



APROPOS

BATSHAW YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTRES

News from Michael Udy, Executive Director

THE RUTH AND MANNY BATSHAW AWARD OF EXCELLENCE 2007

(Contributed by Claire Roy, Manager of Communications and Public Relations)

The Ruth and Manny Batshaw Award of Excellence was presented on October 15th. This year's Selection Committee was composed of Mrs. Anna Grafton, a Batshaw Board member, Mrs. Christine Brodhead, a Batshaw Foundation Board member, and Mr. Garry Saunders, a former Batshaw Board member. The task of the Selection Committee was very difficult due to the quality of the nominations. The Committee therefore decided to bestow, in addition to the Award, four Certificates of Meritorious Achievement. The Committee studied 16 nominations concerning 12 employees.

The 2007 recipient of the Ruth and Manny Batshaw Award of Excellence is:

Kim Parker, A.R.T. Worker - Prévost Campus.

The recipients of the certificates of meritorious achievement are:

Dave Brown, Lorien Program Manager, Prévost Campus,

Robert Calame, Coordinator of A.R.T.,

Nancy Landerwyn, Administrative Agent, Legal Services,

Joann Messier, Administrative Agent, Health Services.

The other nominees were:

- Winsome Arthurs, Cook - Bourbonnière Group Home,
- Ray Coney, Administrative Agent - Transport Services,
- Cynthia Davis, Art Therapist - Bourbonnière Group Home,
- Kim Kurtz, Volunteer Services, Executive Director's Office,
- Pina Mannarino, Team Leader - Tobin House,
- Wanda Siklosi, Driver - Transport Services,
- Rachel Soussan, Educator - Lindsay Unit.

Congratulations to all of you! Many thanks to the Selection Committee for their tremendous work! Go on the intranet for the pictures of the evening!

SLEEP TIGHT

(Contributed by Robert Calame, Coordinator of A.R.T. and Marion Leroux, Manager, Family Preservation)

This past summer, the youth of Prévost and Dorval campuses were involved in a program of Character Education designed by Kim Parker and Robert Calame. The highlight of the program was a service project called "Sleep Tight". Under the themes of Caring and Compassion, our youth filled sixty-five pillowcases for less fortunate youth with teddy bears, books, toothbrushes and toothpaste, a bar of scented soap and some pocket-sized Kleenex packs. Donations were obtained from dentists, dental hygiene supply company representatives, an importer of stuffed animals and Batshaw employees who provided the books. With a budget of less than \$200 our youth tie-dyed the pillowcases, decorated them, personalized them and donated them to our Foster Care Department. The idea is for children to receive them their first night when placed in a foster home.

Marion Leroux and Josée Mirabella graciously received some of the pillowcases from the youth on August 24th in a presentation made at the Dorval Campus Summer Camp's closing ceremonies. Another presentation by our youth on Prévost Campus was made late in September. Marion and Josée greatly appreciated and thanked the generous gestures on behalf of the kids who would be receiving the pillowcases. "Placement, the loss of family and everything familiar, is so traumatic and frightening for a child. This gift, from kids who have been there and have experienced the fear and the pain, is very touching. The pillowcases are beautiful and many include a special drawing, a poem, something very personal. We want to applaud these youth for their work and to thank them so very much for caring about our kids in foster care."

THE BATSHAW CALENDAR

December 10th:	Board Meeting
	6 p.m.
	Information: Thérèse Gauthier
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