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News from Margaret Douek, Executive Director

MAY 2012



JUDY MARTIN RECEIVES THE DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDAL!

Claire Roy, Manager, Communications and Public Relations

On May 2nd, the Governor General of Canada, David Johnston, awarded to Judy Martin 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!



Judy Martin with her medal



Diamond Jubilee Medal

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 7th 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 28th. Welcome Ms. Hill!



Lesley J. 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 25th to June 2nd in several cities across the province, from Sherbrooke to Quebec City, with a stop in Montreal. Batshaw Centre clients will participate on May 26th and 28th, the 26th with the *Centre jeunesse de Montréal – Institut universitaire* and the 28th 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 23rd, 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 25th, 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 26th.

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.



Back of the t-shirt our youths will be wearing

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YOUTH COURT JUDGES VISIT BATSHAW

Claire Roy, Manager, Communications and Public Relations

On May 3rd, Batshaw Centres had the honour and pleasure to welcome eight judges of the Court of Quebec's Youth Division.

Following presentations from 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 our 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.

The judges really appreciated their very full day. They saw the passion of the staff and the efforts to involve all children and parents at all stages of the intervention process.

THE DIVISION OF RESIDENTIAL TREATMENTS SERVICES FOR ADOLESCENTS – PART 2

Ideally, we would have loved to have all employees be featured on the photographs. Unfortunately this was not possible. No need to be disappointed, we will have other occasions to see them.

COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS



Colm McNamee, Coordinator, Nick Paré, Director and Tony Maciocia, Coordinator



Support staff: Alice Sá, Melina De Cubellis, Tony Maciocia, Nick Paré, Anmarie Pearson, Jennifer Brewerton (Homeward Bound Services), Cindy Woods (Homeward Bound Services), Amy Singer and Maria Segreti
Missing: Colm McNamee

The DRTSA (Division of Residential Treatments Services for Adolescents) community-based programs include 9 community-based group homes, Transition Diversion, Services to Older Adolescents, Homeward Bound workers and Mountainview South school program.

Six of our group homes cover the NDG community, one in Lasalle, St. Laurent and the West Island and our school is in Côte Saint-Luc area.

Our community-based group homes vary from having single gender to co-ed group living. All our programs recognize the individual needs of clients and families and respect the diversity of values, cultures, lifestyle, religion and sexual orientation of our clients.

Addington Group Home



Front: Catherine Brooks and Johnson Ariwel
Middle: Sarah Wakani, Daniel Johnston, Connie De Gale-Adams, Lynn Saros
Back: Pat Gallagher

Addington group home provides a safe and structured residential program aimed at reintegrating youths to their families and/or preparing them for adulthood. Addington is a family-centered program which encourages the active participation of youths and parents/guardians in decision making and intervention planning.

Youths participate in therapeutic group activities focused on pro-social skills development (ART) and on acquiring appropriate life skills.



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Youths attend community schools and/or if of age, seek employment. Youths are able to function in the community with structure and support. They also demonstrate a certain degree of internal self control. As Addington is a co-ed residence, youths must be able to demonstrate respect for one another and display appropriate gender boundaries.

Bourbonnière Group Home



Front: Winsome Arthurs, Rodney Selman, Marsha, Jennifer Tellier
Middle: Lucille Renault, Debbie Walsh, Natasha Turetsky, Jackie Redmond (student),
Dr. Kapuscinska, Karina Clarke
Back: Edgar Davis, Sid Weiss
Missing: Brian McGirr, Mata Loupassi, Sue Deguire

The Bourbonnière residential program, in partnership with the Montreal Children's Hospital's Department of Psychiatry, offers a six-bed unit for clients with psychiatric or medical/psychosocial difficulties that cannot be managed in a regular residential setting. Clients are primarily referred from Montreal hospital psychiatric departments and are screened to ensure they can benefit from the intensive therapy offered by the program. Services include a daily youth counselling group, weekly family meetings, bi-weekly parent support group, individual and art therapy as well as home-based integration services. In addition to an in-house school (LBPSB), clients participate in a variety of structured daily programs and are required to use their treatment plans in interactions with others.

There are three Day Treatment Program spots for clients who have been discharged from the residential program, but require ongoing therapeutic and educational support from Bourbonnière. N.B.: Priority is given to the Montreal Children's Hospital for three of the residential beds.

Couvrette Group Home

The Couvrette group home provides a safe and structured residential program aimed at reintegrating youths to their families and/or preparing them for adulthood. Couvrette provides care for youths who have placement orders/agreements longer than 6 months in duration. Generally, it is a group home which provides for long-term group home placement. Youths must have some basic skills to manage in the community with the support and direction of staff. The program focuses on positively re-integrating youths into the community, through therapeutic activities and community links to programs. Couvrette employs a differential, individualized approach to programming and structure, within its community context. It is a family-centered program, involving family in decision making and Intervention Planning.



