REMEMBERING SISTER BETTY ANN

Picture taken of Sister Betty Ann by
The Ottawa Citizen shortly after her retirement in 1997.

Youville Centre friends and family respectfully announced the peaceful passing of our Founder, Sister Elizabeth (Betty) Ann Kinsella on Friday, June 15th, 2018. Sister Betty Ann was the driving force behind the creation of Youville Centre in 1985, the very first program of it's kind in Canada to address the comprehensive needs for education, child care, housing, and support services for young mothers and their children.

Sister Betty Ann, a member of the Congregation of Grey Sisters, had a dream to create a place that would give young mothers and their babies a chance for a brighter future. She lived an exceptional life, into her 90'th year and we are forever grateful for the opportunity she has provided so many young mothers and children over the past 33 years.

Since its inception, Youville Centre has graduated over 550 young women! Her legacy will continue to grow and flourish for many years to come. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you, Sister Betty Ann, for the impact you have made in this world. **In collaboration with Sister Betty Ann's family, Youville Centre will be holding a celebration of her life on Thursday, November 15th, 2018. Please keep in touch with us for more information.**

So many lives have been changed here!

Original Youville Centre location at 19 Melrose Avenue
from 1985 - 2001

" Without a doubt, she was an incredible human; she for sure changed my life for the better. She believed in me when no one else did. She will forever be in my thoughts." ~ Susie

" It was back in 1994 that I attended Youville and had the pleasure of meeting Sister Betty Ann. I am so grateful to her and the Youville Centre for all that they helped me accomplish. They gave me the strength to believe in myself and lead me on a path to success."
~ Angie

Current Youville Centre location at 150 Mann Avenue
2002 - Present

" She gave us everything - hope, self respect, pride, and love. She was all that we needed and more. I'm so proud to have known and loved this wonderful woman."
~ Penny

Congratulations Graduates!

On June 22nd, 2018, 16 Youville Centre young mothers joined the 539 graduates that came before them! That makes **555** young mothers who have earned their Ontario Secondary School Diploma at Youville Centre. The amount of work and effort that goes into successfully achieving this milestone is truly monumental!

The multi-disciplinary approach at Youville Centre creates a "circle of support" where all staff join together in supporting the individual and unique needs of each student.

Our client-centred approach is like the secret sauce in a perfect recipe! Each young mother is able to help design how she is going to obtain her credit by finding engaging ways to learn content that meets the curriculum.

Youville Centre's Class of 2018
Photos by: Edge Imaging

Brittany, our alumnae speaker, Class of 2016, recounts; "The skills I learned at Youville have contributed to my success in post-secondary studies; I am now a third-year student in the Honours Legal Studies program, with a minor in Philosophy at Carleton University and ...
I AM KILLING IT!"

"I give thanks to my daughter for grounding me and giving me a reason to fight, and to Youville for teaching me how to approach the battle in a way that has allowed me to come out on top." ~ Brittany, Class of 2016

How can you help?

Every year, we rely on generous donations to support our bursary program meant to provide each graduate with financial assistance as they enter into post-secondary education or training.
You can help by providing a bursary to one of our graduates; initiate a workplace giving campaign or get together with a group of friends or family members to make contributions to the "bursary pot" every month. In no time, you'll have enough funds to support a young mother (or two) as she steps into the next part of her life journey. **Did you know?** We also provide bursaries to Youville Centre alumnae **AND** to their children who are old enough to go off to College or University! **#WaysToGive**

SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer School at Youville Centre takes place during the month of July through a partnership with the Ottawa Catholic School Board's Continuing Education Department. We had three teachers, 60 students, and it was the perfect way for our young moms to stay engaged in studies and earn a credit in 3 weeks! Some of our summer school students are continuing on from the 2017-18 school year, some have just come back after maternity leave, and others have newly joined us for the month of July. Depending on their needs, new students may attend only for summer school, or they may continue on with us in the Fall.

While many young moms chose the self-expressive visual art course, others worked at the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course, Hair and Aesthetics, and Physical Education. In addition to academic programming, the group took short 30 minute mental health breaks each day in the form of a walk to a nearby park. They were also fortunate enough to take a trip to the Museum of Nature for a day! It was a wonderful day which allowed the moms to experience many interactive exhibits including the newest one on how our brains work!

Take a look at the gallery of pictures below ~ if you can't tell ... we had a ton of FUN!

Treatment Staff have fun engaging in the #BrainAtTheMuseum exhibit at the Museum of Nature

A student takes on the challenge of turning her art project into a mini movie called "A Day in the Life of Diego"

A student learns the proper techniques of how to blow dry and style hair during her Hair and Aesthetics course

Nail design anyone? Great job!

Look at that smile! Bentley's mom transforms a picture into a wonderful piece of artwork!

What do you think of this cool "string art" picture of an elephant? Sometimes you never know what you can do until you TRY!

WE HAVE ANGELS AMONG US!

We have a tradition at Youville Centre where we honour our special partners, donors, and volunteers with a Youville Angel Award every year at graduation. This year, we presented the award to three exceptional individuals who have provided unwavering support to our young moms and their children in their own special way.

Gavin Thompson - This "Charity Super Hero", "Extreme Couponer", and "Bargain Hunter" has been performing volunteer work for Youville Centre for over 10 years! He is a statistician who uses his ability to recognize and follow trends to help consumers get the most for their money. He teaches them when to shop, how to shop, and how to save - A real dream come true! He loves a challenge; recently Gavin was able to purchase $1500 worth of products for $150! Thank you Gavin!

Patrick Blanc - A Learning, Earning, and Parenting (LEAP) worker from Ontario Works, comes in every Thursday morning from September to the beginning of August, and is considered the "life line" for many of our clients. He is always available to give sage advice, an empowering chat, a nudge in the right direction, a laugh or two, and of course, access to funding if at all possible. "Saint Patrick", (as staff like to refer to him), we thank you for working tirelessly to support our young mothers and children in every way possible!

Elizabeth Emond - This "Volunteer Extrordinaire" and honourary mom to many, is known to lend her volunteer hands wherever and whenever needed. Elizabeth's kind heart pays close attention to the specific items each young mom and child may need when she sorts and organizes the donations that come through our doors. She knows first hand how Youville Centre changes lives; her daughter Clarissa, our Communications and Fundraising Manager, graduated from Youville in 1996! Thank you Elizabeth!

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