



Newsletter

December 2019

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The Christmas season reminds us to be thankful for what we have, and it has a magical way of engaging us in the spirit of giving. At Youth Impact Jeunesse the Board, staff and youth want to express our heartfelt gratitude for the many donors who give of their time, wisdom and wealth throughout the year. Your gifts create opportunities for growth, stability and hope in young lives.

This fall a group of young people who were accessing Youth QUEST Central inquired about the level of community contribution necessary to make this multi-resource centre possible for youth who are struggling with homelessness. When they learned about the number of donors and the amount of giving associated with this centre, they were both surprised and at the same time inspired.

They were motivated to volunteer at a fundraising event to support the centre specifically because so many donors were so committed to helping them at such a significant level. It crystallized for them that they too had capacity to give and that they had to do their part.

Cultivating the spirit of generosity in our youth is perhaps the greatest gift we can give them

as they move forward in their life journey. As Sir Winston Churchill once observed: "We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give."

Well done and Merry Christmas.

Mel Kennah, Executive Director



YOUTH QUEST CENTRAL
POWERED BY YOUTH IMPACT

Holiday Open House

We are opening our doors to our donors, sponsors, volunteers, partners and the community.

You are invited to come learn more about our youth and the programs we offer.

Date: December 16, 2019
Time: 3pm - 5pm
Location: 199 St. George Street



For more information, check our website

youthimpact.org

OUR IMPACT: YOUTH QUEST IMPACT REPORT

2019 THIRD QUARTER IMPACT



YOUTH QUEST CENTRAL

a non-judgmental, safe multi-resource and drop-in centre that serves as a one-stop shop for youth who are struggling with degrees of homelessness.

100

UNIQUE YOUTH
SERVED

2,240

INDIVIDUAL
INTERVENTIONS

♂ **58** ♀ **42**



TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

a residence where a young person can stay while they rebuild their life and move it in a positive direction. They receive coaching and supervision to achieve program requirements and learn life skills and independence.

10

ACTIVE CLIENTS

♂ **4** ♀ **6**

4

SUCCESSFULLY
COMPLETED THE
PROGRAM



DRUG INTERVENTION PROGRAM

a voluntary program that provides youth who struggle with drug use and may have had, or are at high risk of coming into, conflict with the justice system with information, support and strategies that will assist them in alleviating their drug use and alter their criminal behaviour.

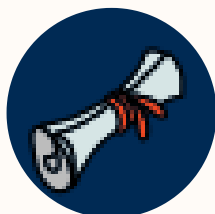
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ACTIVE CLIENTS

♂ **17** ♀ **13**

17

NEW
REFERRALS



IMPACT LEARNING CENTRE

an academic upgrading program for youth 18 to 24 years of age who have not experienced success in a typical classroom setting. Youth progress at their own pace, with the goal of successfully completing the General Education Development (GED) exam.

14

ACTIVE LEARNERS

♂ **8** ♀ **6**

6

WROTE GED

🏆 **1** ⚠️ **5** **

** learners who wrote sections and continue to work on completion

YOUTH HIRING EVENT

BY KIM BEERS



On October 29th Youth Impact Jeunesse and Opportunity For All Youth came together with Walmart Canada, Starbucks, and The Source to improve opportunities for vulnerable youth by setting a collective goal of providing meaningful employment and job training.

At the event 18 youth successfully gained employment.

Opportunity For All Youth is a national employer-led coalition focused on getting NEET youth (not in education, employment, or training) into jobs.

Upcoming Event: Coldest Night of the Year 2020

BY KIM BEERS



A little walk for a big problem!

We are excited for another year of toques, mitts, boots, and most importantly: you and your friends walking in 130+ locations across Canada.

Walk with us this February 22, 2019 and join the rest of our community in our fight towards ending youth homelessness.

The event will be held at the Moncton Lion's Club (55 Mark Ave.). Registration will start at 4PM and the route will close at 8PM.

Hot meal and snacks will be served!

To Learn more about participating as a team captain, walker or volunteer, visit: www.cnoy.org/moncton

Donate \$2.00 and help give local youth housing and hope

The Home Depot Canada Foundation is dedicated to taking action to prevent and put an end to youth homelessness in Canada through The **Orange Door** Project fundraising campaign.

Between December 3 and December 22, donate \$2 at the checkout at the Moncton or Saint John Home Depot store. You can also make a secure, online donation at orangedoorproject.ca and give homeless young people in your community the housing, support, and hope they need to live safe, healthy and productive lives.

The Home Depot store in Moncton and Saint John has selected Youth Impact Jeunesse to be the charitable recipient of all proceeds they raise throughout the campaign.

100% of funds raised will benefit Youth Impact Jeunesse.

One Door Can Change Everything!

To learn more visit www.orangedoorproject.ca



2020 NBCC/McCain Street Food Competition



February 24 – 28, 2020
1:30 am to 1:00 pm daily

A fun-filled week of excitement and culinary surprises as teams of students create simulated food trucks in NBCC's kitchens to serve as many hungry patrons as possible. Portions of the profits will go towards Mother Hubbard's (student food bank), student service trips, and Youth Impact Jeunesse.

Note: This is a cash-only event.

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT: 360INSIGHTS AND TANGERINE

BY KIM BEERS

It is all about people helping people



All of us at Youth Impact Jeunesse want to thank two fantastic groups of volunteers from Tangerine and 360insights. These two groups have volunteered 253 hours helping us with cleaning, organizing, painting, gardening, baking and cooking.

They spent their time both at Youth QUEST Central building and Transitional Housing.

From all of us at Youth Impact Jeunesse, THANK YOU!

YOUTH STORY: DRUG INTERVENTION PROGRAM

BY JONATHAN THIBODEAU

While in the midst of dealing with the grief of his mother's passing and the loss of his father's presences in his life, Darcy turned to drugs to numb the pain. By age 15, Darcy's drug use was having a detrimental effect in all areas of his life. Darcy became verbally aggressive towards his grandmother (whom he lived with), was in an abusive relationship, started missing a lot of school and got into legal trouble.

Darcy was referred to the Drug Intervention Program by his Probation Officer. After 78 weeks in the program, Darcy learned how to handle life without drugs. He is now associating with positive and law-abiding peers, joined a basketball league, obtained employment, began repairing family relationships, left the abusive relationship and learned to talk about and cope with issues in his life.

Darcy's self esteem grows everyday and he is excited about moving forward into a new life.

RIDE FOR REFUGE

A HUGE Thank You to all our Sponsors, the 23 team captains, 104 participants, 208 donors, and 54 volunteers. You ALL made Ride for Refuge 2019 a success! We have raised more than \$29,000 and this is all thanks to your tireless effort and dedication to at-risk and homeless youth.

See you all again in 2020!!



VOLUNTEER

touch a life and make
an impact



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your contribution will
change a future



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mission and work

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