Karen Goodhand, Audrey Carey, Dionne Higginson, Joe Cinotti, Pam Berry,
Jennifer Haynes, Anna Graham

Couvrette group home utilizes the Circle of Courage model as the framework for shaping interventions. This responds to the four universal needs of youth for Belonging, Mastery, Independence, and Generosity.

The youths participate in therapeutic group activities focused on pro-social skills development (ART) and appropriate life skills acquisitions.

Hawkins Group Home



Rosie Bobak, Abbi Sommerset, James de la Paz, Nicole Job, Jim Surtees, Carmen Dufort,
Jim Parris, Keith Ross, Shernett Emanuel

Hawkins is a community-based co-ed group home for pre-adolescents, located in NDG. Hawkins accepts both long term readaptation and emergency short term placements. A multidisciplinary team of educators, client workers, program managers and homeward bound workers work with the child and family and are guided by individualized goal-based and family-centered intervention plans. Service plans include external resources (schools, hospitals, CSSSs) as indicated. Discharge orientations are to family or foster family.

Hawkins group home utilizes the Circle of Courage model as the framework for shaping interventions. This responds to the four universal needs of youth for Belonging, Mastery, Independence, and Generosity.

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Montclair Group Home



Jason Leone, Mary Aliberti, Frank Valdes, Henry Dunaj, Claudia Corradetti (Art Therapy student), Wanda Martin, Murray McIntyre, Keon Dann (student), Saundra John

Montclair group home provides a safe and structured residential program aimed at reintegrating youth to their families and/or preparing them for adulthood. The youths in Montclair are younger adolescents who require structured daily life programming in the group home, in the community and in school settings.

The youths work on developing pro-social skills (ART) and life skills appropriate for their age. They are involved in community activities and attend a school program. Youths must respect the boundaries established in the group home, school and in the community.

It is a family-centered program, involving decision making and intervention planning with families.

Montclair group home utilizes the Circle of Courage model as the framework for shaping interventions. This responds to the four universal needs of youth for Belonging, Mastery, Independence, and Generosity.

Mountainview South



Front: Bev Walsh, Pat Piedimonte, Devin Bailey, George De Cubellis, Ayanna Bryan
Back: John Devlin, Alain Turgeon, Wayne Frank, Brian Ulric, Andrea Yearwood, Paola Borzone, Danny Olivenstein, Roger Pabros
Missing: Roseanne Peters, Keon Hutchison, Allan Istvanffy, Louto Roumain, Steven Blackette, Debbie Walsh, Jacques Monfette

Mountainview South is a school program jointly run by the English Montreal School Board and Batshaw Centres for up to 36 students.

The program is offered to youths who have not been able to succeed in regular school programs and who require the additional support of a team of youth workers in order to contain their behaviour and focus their attention. The program offers one-on-one counselling, art and drama therapy, individualized programs, recreational and leisure programs as well as an atmosphere of nurturance and support to assist students to reach their academic goals. A work-study program is also offered as an alternative to the academic program.

The goal of the multi-disciplinary team at Mountainview is to integrate students into special or regular EMSB schools as their situations and behaviour allows.

Odyssey Group Home



Front: Dora Petruzzello, Jennifer Monk, Anthony Moore
Back: Sharann Chase (cook/housekeeper), Hermilyn Sandy, Filomena Vellucci, Kathryn Harfield and Marie-Josée Roy

Odyssey group home provides a safe and structured residential program aimed at reintegrating youths to their families and/or preparing them for adulthood. The program is designed for the older adolescents preparing for the transition to adulthood.

The youths focus on the development of necessary life, social and autonomy skills required to become responsible adults.

The program employs the use of ART and Ansell-Casey Life Skills program, to help support and guide the youths to become responsible young adults.

Odyssey group home utilizes the Circle of Courage model as the framework for shaping interventions. This responds to the four universal needs of youth for Belonging, Mastery, Independence, and Generosity.

It is also family-centered in its approach in getting family to play a role in decision making and intervention planning.



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Roxboro Group Home



John Panasuk, Angela Ellington, Linda Barone, Marisa DiMeglio and Norm Kerr
Missing: Sharon Lafrance (cook/housekeeper), Allan Hogg (Homeward Bound worker)

Roxboro group home provides a safe and structured residential program aimed at reintegrating youths to their families and/or preparing them for adulthood. The Roxboro program offers an intensive and, when possible a short-term, family re-integration service primarily for families living on the West Island. Intervention includes regular family counselling, family support groups, youth counselling groups and individual counselling as needed. The Homeward Bound services and the Roxboro team work within a family systems approach which emphasizes strengths and teaches new skills, pro-social activity and more successful use of the community schools and resources.

