Youville Centre *News*

An innovative centre that motivates, educates and nurtures young mothers and their children to become self-sufficient, contributing members of society.

Our Summer, 2012 Newsletter

Youville Centre Graduation

On Thursday, June 7th, 2012, 21 young mothers walked across our graduation stage at Youville Centre to accept their Ontario Secondary School Diplomas.

This year we were very fortunate to continue to have support from numerous Bursary Donors who make it possible for our graduates to continue their education at college or university. At Youville Centre we have a very special bursary called the "Second Generation" Bursary, where the child of a former Youville Centre graduate is able to receive support for their post-secondary education. We give this award out in honour of our former Executive Director, Sister Maco Cassetta. This year we were thrilled to be able to give an additional Second Generation Bursary in honour of our most recent former Executive Director, Judith Sarginson. Youville Centre's Founder, Sister Betty Ann Kinsella and our former Executive Director, Judith Sarginson, were also in attendance. Therefore, we were fortunate to be able to photograph three of our Executive Directors who were present to congratulate our 2012 graduation class.

Alumna Jennifer-Anne Gibson (Class of 2005) spoke honestly and eloquently while expressing her gratitude towards Youville Centre: "I will be forever grateful to Youville for their support, their helping hands, and for giving me the opportunity to provide myself and my children with the best future possible", she said,

Coming Events

Youville Centre AGM
Wednesday, September 19th, 2012, 6:00 PM -- Kinsella Hall, Youville Centre

Alumnae and Former Staff Reception
Youville Centre
150 Mann Avenue, Ottawa
Tuesday, October 23rd
4:00-5:00 PM - Former Staff
5:00-7:00 PM - Alumnae
Please contact Heather to RSVP or for more information at: communications@youvillecentre.org
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Youville Centre 25th Anniversary Celebration
Thursday, October 25th, 2012, 5:30- 9:30 PM -- Hampton Inn Conference Centre, 100 Coventry Road, Ottawa
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with her now 9 year old daughter in attendance.

Our brave and passionate Valedictorian, Nathalie, shared her personal story and had this inspiring message for her fellow graduates: "Let not today mark the end of a chapter in our life, but the beginning of a beautiful journey. Go out into the big amazing world, and be great at every single thing you do and take pride in it!"

We would like to thank everyone who was a part of this important celebration. We wish all 21 of our graduates well as they make their way into the world of work and post-secondary education.

(left) Former Executive Director, Judith Sarginson (centre) Youville Centre's Founder, Sister Betty Ann Kinsella, (right) Cindy Simpson, our current Executive Director

New Health Clinics in the Works at Youville Centre

Thanks to the charitable spirit of two local health professionals, both a Portable Dental Clinic and a Young Women's Health Centre are currently in the initial stages of service here at Youville Centre.

Dr. Tania Dumont, aided by her nurse, Tammy Hewson, is assisting us in launching an on-site Young Women's Health Centre for Youville Centre's young mothers. This satellite clinic, granted to us by The Ottawa Hospital, is a welcome gift to Youville Centre and helps to provide regular health checkups and female-centred health education to our clients. "We are so glad that we can offer these essential services to young mothers who really need them", said Dr. Dumont. Special thanks to Ottawa Public Health for providing a medical examination table for this clinic.

L to R, Tammy Hewson, RN and Dr. Tania Dumont

Dr. Tom Harle has had great success providing dental care to those in need locally at The Ottawa Mission and abroad in developing countries, and now he is bringing his time and talent to Youville Centre. By amassing funding, supplies and a host of female dentists and hygienists, Dr. Harle is helping Youville Centre by

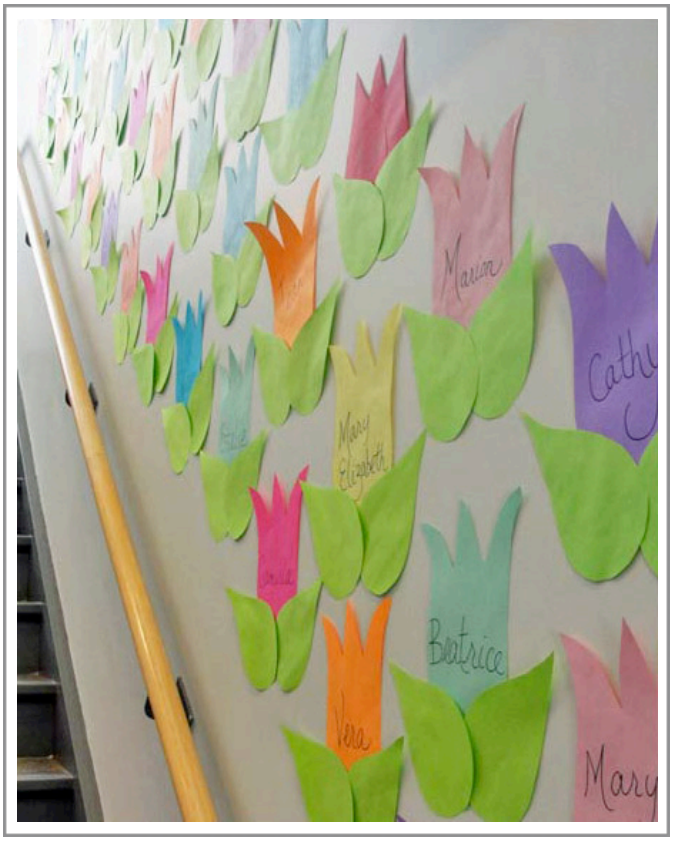
providing an on-site, Portable Dental Clinic. This clinic will be shared with St. Mary's Home, St. Joe's Women's Centre and Bethany Hope Centre, in an effort to unite sister agencies and provide basic dental hygiene and education for women and children in need at our centres.

"We are excited to be able to offer weekly hygiene and restorative dental care with our 10 chairside volunteers and have the overwhelming feeling of being in the right place and the right time to help address some of the specialized needs of students and their young children. Not only will we be able to make many smiles healthier but we will also be able to provide this free service more economically through the use of a delivery model that incorporates portable dental equipment at the same time", said Dr. Harle.

L to R, Dental Hygienist Karen Ergus and Dr. Luz Armandina Campos de Vilanova

Thank You for Honouring Your Mother

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our First Annual Mother's Day Campaign in May. The concept of the campaign was to provide an opportunity for you to honour your own mother and all that she gave to you, by giving to our young mothers and their children at Youville Centre. We were so delighted when we started seeing the response from our generous donor community, and we displayed their generosity on the wall of our entrance with the name of each honoured mother written on a paper tulip for all our young moms to see. Our students were awed to see this concrete demonstration of support on their behalf.



Thanks to our amazing donors, we were able to raise $3,500 in this inaugural campaign, of which all proceeds will go directly towards supporting our daily programs and operations at Youville Centre. It was so encouraging to see this "Mom to Mom" support, and we plan to continue this campaign each year. Mother's Day is a special time at Youville Centre, as we all take this time to celebrate the love and devotion our students have for their children, and now it is also a time to honour our donors' mothers, who surely instilled the gifts of empathy, generosity and a charitable spirit in their children.

We Couldn't Have Done it Without You

The generous support of our community makes a variety of programs and services possible at Youville Centre. Thank you to the following individuals and organizations for contributing to our work with two generations:

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