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BATSHAW YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTRES

News from Michael Udy, Executive Director

## VISIT FROM TUNISIAN DELEGATION AT DORVAL CAMPUS

*(Contributed by Lynn Dion, resource person for the LYLO program)*

On May 27<sup>th</sup>, we had the honour of welcoming Mr. Imed Hidri to Dorval Campus. Mr. Hidri is responsible for the programming and field activities for the National Family and Population Board of Tunisia. They form a partnership with the Montreal Public Health Department and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. The delegation came to Québec to learn more about our different programs, activities and services in the prevention of STI/HIV-AIDS for youth and adolescents and all those who are in vulnerable situations. We presented the LYLO program (prevention program for STI/HIV and sex education program for adolescents) as well as Batshaw's policy on HIV-AIDS and Batshaw's Task Group on Youth Sexuality. Mr. Hidri presented the objectives of their mission with youth. He explained that there is still a lot of work to be done in his country, as they are not as advanced in the prevention and the fight against STI/HIV. This exchange was an inspirational one and has hopefully opened doors in pursuing a partnership with Tunisia.

## POWWOW 2008, THE BEST EVER

*(Contributed by Mervat Atta-Segal, Powwow Planning Committee)*

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Powwow on June 21<sup>st</sup> has been our most successful to date with a wider range of activities and performers and participation from the Mohawk, Iroquois, Micmac, Lakota, Algonquin and Cree Nations. Attendance was at its highest yet, with an estimated 3,000 people present. There was a steady stream of people in and out all day long.

A gift of a beautiful original stained glass window, hand made by Mervat Atta-Segal, was presented to Michael Udy, Executive Director, for his 40 years of service and for being an avid supporter of the Powwow.

The organization of the Powwow requires a tremendous of work. *Thank you to Dave Brown, Andy Simon and Mervat Atta-Segal of the Planning Committee* and to Mr. Rudy Montour, from Kahnawake, for making it happen.

Many thanks also to: Steev Blackette and his army of client volunteers and community hour kids; Eric Moran who, along with his work-study clients, prepared the grounds of the campus; Maintenance; Food Services; Security for making this event a safe venue; Recreation for manning the BBQs; Margaret Larmour, our nurse, Eddie Beaucage and Norm

Goldberg, our first-aid responders; all educators and clinical staff for keeping a close watch on their charges; Native clients who shined while acting as hosts throughout the day; BMC and Batshaw Foundation for continuous support; Batshaw's Finance and Information Systems departments, and finally to our many volunteers: Richard Lawrence, Pat Rogers, Marie Baron, Debbie Graham, Julia Carter, Ingrid Theberge, Aleta Durant and Marion Lewis-Brown.

See intranet for pictures and full report on the day's activities.

*All the participants also warmly recognized the incredible work done by Merv over the past 10 years. She's stepping down from the Powwow Planning Committee. Thank you Merv for your incredible dedication!!!*

## 2008 BBQ SUCCESS

*(Contributed by Darlene Job, Child Care Worker, Tobin House)*

Despite the grey skies, rain and being crammed in the auditorium, the 2008 BBQ was a success.

Many thanks to the dozens of helpers and contributors to this event which raised over \$2,400. this year. The room was crowded, the music loud and the prizes were jumping off the stage! A very special thanks to the BBQ crew who didn't complain even when they were getting rained on, and the maintenance guys who ran around all morning with me.

The BBQ wouldn't happen without all the great prizes, a great big thanks to all those who were generous enough to donate a prize or two. Thanks to all of you who baked delicious goodies and to the resources team for selling them. What an amazing group effort to support our kids. We are already looking forward to next year's BBQ!!!! Let's hope for a sunny day...

## THE BATSHAW CALENDAR

**August 3<sup>rd</sup> (Sunday): Annual Staff Family BBQ at Camp Weredale**  
12 (noon) to 4 p.m.  
Information: Darlene Job  
514-932-7161, ext: 1133

**September 10<sup>th</sup>:** **Batshaw-Thon 2008**  
Information: Antoinette Valiente  
514-989-1885, ext: 1064

**September 19<sup>th</sup>:** **Staff Golf Tournament at Club Bonniebrook**  
Information: Stéphane Hamel  
514-932-7722, ext: 348

July – August 2008