



# Apropos...

## Batshaw Youth and Family Centres

News from Michael Udy, Executive Director

### FIELD PLACEMENT STUDENTS, ON YOUR MARKS!

*(Contributed by Anna Renda, Human Resources Agent responsible for field placements)*

We are pleased to announce, that starting September 2003, 59 students will be carrying out their field placements at Batshaw. We will have 30 social work interns from McGill University. Their field settings include Addington and Montclair group homes, Application of Measures, Evaluation-Orientation, Family Preservation, Foster Care, Intensive Probation Program, Oasis and Young Offenders Services. We will also have a social work student from Université de Montréal carrying out her field placement with Foster Care. For the third consecutive year, we will have a McGill Masters in Counselling Psychology intern who will be providing counselling to our clients. He will be working on alternate days at Hawkins group home and 6 Weredale Park. There will also be one intern from Dawson College Social Services Program who will be carrying out her field placement with Family Preservation.

In addition, 25 educator students will be carrying out their field placements in the following programs: Addington, Baillie, Bourbonnière group home and school, Bridges, Colton, Crossroads, Dawson Alternative School, De Maisonneuve, Dornal, Gemma, Hawkins, Intensive Probation Program, Jeanne Sauvé, Lachine, Lindsay, Mountainview South School, Rudel, Springfield and Tobin. These students are from the following teaching institutions: Cégep de St.-Jérôme, Champlain College, Collège De Maisonneuve, John Abbott College and Vanier College. There will also be an Art Therapy student from Concordia University carrying out her field placement at Montclair group home. For the second time, we will have a student training unit in the Evaluation Orientation service. Applications of Measures will also have a student unit this year. Each of these student units consist of 4 McGill Special BSW students who will be supervised by a worker. We also have 4 of our own employees who are McGill interns carrying out their field placements at E.O., A.M. and Young Offenders Services.

Once again, please join me in giving a warm welcome to all our interns and according them with the same respect we would our colleagues. We also want to wish a great year to all of you who will be supervising them. Our student placement program is regarded as an important investment because we have a responsibility to transfer our learning to others. Interns are our future workers, who will provide what we hope the best services possible to our children and their families.

### “THEY NOTICE” BOARD PRESIDENT, JAMES GRANT RECEIVES ORDER OF CANADA

In August of this year, the Government of Canada announced the induction of new members into the Order of Canada. James Grant, President of Batshaw’s Board of Directors, is one of the recipients. “Jim”, as he is widely known, has had a distinguished career both professionally as managing partner of Stikeman Elliott, one of Montreal’s leading international law companies, and as a volunteer leader on the boards of many community endeavours.

### BOARD MEETING NEWS

At the July meeting, the board approved the following: the BYFC Development Plan for the period 2003-2008, the 2003-2004 budget and the revised by-laws of the Multidisciplinary Council (MDC).

### “WE NOTICE”

*(Contributed by Christine Jagiello, Program Manager of Oasis and Gemma programs in the Division of Residential Treatment Services for Adolescents)*

I thought it would be nice to “notice” Filomena Desantis of the Homeward Bound Program and Peter Desmier of the Gemma Program, who both recently won the Awards of Excellence from the Quebec Association of Educators. Anyone who has worked with them truly knows how “excellent” they are in providing service to our clients.

### AM FUNDRAISER

On Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, the Application of Measures service of the Child and Family Services Division held a fundraising BBQ lunch outside 6 Weredale Park to raise money for their client support projects. Organizing committee leaders Sandhya Karnick and Hoda Choueri actually stared down cloudy skies and made the sun shine, so you may want to include them on your event organizing committee in the future! Well attended, the event raised over \$900. Congratulations to all who contributed.

### BATSHAW FOUNDATION NEWS

The Batshaw Foundation board elected a new President at its June meeting. Erin O’Brien, investment manager at Jarislowky Fraser, takes over from Judy Martin, who continues on the board as a regular member.

In a few weeks, the annual Batshaw Foundation fundraising drive will kick off and you will receive more information about how you can contribute. The Foundation raises funds in order to support the Lois Daly scholarship fund; the Helping Hand fund (helping individual children, youth and families); Camp Weredale; the Adopt-a-Home fund (helping residential programs); and the Special Projects fund.

### STAFF BBQ

Speaking of Camp Weredale, this summer’s Staff Family BBQ was held at the camp on Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Camp Director Keith Ross and some of his staff hosted a BBQ lunch and an afternoon of water activities. This year about 50 staff, children and their family friends enjoyed a beautiful afternoon of lounging around or bouncing behind the speedboat. If you like to relax by the lake make a point of joining us next summer.

### BATSHAW CALENDAR

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| <b>September 22<sup>nd</sup></b>                 | <b>Board Meeting and Annual Public Information Meeting</b><br>For information contact:<br>Thérèse Gauthier at 989-1885, #202 |
| <b>October 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>National Family Week</b>  |
| <b>October 20<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Foster Family Week</b><br>For information, contact:<br>Leigh Johnston at 932-7161, #391                                   |