



Young Parent Employment Program

On November 5th, Youville Centre and the Youth Services Bureau launched a new program for young parents that will assist them in the world of work. The **Honorable John Baird** was in attendance, as well as: **Alex Munter**, Executive Director of the Youth Services Bureau (YSB); our Executive Director, **Judi Sarginson**; members of the local media, Youville Centre and YSB Board members, clients of the program and friends of Youville Centre. Generously funded by Service Canada, YSB's Young Parent Employment Program (YPEP) will provide 12 young parents with the skills, knowledge, certifications

and on-the-job work experience they need to secure meaningful employment. Hosted at Youville Centre, the program also provides childcare and other support services for the participants of the program. The federal funding for this program also allows the program participants to receive an hourly wage for their class time and hands-on work experience during the 22 week program. YPEP opens doors to many Youville Centre alumnae, many of whom are currently enrolled in the program. This program provides a real linkage to the world of work, allowing the participants to provide a better life for themselves and their children. Youville Centre is grateful for the wonderful partnership we have with the Youth Services Bureau, and we hope we can continue to work together in the future to assist young single parents in need.

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Calling All Employers...

Could you use the services of one of our co-op students in your workplace? If so, please contact our Co-op teacher, Wendy Ronberg at (613) 231-5150 ext. 106.

Youville Centre and YSB Staff, the Honourable John Baird, M.P. and YPEP participants.
Credit: Dwayne Brown



Archbishop's Charity Dinner

On October 20th, Youville Centre was one of three charities selected as beneficiaries of the Annual Dinner hosted by the Catholic Archdiocese of Ottawa. Along with the other recipients, Miriam Centre and the Marguerite Centre, Youville Centre was



Credit:
Mr. Gary Bourgeois

given the opportunity to highlight our service to young mothers. In attendance were Board members, staff, volunteers and an Alumna, Jenn Clark. It was a pleasure to introduce Jenn as one of Youville Centre's graduates, now successfully employed and providing a promising

future for her young son. We are extremely grateful to Archbishop Terrence Prendergast for this wonderful opportunity for our Centre to showcase its support for life, and for the very generous donation of \$25,000 that resulted from this successful event.



Remembering Lenore...

Lenore Burton joined the Youville Centre Board of Directors in the Fall of 2002. Her commitment to our young mothers was clearly evident throughout her service as Board member, Vice-president and last year as President. Lenore shared her considerable strengths in the areas of literacy, RESP promotion, strategic planning and fundraising for programs and services. She sponsored our application to obtain funding from the St. Bartholomew Anglican Parish for outreach services in our Student Support Department.

Youville Centre staff, students, volunteers and the Board of Directors extend condolences to her daughters, Sarah and Jenny, for Lenore's untimely passing in early September. We will remember Lenore and her many contributions to Youville and its young families. We have lost a true friend of Youville Centre.

Alumnae News

You might be interested to know that eleven of the candidates in our new Young Parent Employment Program are Youville Centre alumnae.

Alumnae beginning college in January 2011 and wishing to access bursary funding are urged to connect with Catherine at ext. 110 or John at ext. 117, as soon as possible.

We are looking to connect with alumnae online! Check out our website for up-to-date, important information and our alumnae newsletter that is specifically for former students.

<http://youvillecentre.org/alumnae.html>

The Youville Centre Alumnae



We're just a phone call or e-mail away.

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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:

MBNA Canada Bank (Bank of America) for their generous clothing drive and \$2500 donation.

Corinne Langill from **CHEO** for the donation of 8 exersaucers along with safety equipment for our childcare facility. This gift was made possible by **Hydro Ottawa**.

Saunders Farm for spreading a little Halloween cheer at Youville Centre by donating pumpkins for our Halloween Craft Day.

Hassa Mirchandani, for his generous donation of \$9150 from this year's Bytown Travel Golf Tournament. This year's donation brings Bytown's long-time support to over \$100,000. Huge thanks to Hassa, a true friend of Youville Centre.

Sandy Hill Community Garden for continuing to think of Youville Centre with the gift of fresh, local vegetables and fruit.

Barbara Nanavatti and **Christina Day** for their donation of lovely knitted items for our young families.

Heather and Stephane Leclerc for their donation of strollers and other necessary equipment for Youville Centre's children.



Waiting for a Shepherd's Fashion Fix? Try this:

Shepherd's Fashion FUN raiser

Looking for a unique "Girls' night out"?

Have a cause to support? Then gather your friends or colleagues at Shepherd's for a fashion FUNraiser. We'll donate 15% of what your group buys to your favourite charity and will arrange, at no charge, a FUN-Filled Event with a purpose, including: Informal Fashion Presentation, Light Refreshments and Loot Bags.

Call Sam Poole, Shepherd's General Manager at 613-789-7400 or info@shepherdsfashions.com to book your Fashion FUNraiser.

Upcoming Events

December 15

Christmas Lunch for Moms and Volunteers

March 31

Young Parent Employment Program Graduation

June 2

Annual Youville Centre Graduation

Watch for details about our next Ooh 'n Ahh Fashion Show which will be held in the Fall of 2011.



Our Stores

Bayshore Shopping Centre 613-596-0070
Rideau Centre 613-563-7666

www.shepherdsfashions.com

Focus on Staff...

Myia recently accepted a new role with Youville Centre after working here for over ten years as a Nutrition Coordinator. Only a few months into her new position in the Child Development Program, it became mandatory that all staff in licensed childcare centres have a diploma in Early Childhood Education (E.C.E.). Being a parent herself, Myia didn't let her busy schedule be an obstacle. She found a way to work toward this goal by enrolling in the Apprenticeship Early Childhood Education Program through online learning with Loyalist College (Belleville). The program was ideal for Myia:

"I was able to continue to work full time at Youville Centre and better afford the program because of funding from The Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. Being the parent of a young child, I was able to work from home on my own time since the courses were available online."

When asked to choose the most rewarding aspect of working at Youville Centre, Myia speaks with gratitude:

"Working with the children is so rewarding in so many ways, and I am thankful to be in a position where I can be a source of support, information and guidance for our young mothers. I'm also really thankful to my coworkers for all the support they gave me while I was working on my diploma."

Myia is looking forward to attending future workshops that are relevant to the E.C.E. field, and she is open to any new learning experiences that come along here at Youville Centre. We are thankful to have Myia on staff and we congratulate her on this achievement.



Did you know that...

Through our planned giving program, Youville Centre donors can now give in new and different ways?

Legacy Giving, Bequests, and Monthly Planned Giving are just a few options of ways to do your part to help young single mothers provide a brighter future for themselves and their children.

If you are interested in planned giving, please contact our Finance Department at (613) 231-5150 ext. 112 to explain tax benefits.



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8:30am - 4:30pm

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We also accept donations online at www.youvillecentre.org