

It is with heartfelt sorrow that we remember and celebrate the life and contributions of Monique Couture-Belliveau.

Monique was a kind and caring individual that valued life and sincerely cared about others. Whether you were a youth in care, family, friend, a member of her team, a coworker or colleague, Monique always took a genuine interest in those around her. She recognized the best in people, their potential and their contributions. If you were having a bad day, she was there to help and provide support. Monique took great pride and joy in putting a smile on the faces of others and had a laugh that we will never forget. When something needed doing, she would often be the first person to volunteer her support and time. She enjoyed learning and loved seeing others learn.

She was a dedicated team player and valued leader of the agency who believed in the work of helping others succeed.

Monique was a thirty-year employee of Youth Impact Jeunesse (formally Moncton Youth Residences). Her passion, genuine caring, and presence will be missed and have a lasting impact on us all.

Her career/journey started with the agency on June 29, 1994. Over the next ten years, Monique worked in several short-term grant programs that the agency ran. Her first position was as a relief worker with the Family Preservation Program.

On May 07, 1998, she became a part-time Youth Care Worker (YCW) at the Resource Center with Intensive Rehabilitation Services.

On September 13, 1999, she assumed a full-time term position in the Job Readiness Program.

On February 14, 2000, she became a full-time worker with the Intensive Support Program.

On November 20, 2001, she took over the full-time role at Strong Families Strong Children.

On April 22, 2002, Monique received her designation of YCW II while working with the Strong Family Strong Children Program.

On November 21, 2002, she was the successful candidate for the full-time Team Leader position with the Job Readiness Program.

On November 10, 2003, she became the permanent YCW for Transitional Housing.

On March 24, 2004, Monique became the Coordinator, now Program Manager, for Anne Street Home, which was relocated to Augusta Home. She continued as Program Manager for the last twenty years. As the Manager of this program, the staff and youth have benefitted from her care and mentoring.

Highlights over her career have been numerous. She has sat on and chaired many committees and work groups. She was always volunteering for special projects and fundraising efforts by the agency. She volunteered for Raising the Roof, Ride for Refuge, and Coldest Night of the Year, which are annual fundraising events for the agency.

Monique was a lifelong learner. She rose to challenges and took every opportunity to enrich her skills, knowledge, and involvement in areas that she was passionate about.

In July 2007 she obtained her Level III designation. Although she was already a manager, she felt strongly about working through the Level System to be able to mentor her staff in their journey.

In 2007 she also took on the challenge of becoming a Non-Violent Crisis Prevention Intervention Trainer. She enjoyed teaching and this gave her the opportunity to assist employees in learning and perfecting these skills.

In 2010 Monique received the Board of Directors' Award and took pride in this accomplishment and recognition from her peers.

In 2018 Monique sat on the Best Practices Committee. Trauma Informed Care was a focus of this group. She contributed to the development of the training program. In 2021 she became an agency trainer and has delivered the program to many agency programs. The training package developed is being used within other agencies in New Brunswick. She was a strong advocator for using Trauma Informed Practices with our youth.

On May 25, 2020, Monique completed the Effective Personal Productivity Program. She completed the second LMI course Effective Personal Leadership on September 05, 2024. She was especially proud of completing these leadership development courses as she was always determined to do her best.

In 2023 Monique's career came full circle with the agency starting a new Family Preservation Program. Monique took on the role of overseeing the program in addition to her Program Manager responsibilities at Augusta Home. Working with families was a passion for Monique which she enjoyed at the beginning of her career and again thirty years later, having an impact on the lives of the families who sought the program's support.

These highlights only seem to touch the surface of the deep and expansive contributions and achievements of Monique. With her passing a great light that has been a beacon for many has gone out. Her creativity and special notes of kindness and appreciation that she bestowed upon others will be cherished memories. We will miss you Monique and feel privileged to have shared so much time with you at Youth Impact.