Rudel Group Home



Front: Alice Munroe, Edda Naccarato, Elaine Palmer
Back: William Bertrand, Nadia Voysey (intern), Cathy Adams, Johanne Kralka
Missing: Stephanie McIntyre, Junior Warren

The Rudel program has seven short-term emergency admission beds for clients with a 30 day order (article 79) or measures that end within a three month period. The program offers a highly structured, family-centered approach to youths who are able to attend school or work and live in the community without putting themselves at risk. Counselling services are offered to the youths and families as needed.

Youths living at Rudel who are a part of the Transition-Diversion (T-D) Program will receive intensive services to integrate them back into their homes. Two beds (in addition to the seven) are reserved as respite beds to assist the T-D clients in the integration process. The Rudel team participates in youths and family assessments and the orientation process.

Services to Older Adolescents



Front: Monique Laverdure, Melanie Fournier, Kerry-Ann Carty
Back: Marie-Josée Roy, Silvana Scarrapicchia, Danny Hoelscher, Diane Cleland

Services to Older Adolescents (SOA) provide services to adolescents who prepare to leave care at Batshaw Centres. Social skills and problem solving strategies are taught in group workshops and through individualized interventions. Youths develop a personal plan based on their needs and aspirations, and can be accompanied/supported past the age of majority in putting the plan into action. The key areas we aim to develop with these youths are: their autonomy, social network, educational goals, and skills that will qualify them for the work force. Our specific programs include: Support Link, Life Skills workshops, GAP (Girls Apartment Project), Pre-Employment, EQIP (Ensuring Qualification and Independence Program), Boys' Transition to Community, Life Skills Education Program, Moving On Up, and Youth Empowerment.

SOA utilizes the Circle of Courage model as the framework for shaping interventions. This responds to the four universal needs of youth for Belonging, Mastery, Independence, and Generosity.

SOA view challenges as opportunities for growth. We aspire to create positive pathways for youths in care to promote resilience in realizing their true potential. SOA will continue to create and offer programs that provide youths with practical life skills and tools. Youths will gain the wisdom to achieve their goals and become successful, responsible, contributing citizens.

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St. James Group Home



Front: Lavine McIntyre, Carmen McIntyre
Back: Iris Belair, Carmelle (intern), Sylvia McLean, Allen Istvanffy, Carhone Green
Missing: Molly Young

St. James group home provides a safe and structured residential program aimed at reintegrating youths to their families or preparing them for adulthood. Regular services offered within a framework of family-centered practice include individual and family counselling, therapeutic activities, youth groups (including ART), as well as after care support and community advocacy. Parents are supported in assuming their parental authority while youths are encouraged to demonstrate more accountable and responsible behaviours. School attendance, employment and prosocial activities are promoted, supported and closely monitored to ensure a successful integration to community life.

Transition Diversion



Front: Colm McNamee, Johanne Kralka, Liz Piorowski
Back: Vassos Vasiliou, George McKenzie

The Transition Diversion program diverts youths who are in transition status (article 79) from longer-term placement by working intensively with them and their families to have the youths reintegrate home as quickly as possible. Youths with measures that are for less than three months are also considered.

The services offered are based on a family-centered approach and include family counselling, a parents' support group, crisis intervention, home-based interventions and respite care. Team members work closely with community partners to ensure the youths are in school, have pro-social activities and that essential needs are met for all family members. The multi-disciplinary team works in partnership with the family to develop intervention plans that address their goals and responsibilities. Services are offered seven days a week and in the evenings.

REMINDER BENEFIT CONCERT

Julia Paré, Batshaw Alumni Association



Concerto Della Donna and the Batshaw Alumni Association present **Northern Exposure - A Benefit Concert**, an evening of music and dance with guest artistes Caroline Chehade (violin), Michael Nicolas (cello), Katie Ward (choreographer) featuring sounds from Canada, Denmark, Finland and Norway

June 5, 2012 - 8 pm

Pollack Hall (555 rue Sherbrooke West, Montreal)

Adults \$40 / 65 + \$30 / Students \$10

Alumni proceeds go to the Batshaw Centres Foundation.

Tickets available through Julia Paré and Rosanna Strippa, at 5 Weredale Park, 514 989-1885, extension 1010

THE BATSHAW CENTRES CALENDAR

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| May 26 th | Route sans fin - Montreal
Departure at 8:30 a.m. from <i>Cité des Prairies</i>
Information:
Daina Girard, ext 2206 |
| May 28 th | Route sans fin - Laurentides-Laval
Departure at 8:45 a.m. from <i>Centre jeunesse des Laurentides</i>
Information:
Daina Girard, ext 2206 |
| June 4 th | Northwaters - Deadline for applications
Information:
Daina Girard and Philip Segal, ext. 2206 |