June 21!

(above) St Benedicts grade 2 students for raising money and donating & dropping off a mountain of toys on June 12!

(above) Marina Westbrook for leading staff in Indigenous Training for professional development on May 29!

THANKYOU

(right) OC Transpo in appreciation of over 10 years of support! Staff were onsite on May 6 to accept a plaque.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE ELSE NOT PICTURED, WHO GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED US WITH IN-KIND DONATIONS! YOUR GENEROUSITY IS VALUED!

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES...

Please contact Alison Holmes at development@youvillecentre.org or call 613.231.5150 x128 for more more information regarding the updates below.

Bursaries

Every year we rely on generous donations to support our bursary program which provides each graduate with financial assistance as they enter into post-secondary education or training. We also provide bursaries to Youville Centre alumnae and to their children who are old enough to go to College or University. You can help by providing a bursary of $500 or $1000 to one of our graduates.

Childcare Expansion

We are in the process of raising funds to build an additional toddler playroom at Youville Centre. Providing more childcare spaces will allow more moms to access services sooner, reducing the chance of having to be out on a waiting list for a spot to open up. We would like to remove this barrier from having our young moms access our servives. Though the City of Ottawa has provided partial funding for this project, we are only halfway to our financial goal and need your help to allow us to break ground for this new room in 2020.

Legacy Giving

Have you ever thought about what you will leave behind? Once you have provided for your loved ones in your will, you may want to include a gift of money, stock, or property to Youville Centre. Your gift will be a lasting tribute and will help support future generations achieve their personal and educational goals.

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FUNDRAISING UPDATES

This year's Shepherd's Fashion FUNraiser raised over $15, 000!

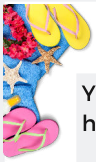
With special thanks to Shepherd's Fashions, our generous event sponsors (East India Company, Pelee Island Winery, St Albert Cheese, Manotick Tree, and Napoli's Café), our raffle sponsors, our event attendees and volunteers, we were able to raise over $15,000 for the adolescent mothers and babies of Youville Centre! As many of our programs and services rely on funding and donations, it has to be a GREAT feeling to know that YOU had a hand in providing these much needed supports.

Mother's Day Matching

raised over $18, 000!

All donations made in the month of May were matched with the help of some of our corporate sponsors, Lundy Construction, WHOM Consulting, Industrial Media, and Magnet Signs Ottawa. Together, our annual campaign raised $18,000! All proceeds go directly to Youville Centre's programs and services.

Thank you to the members of the Aurora Brotherhood of Ottawa for generously donating new items for our toddler playrooms and outdoors space including: plastic toddler furniture, a play kitchen, a wooden rocking boat and enough plastic stroller covers for each of our young mothers.



To Donate:

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

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

I wish to contribute $ _____

Payment to be made by:

___ Cheque ___Visa ____MC ___AMEX

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Signature _____

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

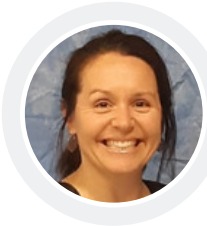
ANGEL AWARDS 2019

Zybina Richards

Zybina, 2019 Angel Award recipient is lovingly referred to by both staff and students as the " PJ" elf! This is because, over the past six years, Zybina shops for and gives each of our moms and their babies a brand new set of Christmas pajamas. Zybina shops for over 100 PJ sets and then hand delivers the gifts to our moms, who get so excited that a PJ fashion show always follows! Zybina has also created a graduation tradition! Every year, Zybina comes in person on grad day to hand deliver gifts along with a big hug and messages of hope and encouragement for the future. Zybina has a way of making everyone she meets feel special and appreciated. It is so clear to us just how much Zybina cares for our young moms. She can always been seen with a beaming smile on her face!

***Zybina will be receiving her award at the Annual General Meeting in September.**

Linda Milton Perreault



Our iSisters partnership over the last 12 years, has given many of our students hope that their academic dreams may one day come true. This Angel Award winner, Linda, has worked behind the scenes on the iSisters Board of Directors for 5 years, becoming the Executive Director of iSisters in 2013. As a result of Linda's passion and tenacity, our students had the opportunity to work one-on-one and in a group setting, with Kelly, the assistive technology expert from iSisters. Thanks to the money that Linda was able to acquire, Kelly was able to work with a our moms every week on Assistive Technology, opening up a whole new world of possibilities for those moms, in the areas of reading, writing, comprehension, memorizing, organizing, studying or test taking. Linda knows the hard work it takes to raise healthy happy children and has commented many times that she considers our moms to be strong, vibrant, young heroes.

***Linda received her award at the 2019 Graduation Ceremony in June.**

Annual General Meeting

Please join us on

Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

RSVP to programassistant@youvillecentre.org

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