



Apropos...

Batshaw Youth and Family Centres

News from Michael Udy, Executive Director

STAFF BBQ HELPS SEND KIDS TO CAMP

(Contributed by Kim Kurtz, Volunteer Services)

Want to have fun, have a free lunch and support great causes? Then don't miss the annual staff BBQ at 6 Weredale Park. The event will be held on Thursday, June 12th, 12-1:30 p.m. Funds will be raised to help children attend summer camps. A free BBQ lunch is served with lots of prizes and entertainment. Mix 96 will provide the music.

We are also asking staff once again to donate their Canadian Tire dollars at the event. All sorts of essentials for kids going to camp can be purchased with these additional dollars. If you cannot attend, you can send them by internal mail to Kim Kurtz at 6 Weredale Park.

As a special bonus the winning tickets in the Lois Daly fund raffle will also be drawn. If you have not purchased a ticket, buy one now from a representative, or call France Lespérance at 989-1885. You could win a car. Time is running out. Funds raised from the raffle go to the Lois Daly Scholarship Fund which supports Batshaw youth in CEGEP, university and job training programs.

FIELD PLACEMENT STUDENTS

The higher education year is drawing to a close and the students who did their field placements at Batshaw have completed their work, and in some cases applied for a job at Batshaw. This year we had 80 students placed throughout the agency, mostly in child care and social work. Every year I meet with outgoing students. This year's group was very pleased with the learning opportunities they had, and the support from their staff supervisors and colleagues. Congratulations to those Batshaw staff who gave very valuable support to tomorrow's child welfare staff.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

At its May meeting the board approved the Batshaw Intervention Planning policy. It also approved a resolution enabling an air conditioning project to be completed in the DARA/Bridges building at Prévost in time for the summer. It also approved the agreements with the youth centres of Montérégie and Laurentides putting a mutually agreed on framework around the services we give to young people referred to our residential programs from other regions of Québec.

MOUNTAINVIEW (PROJECT CENTER) CARNIVAL

(Submitted by the Mountainview Team)

On February 27 and 28, Mountainview School (Project Center) held its first Carnival. The students were given the opportunity to display their athletic abilities and team building skills as well as to participate on a variety of competitive games.

The Carnival started with four teams of students building a sleigh from scratch, with the help of a kit. The exercise promoted cooperation, collaboration, communication and leadership skills, and resulted in a functional sleigh and a race around the school grounds. Other activities included a potato sack race, log cutting competition, a volleyball tournament and contests shooting a hockey puck, basketball and sandbags. Each and every one of the students received gold, silver and bronze medal ribbons for accomplishments, team work, sportsmanship and perseverance.

Mountainview teachers Marcel Beaudet, Alain Turgeon, Harry Cling and Danny Olivenstein, as well as our three youth care workers, Louto Roumain, Andrea Yearwood and Pat Piedimonte, did an excellent job of organizing and carrying out this exciting program.

The two stage students, Dwayne Sampson and Tom Antoniou and also the caretaker Wayne contributed very actively. The Program Manager, Jean-Claude Barbant and the School Principal, Marie Vegiard provided the necessary funds, support and a delicious pizza meal for all participants. They also provided treats to celebrate this memorable occasion. Many thanks to all staff and students who participated.

N.B. We will also be running our summer day program from June 23rd to August 8th, 2003 at the same location.

WE NOTICE

(A new Apropos feature)

Those of you who have taken the Competency Based (PNF) core training will be familiar with the organizational model known as "The Excellent System." One of the key concepts of the model is a feedback loop, whereby we who work in the agency take the time to show we notice the valuable accomplishments of our colleagues. Here is an example:

"I don't know whether its appropriate for Apropos or not, but Henri (Derome) and the team he worked with, deserve Kudos for the gym at 6 Weredale. What a tremendous improvement to the quality of work life! Leigh Johnston (Manager of Foster Care in the Child and Family Services Division)

If there is someone or some accomplishment you'd like to see applauded, send me a short note.

KIDS WIN BIKES

(Submitted by Kim Kurtz, Volunteer Services)

Over 25 Batshaw submissions were received for the Sun Youth Organization bicycle give-away. Two of our youngsters were selected to receive bicycles from hundreds of entries from the community at large. Congratulations to the two youngsters at Tobin House on their brand new bikes, helmets and jackets. Thanks to all for your submissions.

BATSHAW CALENDAR

June 12th 3rd Annual Staff BBQ & Lois Daly fund raffle draw
6 Weredale Park, 12-1:30 p.m.
For further information contact:
Kim Kurtz, 932-7161

June 14th 6th Annual Pow-wow
Prévost campus, 12 noon
For further information contact:
Dave Brown, 932-7722

June 18th Batshaw Youth and Family Centres Foundation Annual General Meeting
6 Weredale Park, 12 p.m.
For information contact:
Ghislain Corbeil, 989-1885

June 26th Batshaw Board Meeting
6 Weredale Park
For further information contact:
Thérèse Gauthier, 989-1885