



# Appropos

Batshaw Youth and Family Centres

News from Michael Udy, Executive Director

## **REMINDER! DO NOT MISS THE BATSHAW FOUNDATION FUNDRAISING EVENT: JUNE 6, 2006**

On June 6, the Batshaw Foundation will be hosting its second annual fundraising event – *An Evening with Riopelle* – at The Parisian Laundry, a new Montreal art gallery. All profits generated by this event will go directly toward Camp-related activities. The evening will consist of an exhibit of Jean-Paul Riopelle's paintings, a recreation of Riopelle's studio in Paris in the 1950s, the presentation of a number of fashions by Montreal designer Michel Desjardins, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction.

An Evening with Riopelle  
PARISIAN LAUNDRY  
3550 St. Antoine West, (5 blocks west of Atwater St.)  
Tuesday, June 6, 2006  
Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres 6:30 till 9 p.m.

Call Ghislaine Corbeil for tickets (\$75 – a portion is tax deductible) - at (514) 989- 1885, # 201.

## **6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL STAFF BBQ**

*(Contributed by Darlene Job, Team Leader, Tobin House, and Marion Leroux, Manager, Foster Care)*

Come help us kick off summer and send kids to camp!!!

Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00 till 1:00 in front of 6 Weredale Park, come by on your lunch hour, enjoy a free BBQ, buy a few raffle tickets, or just make a donation. Batshaw's Camping Referral Services will once again be hosting this fun event. Great prizes, celebrity host, entertainment, sports wear sale, sun and fun for all.

Please remember to donate your Canadian Tire money.

If you are in a position or know someone who is able to donate prizes for this event, please contact Darlene Job at 932-7161, # 316.

Thanks for your support, and hope to see you there!

## **9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL POW WOW "HONORING OUR YOUTH"**

*(Contributed by Andy Simon, Team Leader, Bridges)*

On Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>, from noon till 4 p.m., BYFC's Prévost campus in collaboration with the people of Kahnawake will come alive with the sights, sounds and smells of Aboriginal culture as native communities entertain and educate spectators of all ages.

This year will mark our 9<sup>th</sup> annual pow wow. Representatives from First Nations throughout Quebec, Ontario and B.C. will gather together to showcase their culture. Food from the Cree Nation will be available for sampling. Roasted beaver, bear, moose, caribou, wild goose, sturgeon and lake trout are all on the menu, accompanied by bannock, native bread. Inuit throat singers, Iroquois and Mohawk dancers, and a Mohawk host drum "Big Stone" are among the performers present to exhibit the traditional dances and music of their communities. Singers Claude McKenzie, formerly of Kashtin, and Donna Jacobs from Kahnawake may also put in an appearance and contribute to the entertainment. Events such as prayers by Chief Mike Retasket from Bonapart Indian band in British Columbia and the "walking out" ceremony for Cree Nation toddlers will be performed. First Nations veterans and Canadian Peacekeepers will also be honoured in a ceremony. We will host special guests from the Kahnawake and Morin

Heights Legions as well as members of the 2nd Canadian Ranger Patrol Group many of whom are native.

**This feast of colour and culture will be held "rain or shine". In the case of poor conditions the event will be moved under the arena roof.**

In hosting this event, BYFC create a venue to sensitize non-natives, both within the agency and in the community, to the First Nations cultures. In the multicultural society that we live in, tolerance of differences is important. The pow wow is an experiential way to convey this message.

Admission and parking is free for all. Native crafts will be showcased. Food and beverage will be for sale throughout the day.

For information, call (450) 224-8234 or (514) 932- 7722: Merv local 0, Dave local 291 or Andy local 269.

## **HOMAGE TO VOLUNTEERS**

*(Contributed by Kim Kurtz, Volunteer Services)*

As we approach the summer hiatus for many of our volunteers. I want to acknowledge and thank each and every one for their dedication, time and efforts during the past year. The mission of Batshaw Volunteer Services is "To support and further enrich the programs and services for children and families served by Batshaw Youth and Family Centres, through the effective use of volunteers."

Young and old, and from every part of our community, volunteers give their time generously to Batshaw. From our McGill University Youth Outreach Project volunteers, who visit five residential programs on a weekly basis throughout the school year, to our two seniors who knit sweaters for infants in our care, volunteers provide support in a variety of roles.

In some cases volunteers are acting as tutors to preadolescent and adolescent youngsters who are struggling with school subjects. In some instances, young people who are feeling alone, or lack male or female role models, request older sister or older brother volunteers. There are over 90 volunteers who are presently active at Batshaw. Thank you volunteers for your commitment and caring to the youth, families and programs at Batshaw.

## **NATIONAL NURSES' WEEK**

*(Contributed by Linh Suong Pham, Manager of Public Services)*

This year marks the 400th birthday of Jeanne Mance (1606-2006), nursing pioneer and co-founder of Montréal.

During Nurses' Week, May 7 to May 13, 2006, we publicly recognized the nurses many accomplishments. Every day of the year we appreciate the nurses' outstanding contribution to our society.

Information: Linh Suong Pham at 937-9581, # 104.

## **THE BATSHAW CALENDAR**

**May 26<sup>th</sup>:** MDC Annual General Meeting:  
Information: Joanne Marcotte  
932-7161, # 335

**June 21<sup>th</sup>:** Batshaw Board meeting:  
Information: Thérèse Gauthier  
932-1885, # 202