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COLDEST NIGHT 2019: SHARING THE WARMTH

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BEING PART OF COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR AND SEEING THE COMMUNITY COME TOGETHER IS HEARTWARMING, TOGETHER WE HAVE IMPACTED THE LIVES OF SOME OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE YOUTH IN A MEANINGFUL WAY.



Youth Impact Jeunesse hosted Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) for the 6th year in Moncton on February 23, 2019. This event is done in partnership with our national partner Blue Sea Foundation. The walk happened in 133 cities across the country with over 21,000 walkers. Citizens of Greater Moncton came together to support at-risk and homeless youth in our community, taking it to the next level with over 363 walkers, 84 volunteers, and over 1,387 donors.

The generosity of our donors, sponsors and supporters, both for CNOY and our entire fundraising efforts helps reduce risk factors such as addictions, precarious living situations, and educational break downs, that are barriers to healthy progress. Your support increases skills development, provides stabilized housing, and furthers education and employment opportunities.

We are delighted to share that over \$124,278 was raised! The funds raised from CNOY support solutions for young lives accessing services at Youth QUEST Central and Transitional Housing.

The Board of Directors, staff and youth thank you from the bottom of our hearts for helping to make these solutions possible in the lives of at-risk and homeless youth in our community.

OUR IMPACT:

FOURTH QUARTER*

(*Reporting Period: Dec 16- March 13, 2019)



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.

147

UNIQUE YOUTH SERVED

♂ 75 ♀ 68 ♀ 4

196

INDIVIDUAL INTERVENTIONS*

1,298

TOTAL SERVICES ACCESSED**



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

CLIENTS SERVED

♂ 6 ♀ 5

1

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. Youth receive information, support and strategies that will assist them in alleviating their drug use and alter their criminal behaviour.

28

ACTIVE CLIENTS

12

NEW REFERRALS

♂ 9 ♀ 3



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.

9

TOTAL LEARNERS

♂ 4 ♀ 5

6

WROTE GED EXAM

🟢 3*** ⚠️ 1

Through QUEST Case Management *Basic Services, Hygiene, Recreational, Extra *2 learners are waiting for results

Volunteer Highlight: UNB Nursing Students - Moncton Campus



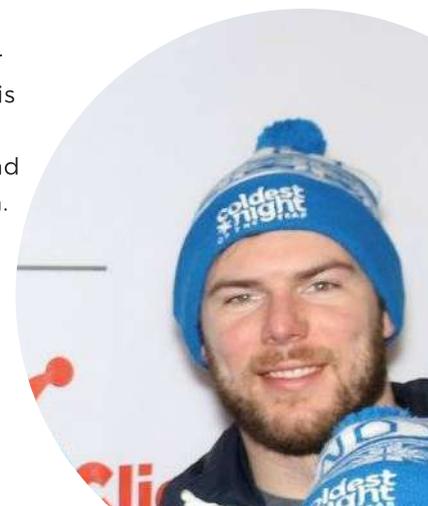
Interview with Eric Plant who spearheaded the volunteer initiatives of the UNB - Nursing Students in Moncton for Youth Impact Jeunesse:

Why do you support Coldest Night of the Year?

We chose to support the Coldest Night of the Year and Youth Impact Jeunesse because our class has a lot of compassion for those without secure housing. As nurses we realize that this population is one of the least healthy and most vulnerable in our society. Many of our classmates have had the privilege to meet the youth who frequent Youth QUEST Central and recognize that it is a special place which has a unique role in helping the youth of Moncton.

What value / impact to you see that your support is generating to the community?

Our class has seen that Youth QUEST Central provides a number of services not provided by other organizations to fill in the gaps. The sense of community and hospitality offered by Youth QUEST Central is unique to the city of Moncton and lacking in other parts of the province. We believe that Youth Impact is an important community member and that it helps at risk youth in Moncton in a way that other organizations cannot.



Donor Highlight Ermen Plumbing & Heating Team



This year we welcomed **Ermen Plumbing & Heating** as one of our Lead Sponsors for our Coldest Night of the Year event. Dawn, Derek and the whole Ermen Plumbing & Heating team are passionate about advocating for at-risk and homeless youth in our community. They brought positivity, support and encouragement to our walkers the evening of the event and we are proud to be supported by such a compassionate group. Thank you for all that you do and continue to do for the youth in our community.

“ COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR IS A NEAR AND DEAR EVENT FOR US. LIKE THEY SAY, IT TAKES A VILLAGE AND WE WANT TO BE A PART OF THAT VILLAGE!

- DEREK ERMEN



OUR WHY'S: DENISE CASSIE

“ *One of the biggest challenges with this job is being able to see the potential in a youth, but he/she does not see it. At the same time, being able to witness clients realizing their potential and watching them evolve into the amazing individuals they were always meant to be and knowing that you are part of their journey is the most satisfying part of what I do, and that is why I am here.* ”



Denise has been with Youth Impact Jeunesse since 2007. She is currently a senior staff member at the Transitional Housing Program where she coaches and supports youth to achieve their goals and succeed. Denise has been a force in supporting Coldest Night the Year since the agency started hosting the event. She goes the extra mile in ensuring we recruit teams, walkers, and volunteers for the fundraiser. Denise has hosted the rest stop for several years and helped our walkers relax and take a break from the cold as they do the walk.

UPCOMING EVENTS:



HEALTH FAIR

Join our UNB students on March 19 for the second part of their health fair. There will be presentations about Physical Health. Just by attending, you could earn yourself a prize.



EASTER GIVING

We will be having our annual Easter Giving drive. Please visit our website for the Youth QUEST Central Wish List and Urgently Needed Items that our youth are in need of.



TACO TALK

Youth are welcome to come join us on the first Thursday of every month with our friends from Atlantic Wellness at Youth QUEST Central for taco's and conversation between 4-6 pm.



AGM 2019

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on June 21, 2019 at Lions Club Moncton. Everyone is invited to join and interact with our staff and board members.



VOLUNTEER

touch a life and make an impact



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your contribution will change a future



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