



# APPROPOS

BATSHAW YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTRES



## JUDY MARTIN RECEIVES THE DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDAL!

*Claire Roy, Manager, Communications and Public Relations*

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Governor General of Canada, David Johnston, awarded to Judy Martin, Batshaw Centres Board President, the Diamond Jubilee Medal created to mark the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne.

This medal honours individuals who have generously contributed to their community. Here is how Senator Judith Seidman described Judy's contribution: "As an advocate for children and youths in the area of health and social services, you have made a significant impact. Your work as President of Batshaw Youth and Family Centres, and your commitment to organizations like Muscular Dystrophy Canada demonstrate your leadership and dedication."

Judy received this recognition on the day after her birthday... What a way to celebrate! Happy Birthday Judy from all of us!

## LESLEY J. HILL APPOINTED AS ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF BATSHAW CENTRES

*Claire Roy, Manager, Communications and Public Relations*

The Board of Directors of Batshaw Centres appointed Ms. Lesley J. Hill as Assistant Executive Director at its May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Ms. Hill has 24 years of experience in the health and social services network both in management as well as in clinical practice. At the time of her appointment, she held the positions of Director of Multidisciplinary Services and Interim Director of Programs for Seniors and Persons Losing Autonomy at the CSSS Pierre-De Saurel in Sorel-Tracy. She also worked at the CSSS of Trois-Rivières as Administrative Manager of Children, Youth and Family Programs.

Ms. Hill has proven over the years to be an efficient, creative and humane manager. In addition, her client-centered approach, her quest for excellence as well as her inspiring leadership will contribute to sound management of Batshaw Centres and its outreach in the community.

Ms. Hill holds among others, a Masters in Administrative Sciences from *Université Laval*, a Bachelor's degree in Social Services from McGill University in addition to completing the *Programme de relève DG-DGA du ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux* (career development and management program for executive directors and assistant executive directors provided by the Ministry of Health and Social Services).

Ms. Hill will start in her new position on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Welcome Ms. Hill!

## THE ROUTE SANS FIN

*Daina Girard, Educator, Prévost Campus and Project Leader for Une route sans fin and Claire Roy, Manager, Communications and Public Relations*

*Une route sans fin* is a long bicycle event involving close to 1,000 clients from 16 Quebec youth centres. It takes place from May 25<sup>th</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup> in several cities across the province, from Sherbrooke to Quebec City, with a stop in Montreal. Batshaw Centre clients will participate on May 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, the 26<sup>th</sup> with the *Centre jeunesse de Montréal – Institut universitaire* and the 28<sup>th</sup> with the *centres jeunesse des Laurentides, Laval and Outaouais*.

This event is designed to show clients that self-confidence and perseverance can lead to great rewards. Effort, training and the will to excel represent a positive experience that many of our clients have never enjoyed before. This event, which brings users closer together, demonstrates how much they need the support and encouragement of their educator.

In preparation for this event, bike workshops were organized with our sponsor, *Momentum solution vélo*, across the organization for our youths to learn how to fix and tune bicycles. On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, the first workshop took place at 6 Weredale Park for the Group Homes, the next day the workshop was held at Dorval Campus and on April 25<sup>th</sup>, the last one was organized at Prévost Campus. It turned out just great: 33 girls, boys and pre-ads, fixed and tuned 62 bikes during the 3 workshops! Impressive! Many of those youths also plan to ride during the Montreal segment of the *Route sans fin* on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

We also went around to find out the needs for bikes and equipment across group homes and campus units. We then distributed the funds accumulated through past fundraisers and generous donations from the Foundation and golf tournament.

## YOUTH COURT JUDGES VISIT BATSHAW

*Claire Roy, Manager, Communications and Public Relations*

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Batshaw Centres had the honour and pleasure to welcome nine judges of the Court of Quebec's Youth Division (district of Montreal).

Following presentations by Margaret Douek, Executive Director and Madeleine Bérard, DYP, the judges were taken to the Dorval Campus, where they visited Crossroads unit and witnessed a typical day in the life of a child and an educator. They then listened to a presentation on the Circle of Courage and A.R.T. programs.

In the afternoon, Susan Gallo, DPS, presented the new Neglect Program, while Linda See explained the Permanency Planning program and the role of reviewers. Finally, Marie-Pierre Ulysse talked about our multicultural approach.

The judges then visited Rudel group home, where Johanne Kralka described the Transition Diversion program. Marie-Josée Roy and Danny Hoelscher concluded the day with a presentation on services to adolescents.

The judges really appreciated their very full day.

## THE BATSHAW CENTRES CALENDAR

**May 26<sup>th</sup>**      *Route sans fin - Montreal*  
**Departure at 8:30 a.m. from**  
**Cité des Prairies**  
Information:  
Daina Girard, ext 2206

**May 28<sup>th</sup>**      *Route sans fin – Laurentides-Laval*  
**Departure at 8:45 a.m. from Centre**  
**jeunesse des Laurentides**  
Information:  
Daina Girard, ext 2206

**June 4<sup>th</sup>**      **Northwaters - Deadline for applications**  
Information:  
Daina Girard and Philip Segal, ext. 2206