



Newsletter

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Season's Greetings Everyone,

As we approach the end of 2021, it is a good time to take stock of our circumstances and our choices in these troubling times of pandemic, rising costs, and extreme conditions being brought on by climate change. As I think back on this past year, I realize that young people accessing services at Youth Impact have had increased challenges of their own, including elevations in anxiety and depression, limited access to some of their support systems, and ever-increasing uncertainty about their futures.

In these changing times, I am so grateful for the donors to Youth Impact who have embraced the opportunity to help level the playing field for these young people by continuing their financial donations and in-kind support. As there are no shortage of good causes to choose from, I am humbled that our donors have been a steady and stabilizing force in young lives. The generosity and compassion of our donors has ensured that the agency's services of Youth QUEST Central, Transitional Housing, and Drug Intervention have continued to make a difference in the quality of life in our community. Our donors more than give to us, they give through us.

Thank you for being an agent of change in our society and for your continued confidence in Youth Impact. On behalf of the youth, employees, and Board of Directors, I wish you a happy holiday season and great prosperity in the new year of 2022.

With gratitude,

Mel Kennah
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.

93

UNIQUE YOUTH SERVED

664

INDIVIDUAL INTERVENTIONS

♂ **53** ♀ **31** ♂♀ **9**



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.

6

ACTIVE CLIENTS

2

SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE PROGRAM

♂ **6** ♀ **6**



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.

22

ACTIVE CLIENTS

14

NEW REFERRALS

♂ **14** ♀ **6** ♂♀ **2**



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

4

WROTE GED

♂ **3** ♀ **4**

4*

* learners who wrote sections and continue to work on completion

HELPING HANDS NEEDED

As we head into the Holiday Season, we are looking for community support to help make this time of year a little brighter for the youth we serve. Our elves (staff and volunteers) are busy making 75 gift bags for the youth who access Youth QUEST Central, Transitional Housing and the Drug Intervention Program.

We are in need of new items and necessities and pre-packaged holiday sweets and cookies to fill these bags. View our Holiday Wish List at:

- [Youth Impact Website](#)
- [Amazon Wish List](#)
- Call: 506-869-6338

Help us make this a magical Holiday Season for our youth!

Holiday Celebration at Youth QUEST Central

You're Invited

If you are or know anyone between the ages of 16-24, who is in need of a full belly and some holiday cheer, join our Holiday Celebration! We will have a yummy turkey dinner with all the fixings, dessert, music, presents and hoping for a visit from Santa!

When: December 23, 2020
Where: Youth QUEST Central
Time: 3:00 - 8:00 pm



RIDE FOR REFUGE

Thank you to all our participants, sponsors and donors for making Ride for Refuge 2021 a resounding success! We are pleased to share that over \$15,700 was raised in support of Youth QUEST Central.



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The Spirit of Giving: Tracy Lapointe



I never realized how devastating the holidays could be for some, until I spent my first one working at Youth QUEST Central. Not everyone has “family” gathered around them, gifts under a tree, and a warm meal at a table. This is exactly the reason that Youth QUEST Central staff try so very hard to make the holidays special for their youth. I will never quite be able to describe that feeling of seeing John* break down crying because someone cared enough to get him his very own socks, underwear, and soap for Christmas. Or the excitement on Andy’s* face when he proclaims that

he has just eaten the best meal ever, after eating a home cooked turkey dinner, provided by one of our volunteers. There is something special about watching someone unwrap a five-dollar coffee card and feel like they have just won the lottery. I store those smiles and those tears of joy deep in my memory because I know we’ve just given someone the best Christmas of their lives. It would not be possible without our dedicated donors who help provide these gifts and meals to our centre.

Coldest Night of the Year 2022

**JOIN US!
SIGN UP TODAY!**



On February 26, 2022, Moncton has something to celebrate! That is the night folks will join others in over 150 locations across Canada in the Coldest Night of the Year, a 2 or 5 km winter walk to support people experiencing hunger, hurt, and homelessness. In Moncton, we are planning a safe COVID-friendly in-person event with virtual options and all the proceeds will go to Youth QUEST Central and Transitional Housing.

To learn more, donate, or sign up to be a team captain, walker, or volunteer, please go to

cnoy.org/moncton



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