



# NEWSLETTER

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## COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

Bringing warmth into young lives

BY MEL KENNAH - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On February 24, 2018 Moncton was one of 121 Canadian cities that participated in Coldest Night of the Year to raise money for those struggling with issues of homelessness. Moncton was able to punch above its weight class in two interesting ways. It placed sixth in the country raising well over \$109,000 competing against many larger communities. It also produced a juggernaut calling itself the Dream Team that captured second place in the country among over 3,000 teams, by raising over \$40,000.

A big thank you to the 372 walkers comprising 45 teams, 79 volunteers, 1202 donors, and our 22 sponsors including lead sponsors Tangerine and Rotary Club of Moncton West & Riverview. This was a supreme effort with funds raised going to support the work of Youth Impact Jeunesse Inc. and its programs of Transitional Housing and Youth QUEST Central. Because of your collective generous gifts of time, expertise and wealth many young citizens who benefit from these programs can breathe a little easier.

It is great to be a part of such a compassionate and energetic community. On behalf of the Board of Directors, our staff team and our youth please accept our sincerest gratitude for making a positive difference that is often life changing and, in some cases, lifesaving.

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## DONOR HIGHLIGHT

BY TRACY CORMIER

A special thank you to Jeff Vautour, General Manager and his team from Troy Life and Fire Safety for their participation in Coldest Night of the Year. Their dedication and enthusiasm

to support at risk youth in our community was evident that evening. Troy Life and Fire Safety has been supporting Youth Impact Jeunesse for an astonishing 8 years. This year, they

wanted to "use this event at work as a team building event. The spin off from supporting a great organization that helps at-risk youth and gives them a home and hope, is meaningful." The Troy Life and Fire team was the largest Moncton team with 30 members, and raised an amazing \$3,209, while ranking the 4th top team in Moncton. Not only did their sheer team size make them stand out but they created their own branded Coldest Night of the Year toques! Thank you Troy Life and Fire Safety!



**"YOUTH IMPACT IS THERE TO SUPPORT YOUTH AND HELP TO SEE THEM THROUGH DIFFERENT CHALLENGES, WHATEVER THEY MAY BE."**

**- JEFF VAUTOUR**

## VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

BY TRACY CORMIER

Volunteer involvement has a powerful impact on the programs and services Youth Impact Jeunesse offers to at-risk and homeless youth. Our volunteer program offers community minded individuals the opportunity to share skills, knowledge, and time in support of the work we do. Youth Impact Jeunesse could not exist without the invaluable contributions of many dedicated volunteers who devote their time and energy in supporting our efforts.

Jeremy Quiring has been volunteering with Youth Impact Jeunesse since January 2018. He provides counselling services to the youth at Youth QUEST Central through our community collaboration with Atlantic Wellness Community Centre. In addition,

Jeremy jumped on the opportunity to become further involved by volunteering at Coldest Night of the Year. He graciously accepted the role as a rest stop host at Youth QUEST Central, where he encouraged walkers while handing out food and water to over 300 participants. Jeremy is an instrumental volunteer who goes above and beyond and an absolute asset to Youth Impact Jeunesse and the youth we serve.



**“ I VOLUNTEER IN A COUNSELLING CAPACITY WITH ATLANTIC WELLNESS COMMUNITY CENTRE AT YOUTH QUEST CENTRAL. I REALLY ENJOY THE YOUTH WHO I AM ABLE TO TALK WITH IN THE OFFICE OR IN THE GENERAL AREA. THE STAFF ARE GREAT AS WELL AND HAVE A GOOD CONNECTION AND CARE FOR SOME DIFFICULT GROUPS THAT ARE IN DIRE CIRCUMSTANCES.”**

# WARM UP YOUR SPRING!

Donate to our Easter Giving Fundraising Drive

BY SUSANNIE TIEMPO



Easter is here!!

We are pumped with Easter nearing this weekend and for many reasons! Easter means winter is ending and spring is finally coming! We had such an odd winter even for New Brunswick and celebrating Easter is like seeing the light at the end of the very long and cold tunnel!

Another reason to be excited is that we are having our Easter Giving drive! We encourage everyone to share what they can with our youth. It can be anything you feel could help others who are struggling with their everyday living such as used clothes, food, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste, anything - no donation is considered too small! You can drop by at our Youth Quest Central location at 199 St. George Street with your donation and get a peek at our drop-in centre.

See you then and thank you for your support in helping at-risk youth succeed!



## YOUTH TESTIMONIAL

From: Nisha

I have been accessing Youth QUEST Central for the past three and a half years. During my time here, I participated in the Youth Works program and achieved many successes through the program and was hired by the Casino New Brunswick, where I did a job placement, after the completion of my program. From this program I learned how to better present myself, my self-esteem was developed which led to me having so much more confidence in myself and my abilities. I recommend Youth QUEST Central and all of its services to many people as it is a great experience.

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DONORS LIKE YOU MAKE STORIES LIKE THIS HAPPEN. THANK YOU. YOUR WARM HEARTS EMPOWER OTHERS. AND NOW WE ARE READY TO HELP MORE AT RISK YOUTH SUCCEED!

- Ashley Black, Program Manager Youth QUEST Central



### VOLUNTEER

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