



Youville Centre *News*

Summer 2008

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The Youville Centre is
an innovative centre that
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& nurtures**
young parents and their
children to become
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members of society.

Graduation 2008

Youville Centre hosted its 18th graduation ceremony on Thursday June 5, 2008. The accomplishments of 16 young women were celebrated - 12 graduates, 3 honorary graduates and 1 certificate achiever.

Mayor Larry O'Brien was present and brought greetings from the City of Ottawa. The Mayor congratulated our valedictorian, **Tracey Carson**, for the fine work she had performed as a cooperative education student in the Mayor's office. Tracey presented her address, congratulating her classmates, thanking Youville staff and heralding the future: "We all have our own paths that we will go down, but thanks to Youville, we now have the tools to walk down those paths with pride and determination. Whether we will head off into the work force, start college, begin

university, or take time off to stay home with our children, we are one step closer to being where we want to be. We are on our way to becoming completely independent and giving our children a better quality of life."

Thanks are due, as always, to the volunteers and donors who support these young women with graduation needs and bursaries for post-secondary education. Twelve \$1000 bursaries were presented to former grads who are entering the second, third or fourth year of post-secondary studies. Our very first apprenticeship candidate, **Lisa Henderson** 2007, was celebrated and given a bursary to support training expenses. **Jody Duncan**, the child of a former Youville graduate, **Lisa Duncan** 1993, was awarded a \$2000 bursary for studies at the University of Guelph this September. Youville Centre is committed to supporting current and former students and their families as they pursue their educational goals.



Alumnae News

Post-Secondary Bursaries Awarded

At our June graduation, bursaries in the amount of \$1000 were presented to twelve former students who are successfully entering their second, third or fourth year of post-secondary studies.

Congratulations to **Amy Hartman, Zara Hussein, Pam Riveros, Christine Westfield, Khadije Bortol, Christina Cloutier, Sabrina Duckworth, Danielle Faddies, Julia McGuire, Elizabeth Westfield, Michelle Torunski, and Lisa Henderson** (our first apprenticeship candidate)!

These bursaries are Youville's way of continuing to support our alumnae as they pursue further studies and we encourage all former students to apply for these bursaries each year.

Second Generation Bursary Awarded

Each year Youville awards a bursary to the child of a former student who is now entering college or university.

The **Sister Maco Cassetta Second Generation Bursary** was awarded this year to **Jody Duncan**, the daughter of a 1993 graduate **Lisa Duncan**.

Best wishes to Jody as she enters post-secondary studies at the University of Guelph and kudos to her mom, Lisa, for encouraging her daughter's educational goals!



Professional Development Highlights

Peri-natal Education

Two Youville staffers, **Elaine Bisson** and **Cathy Romano**, have recently completed training through the **Ottawa Childbirth Education Association** to become Childbirth Educators. This accreditation enables them to offer peri-natal education to Youville students, when necessary.

Car Seat Safety

Car seat clinics, which ensure that infant car seats are correctly installed, are held monthly at various car dealerships with an average of 80 vehicles seen per clinic.

Shannon Paquette and **Cathy Romano** of Youville are qualified technicians in the area of infant car seat safety and assist our young families to procure appropriate and safe car seats and ensure their proper installation.

This spring Shannon accompanied Sr. Constable Eric Booth, OPP, in conducting highway car seat safety checks.

Early Childhood Educator Apprenticeship

Myia Pond, who is currently working in our Childcare program, has completed the first of a two-year apprenticeship-training program to become a qualified Early Childhood Educator.

The apprenticeship is offered in partnership with the **Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Training**. Once this apprenticeship is completed, our Childcare program will have a full complement of qualified teachers.

Reflective Practice Project

Tracey Clary, an Early Childhood Educator in our Childcare Program, has completed the first of a three-year Reflective Practice Project, sponsored by the **Young Parent Support Network (YPSN)** and the **University of Ottawa**. The project is a research initiative used to enhance clinical therapy procedures between staff and clients.

