

# Newsletter

## December 2020



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Season's Greetings Everyone,

2020 will be a year etched in our memories for the rest of our lives because of the pandemic. Although we took an elevator ride down in March, we are taking an escalator back up as we work our way through this situation. During these troubling times some of the risk factors faced by young people became more amplified. Anxiety and depression proliferated, family and social support systems were compromised, education and employment opportunities were interrupted and required pivoting, and the predictable routines of life became precarious.

The services provided at Youth Impact have always been classified as essential services. The importance of these services has become even more pronounced since COVID-19 took hold. The solutions for young people made possible by our generous community partners shone even brighter when many other lights were out. The Drug Intervention Program, Transitional Housing, and Youth QUEST Central all depend on the generosity and collaboration of our donors. Your continued confidence and support for these programs, and for the youth who gain relief and direction from them, are precious gifts that have a positive ripple effect over time.

Thank you for believing in these youth and providing opportunities and support for them that would not be possible without the strength of your conviction and generous spirit. The Board of Directors, staff and young people at Youth Impact Jeunesse Inc. wish you and your families a joyous and safe holiday season.

With gratitude,

Executive Director



# YOUTH QUEST IMPACT REPORT

## 2020 FOURTH 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.

**101**

UNIQUE YOUTH SERVED

**816**

INDIVIDUAL INTERVENTIONS

♂ **62** ♀ **33** ♀♂ **6**

### 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.

**11**

ACTIVE CLIENTS

**3**

SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE PROGRAM

♂ **6** ♀ **5**

### 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.

**27**

ACTIVE CLIENTS

**12**

NEW REFERRALS

♂ **17** ♀ **10**

### 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.

**7**

ACTIVE LEARNERS

**2**

WROTE GED

♂ **3** ♀ **4** **2** **2** \*\*

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

# Events: The Orange Door Project

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

We've partnered with The Home Depot Canada Foundation this holiday season to raise funds for homeless and vulnerable youth in our own community.

The Orange Door Project fundraising campaign is taking place between December 1 and December 20! To make a secure, online donation head over to [orangedoorproject.ca](http://orangedoorproject.ca) or make a \$2 donation at the checkout of the Moncton Home Depot store and give homeless youth in your community the housing, support, and hope they need to live safe, healthy and productive lives.

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

Click [here](#) to learn more about The Home Depot Canada Foundation and donate today!



## The Coldest Night of the Year 2021

The Coldest Night of the Year is a COVID-19 safe, family-friendly walk to raise money for charities serving people experiencing homelessness, hurt, and hunger. Walk virtually or in-person on Feb. 20, 2021 - there's a place for everyone!

Things will be a little different this year to keep everyone safe and make the event a success. Here are the highlights:

- This year, participants can choose how they'd like to walk and fundraise:
  - In-person: We will be hosting a 100% outdoor event where we can come together to walk as a socially distant group on 2 km or 5 km routes. Brave the cold and safely celebrate your achievements together (COVID-19 permitting)!
  - Virtually: Participants can choose to walk anytime in February on their own routes close to home.
- No Registration Fee!
- Scheduled Walk Times: Walkers at in-person event will now be able to schedule their walk times! You'll receive an email with a link to schedule your walk time mid-February.

To Learn more about participating as a team captain, walker or volunteer, visit: [www.cnoy.org/moncton](http://www.cnoy.org/moncton) or call Kim Beers at 869-6338.

**feb. 20, 2021**  
**it's cold out there**

walk with us! #cnoy21  
 The Coldest Night of the Year is a covid-safe, family-friendly walk to raise money for charities serving people experiencing homelessness, hurt, and hunger. Walk virtually or in-person - there's a place for everyone!

coldest night OF THE YEAR

walk / donate / volunteer / share / [cnoy.org](http://cnoy.org)

# Christmas at Youth QUEST Central

COVID-19 has certainly had an impact at Youth QUEST Central. We have continued serving youth but have been forced to modify service delivery since March to ensure the youth continue to receive the support and services, they require to reach their full potential.

As we all know, COVID-19 is not taking any vacation time over the holidays! This year, Christmas will look a lot different for you and for us at Youth QUEST Central.

We will not be able to have a large gathering of youth, staff, volunteers, and community partners to eat, laugh, share, and give. Instead, we will be offering both eat-in and take-out options in 30-minute intervals. We will have a yummy turkey dinner with all the fixings, dessert, music, presents and hoping for a virtual visit from Santa!

Our elves (staff) are busy putting 75 gift bags together for the youth. We are in need of new items and necessities to make this holiday season a little brighter. We are also looking for 75 pre-packaged holiday sweets. Unfortunately, we cannot accept homemade sweets this year due to COVID-19.

Please contact 506.869.6355 for a list of needed items.

**When: December 17, 2020**

**Where: Youth QUEST Central**

**Time: 3:00 – 8:00 pm**

If you are or know anyone between the ages of 16-24, who is in need of a full belly and some holiday cheer, please contact 506.869.6355 to join our Holiday Celebration!

october 3, 2020



what moves you?



Although Ride for Refuge 2020 looked a lot different this year due to COVID-19 we are happy to report it was great a success!

On October 3rd, Covid-19 did not stop participants to gather virtually and raise over \$18,000. Participants chose to walk, hike, bike, and one team held a washer toss tournament all to support Youth QUEST Central.

Youth QUEST Central is a multi resource and drop-in centre for at-risk and homeless youth in our community. Thank you to the 13 teams, 57 participants, 142 donors, and 14 sponsors.

## New Projects Highlights



### The Butterflyway Project

Youth Impact Jeunesse is happy to partner with the David Suzuki Foundation - Butterflyway project. The goal of the Butterflyway Project is to plant flowers in communities that will grow in the spring that will support the growth and development of the monarch butterfly. Flowers planted in the fall will grow and support growth and pollination in the spring. On November 5th, Youth QUEST Central staff and youth helped to plant the first Butterflyway in Moncton.



Youth Impact Jeunesse in partnership with the Jays Care Foundation launched "Road to the Show" programming across the agency with 110 youth participating. This program is designed to engage youth in fun activities and challenges that help them develop self-confidence and leadership skills. The challenges include a combination of personal reflection, goal-setting, confidence-building, coping skills, physical fitness, and collaboration activities. Youth who complete challenges earn points that can lead to various incentives throughout the program.



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