



Apropos...

Batshaw Youth and Family Centres

News from Michael Udy, Executive Director

100 AND STILL GOING STRONG!

On October 15th the Board of Directors held their 100th regular meeting, followed by the Annual Information Meeting. Amateur board historians quickly determined that board members Don Bishop and James Grant have been members for all 100 meetings, and have attended nearly that many since the first meeting held in October 1992.

At the annual meeting, each senior manager gave a report on the notable activities and developments in his or her division for the year 2000-2001. This complemented what is found in the published annual report, and underlined the broad scope and impressive volume of activities accomplished by Batshaw staff. Anyone wanting a copy of the Annual Report, in English or French, can obtain one directly from Thérèse Gauthier at 989-1885, or via Lotus Notes.

NEWS ON CAMPUS RELOCATION

I knew this would get your attention. The steps leading to the acquisition of the appropriate land for the new Batshaw campus continues to be the main focus of our activities, which are now carried out in close collaboration with representatives of the Corporation d'hébergement du Québec. As is typical for such projects, this step is carried out in a confidential manner to avoid speculation on the land. We are not ready yet to make an official announcement, but I will keep you informed as events progress.

NEW BATSHAW STAFF ORIENTATION PROGRAM

(Contributed by Kim St. Hillaire, Human Resources Development Department)

The Human Resources Development Department welcomed its first group of new employees to the New Worker Orientation Training sessions on October 29, 2001. This is a new program within Batshaw Youth and Family Centres and it is designed to help new workers integrate into the agency, understand the work they will be doing and the clients they will be serving. They will also have an opportunity to meet personnel from various departments as well as participate in on-site tours of different settings within Batshaw.

The training schedule for the upcoming sessions can be found in the Human Resources Development Department's Training Manual and Calendars. Managers who hire a new worker should contact Yanik, Mary or myself at HRDD, 989-1885, for further information or to sign up their worker.

BATSHAW CENTRAIDE CAMPAIGN

November marks the beginning of the Annual Centraide campaign at Batshaw. Centraide provides financial support to over 300 community organizations including 153 groups that assist children and families. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of thousands of people around you. I ask you to lend your support to this worthy cause.

Making a donation is simple with the payroll deduction system. You simply pledge an amount on the enclosed card, be it two or ten dollars per pay, and it is deducted automatically. All Centraide contributions should be forwarded to the attention of Kim Kurtz at 6 Weredale Park. The campaign takes place from November 1st to 30th.

MDC PROFESSIONAL DAY

(Contributed by Dru Johnson, Human Relations Agent)

November 23rd is the date scheduled for Batshaw's first professional day, sponsored by the MDC Committee. The event will be an opportunity for colleagues to share information about programs and activities taking place within the agency. There will also be a number of workshops throughout the day covering a wide array of clinical issues, as well as an information workshop on Batshaw's new computer system.

Look for upcoming flyers. Participate! It's good for the mind. For more information contact Dru Johnson at 937-9581 (176).

JOE CASSELL LEAVES BATSHAW

On October 26th staff gathered to say their goodbyes to Joe Cassell. Joe is one of the small group of Batshaw staff with over 30 years of service. So it is exceptional when one of these people leaves Batshaw, because they take with them so many years of experience and commitment. His career included tenures as the St. Laurent team supervisor for Ville Marie Social Service Centre; director of the West Island Area Service Centre; and most recently, Assistant Director of Youth Protection for Application of Measures. His career reflected a clear emphasis on good clinical services and on supervision. We give him our deep gratitude for the career that he has given to Batshaw, and our best personal wishes for health, satisfaction and happiness.

SIX WEEKS TO THE HOLIDAY PARTY!

(Contributed by Ola Dupelycz, Holiday Party Central)

The Annual Staff Holiday Party is not too far away. Make sure to circle December 15th, 2001 on your calendar. This way you can start shopping for that "something special to wear" and plan for the fun evening. The big event will once again be held at the Montreal Badminton and Squash Club.

PRÉVOST CAMPUS SUMMER PROGRAM

(Contributed by Michael Hunter, Recreation Team, Prévost Campus)

The Recreation staff would like to thank kids and youth care workers for their tremendous support and participation during the Prévost Campus Summer Program.

Kids at Prévost campus were very busy, enjoying a wide range of activities and learning experiences, under sunny skies: camping expeditions to Mont Tremblant Park, canoeing, sailing, fishing, biking and hiking - countless games of softball, soccer, floor hockey, basketball, volleyball and football. Water basketball and beach volleyball tournaments were also held. The units also organized day trips off campus to the waterslides and various local beaches.

The *Campus Aquatic Program*, organized by Eddie Beaucage, was very popular given the hot weather. Junior Lifeguard courses, swimming lessons, Water Safety courses were given to the kids. The *Campus Art Program* offered stained glass design, drawing and painting and mural design. The St. Rose girls took advantage of this program and produced some beautiful work. The *Summer Work Program*, supervised by Eric Moran, offered some of our youth the chance to gain work experience and earnings.

Throughout the summer *Anger Management Courses* (A.R.T.) were given to the kids. The effectiveness of this training was reflected in the excellent behavior of our young people during the summer program. Congratulations to the A.R.T. Team.

On the last day of the Summer Program a barbecue and awards took place, bringing to an end a terrific summer for kids and staff. Finally, the Recreation staff thank our supervisor Wayne Adams, for all his support, encouragement and confidence in our department.

BATSHAW EVENTS CALENDAR

November	Batshaw Centraide Campaign
	Youth Horizons Foundation Fundraising Campaign continues
	Staff Appreciation Week Week of October 29 th to November 2 nd For further information contact: Thérèse Gauthier at 989-1885.
November 1 st	Staff Appreciation Dinner For further information contact: Thérèse Gauthier at 989-1885.
November 19 th	Batshaw Board Meeting 6 Weredale Park, 18:00 hrs For further information contact: Thérèse Gauthier at 989-1885.

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