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BATSHAW YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTRES

News from Michael Udy, Executive Director

LA ROUTE SANS FIN

(Contributed by Daina Girard, Educator / Team Leader Phoenix, Prévost Campus)

With the help of many I was able to organise an event that included us with all the Youth Centers of Québec. It is called "La Route sans Fin" and is organised yearly. Our first presence was very successful regardless of the rain. Everyone passed the 67 km mark. With 3 weeks notice we were able to have 7 clients ride with 6 staff with good conditioned bikes (well, 2 clients actually on their own BMX bike!!!...let me remind you BMX's are low and only have one gear...) and 140 km of practice. I asked all the clients for advice and suggestions for next year and they all mentioned...no rain. I'll be working on that!

My goal is to make Batshaw Centres' presence an imposing one with the intent of a fundraiser for our Foundation. Getting ahead of myself and considering the need for advance preparation for such an event I am looking for the following: sponsors for more bikes and accessories, ideas for personalized T-shirts to be worn during the *Route sans fin* event, and of course motivated staff to motivate other staff to...

I would like at this time to say a big thank you to those who made this event happen on such a short notice: Wayne Adams, Sheldon Segal, Eric Morin, John Choi, Gary Leroux for your presence and dedication to ride in the rain with the kids; Yvon Lamoureux for your time on the practice runs; all unit managers for supporting staff and clients to do this event..., Jason Vickers that's you too...; Terry Nowostawsky and recreational staff for all the bike preparation. Our transport department and to everyone else that made this happen along with those who wanted to be part of this but had prior engagements...THANK YOU...see you all next year.

You can reach me at 514-932-7722, ext: 244-251 or via Lotus Note.

CCC & QAE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Understanding, Communicating & Developing Partnerships: OUR VOICES: In Shaping Quality Services for Children, Youth & Families

(Contributed by Marie-Pierre Ulysse, Liaison Officer FFA-CCC)

On May 08, the CCC and the QAE hosted a half-day forum of exchange. What a pleasant event! The day started by an allocution from Margaret Douek, AED and Elisabeth Pusztai, LSQCC who respectively presented the different impacts of Bill 83 in our lives and statistical information about the nature and the number of youth complaints over the past year. They were followed with Carleen Joseph, Keynote speaker, who presented her work in Aspen Colorado with inner-city youth. Carleen addresses to youth and staffs are always powerful and inspiring. Carleen explained

how the dream of a person and voices of a community resulted in the development of this powerful program for youth. They are now helping them to better hear their own voices. Carleen also animated the overall group feedback at the end of the morning. Most of the morning was spent with youth and staff discussing about ways to improve the quality of service delivery for children and families. The youth had a lot to say and contributed a lot to the discussion.

Congratulation to all who participated!!!

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

(Contributed by Anna Renda, Interim Coordinator, Human Resource Developments)

Batshaw Centres, via Human Resources Development, continues to offer the Tuition Assistance Program. This program is available to all Batshaw employees who follow any certificate, diploma or degree offered by an accredited Educational Institution. Once completed, employees can integrate their acquired knowledge in their existing job and/or in another job related to BYFC services and mandates. Employees are reimbursed 50% of their tuition (or registration) fees up to a maximum of \$500. per semester.

All requests are to be forwarded to Human Resources Development, c/o Susana Donoso at 6 Weredale Park, telephone: 514-989-1885 ext.1249, fax: 514-989-8069. The following documents are to be enclosed:

- The completed Tuition Assistance Program form which is available at all points of service;
- The transcript from the Educational Institution identifying the courses you have completed with your passing grade;
- A statement of account from the Educational Institution identifying the tuition (or registration) fees.

All questions are welcome and are also to be directed to Susana Donoso.

BATSHAW-THON 2008 – KIDS FIRST THE SECOND EDITION

(Contributed by Samantha Batten, Batshaw-Thon Organizing Committee)

On the morning of September 10, 2008, you are all invited to get physically active and to go a step further to help our clients by participating in a 10 km walk/run fundraising activity. Employees are invited to get sponsorship to raise funds for our Batshaw Youth and Family Centres Foundation. Our goal is to raise 10 000\$!!! The activity will take place along the beautiful Lachine canal with a great lunch to follow. For further details please consult the intranet soon.