Alumnae

Dates to Remember

November 13, 2008

Girls Night Out

February 26, 2009

Come and See Evening

June 25, 2009

Grad/Alumnae Picnic

We Couldn't Have Done it Without *You*

The generous support of the community makes many of our programs and services at Youville possible. We would like to thank the following people and organizations for their generous support:

The **Knights of Columbus** and **Holy Redeemer Parish**, with special thanks to **Leo St. Jean**, for their support of Youville in their May Golf Classic.

St. Margaret Mary's Parish during Diocesan Week for Life, for donations of money and items for our Childcare Program. Our supply of diapers, formula, pacifiers, cups etc. was replenished thanks to the generosity of parishioners and the untiring support of **Linda Gunning** and **Father John DeCoste**.

Jennifer Klatt and the **Lollipop Team** at **Sacred Heart High School** in Stittsville for their donation of \$925 from the sale of gourmet lollipops this Spring. This group has supported Youville Centre on more than one occasion and we commend them for their generosity and loyal support.

Many thanks to the following people and organizations for making our 2008 Graduation ceremonies so special: **Piper Senior Constable Eric Booth OPP**, accompanist **Bill Lewis**, **Mulligan's Florists** for the grad corsages and flowers, **Marvel Beauty School** for complimentary hair fashions, and the foundations, private donors, churches and service groups who support our award and bursary programs.



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Scotiabank and **District Vice President Dennis Jackson**, for choosing Youville as a \$5,000 recipient of their **United Way** campaign proceeds and for their on-going, generous support of our programs and services.

Kristine Johnson of **Keller Williams Real Estate** for a very successful clothing drive which provided professional clothing and accessories to our co-op and graduating students.

The Elvis Sighting Society, Earl McRae and **Moe Atallah** for a wonderful donation of \$1000. Elvis lives at Youville now!

Bon Appetit for a \$2000 donation to support the Youville Breakfast and Lunch programs for our young mothers.

The **Rotary Club of South Nepean** and **Shepherd's Fashions** for the \$1000 in proceeds from the delightful **Dessert and Fashion Extravaganza** held in April. Special thanks to Rotarian **John Van Noort**, Bayshore Shepherd's Manager **Barbara Woods** and **Thomas Racek** for pictures of the event.



Upcoming Events

September 16, 2008

Annual General Meeting

6:00 p.m.

Kinsella Hall, Youville Centre

Guest speaker:
Wenda Hodsdon,
Program Manager
MCSS/MCYS,
Eastern Region

November 14, 2008

Shepherd's Fashion Show

Blessed Sacrament Church

Partial proceeds to
Youville Centre.

For ticket information, call
Youville Centre
613-231-5150 ext 104

December 7, 2008

Christmas Music Matinee

3:00 P.M.

Canadian Martyrs Church
100 Main Street

Benefit Concert for
Youville Centre

For information call
Youville Centre
613-231-5150 ext 128

Church of St. Bartholomew Supports Outreach Counselling at Youville

At the end of 2007, Youville Centre was informed that one of our Student Support Outreach positions would cease to be funded by **LEAP/OW** (Learning, Earning and Parenting/Ontario Works) in 2008. The search for alternate funding began immediately!

How grateful we are to have found a new benefactor with provision for funding this year and possibly two more.

Youville Centre is indebted to the **Church of St. Bartholomew** and its new **Social Outreach and Christian Education Fund (SOCE)**, a special fund made possible through bequests to the Church by generous parishioners who wanted to share with others.

The fund is made available for projects both inside and outside the parish community.

As a non-profit agency, Youville will apply the funding to support the role of Outreach Counsellor, a front line position that provides critical crisis counselling and outreach support for our at-risk teenage parents.

Youville Centre will be responsible for a portion of the salary, the benefits and all of the program expenses associated with this position.

Without the \$40,000 grant from St. Bartholomew's, it would not have been possible to continue this front-line counselling position for our students.

We are grateful to the parishioners, clergy and wardens of St. Bartholomew Parish and look forward to the outcomes made possible by this new and exciting partnership.

Did you know that...?

You are able to designate Youville Centre as a recipient of your United Way donation. Simply follow the instructions on your 2008 United Way donation form this Autumn and all or part of your donation will be forwarded to Youville Centre.

Youville is able to accept donations in the form of shares, endowments, bequests and planned giving. Please contact our accountant at (613) 231-5150 ext 112, if you wish to make a donation of this kind.



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