



Newsletter

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On February 22, 2020 Moncton was one of 144 Canadian cities that participated in the Coldest Night of the Year and placed sixth in the country raising more than \$110,000.

This is the 7th year Youth Impact Jeunesse has been hosting the event, raising money for youth struggling with issues of homelessness.



A big thank you to the 354 walkers, 88 volunteers, 24 sponsors including our lead sponsors Ermen Plumbing and Heating and Rotary Club of Moncton West and Riverview, and over 1,018 donors.

The funds raised go directly to support solutions in young lives at Youth QUEST Central and Transitional Housing Program.



The Board of Directors, staff and youth thank you from the bottom of our hearts for helping make a positive difference in the lives of youth in our community.



OUR IMPACT: YOUTH QUEST IMPACT REPORT

2020 FIRST 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.

99

UNIQUE YOUTH
SERVED

1,319

INDIVIDUAL
INTERVENTIONS

♂ **62** ♀ **37**



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

♂ **6** ♀ **4**

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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.

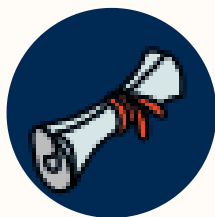
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ACTIVE CLIENTS

♂ **18** ♀ **13**

10

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.

13

ACTIVE LEARNERS

♂ **7** ♀ **6**

3

WROTE GED

🏆 **1** ⚠️ **2** **

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

YOUTH STORY: STEPHANIE

"I had a difficult childhood, I was bullied in school, my mother and I were not close, I always felt like a bother to her. Sadly in 2006, my dad died of cancer and things got even worse between my mom and me. My mom started drinking heavily and abusing prescription medication. As soon as I turned 14, I got a job to help pay the bills. But I couldn't manage working, going to school, taking care of the house, and taking care of my mom. I felt tired and angry and my mental health started deteriorating. My depression got worse and I started abusing substances and quit school.

One night in January 2019 I took an excessive amount of medication and ended up in hospital for a month. After my recovery I realized something needed to change and it was me. I started to look for a job and soon realized I needed to get my grade 12 to get a good job.

I was told about Youth QUEST Central and enrolled in their GED program in March of last year. I had no idea about Youth Quest Central before coming here. While learning about everything they do for youth – Thursday suppers, fun activities, group therapy sessions, clothing, showers, computer, help you get a job – I started using more of their services.



One of the biggest things that I was most amazed about was my experience at Christmas time. Although, I have never enjoyed this holiday, I attended the Christmas Party at Youth QUEST Central. I had no idea that it was going to be so special. I have never felt like a kid should feel on Christmas morning, the gifts, the food, the games and the atmosphere felt what Christmas should feel like. Last Christmas at Youth QUEST Central I felt loved, cared about and felt like I was part of a family. There was no drama, everyone just enjoyed their day. I was so surprised and felt like I didn't deserve everything that was given to me.

I have been accessing services at Youth Impact since March 2019 and one of my goals has been to improve my education and job opportunities. I just want to share with you guys that by the end of March, I will be a GED graduate! Thank you again."

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Picture this

Join us at Youth QUEST Central every Thursday at 5 pm as for our youth-lead photography workshop hosted by Julien. Learn everything from camera terminology, functions, lighting, composition and more. There will also be local walkabouts and day trips to practice your photography.



Learn to Play

Join us every Wednesday at 5 pm as our youth volunteers Kelsey and Luna present an informal music workshop offering assistance in learning piano, guitar, singing, recording and more!!

Made possible with funding from 'Taking it Global / #risingyouth' and the hard work of our very own youth volunteers!



VOLUNTEER

touch a life and make an impact



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