

# Heroes' Memorial's Choir brings joy to a residence in Cowansville

By Louise Smith

On Monday, December 17th, the Heroes' Memorial Choir, under the direction of Laura Barr, walked up to the Residence on the corner of rue Sud and rue Principale, opposite the Bank of Montreal. The choir delivered a forty-five minute concert of Christmas rock and roll, blues, and traditional Christmas tunes. The residents enjoyed every minute of the performance, tapping their feet, and clapping their hands.

In the last part of the concert the residents joined in to sing along with the choir in tunes that they knew. Laura handed out sets of jingle bells and the room was full of ringing bells and singing voices for a hearty rendition of "Jingle Bells" in both English and French.

Before leaving, the choir members each received a small goody bag, and an enthusiastic send off from the staff and residents. Christmas smiles were on all the faces, both young and old. The Christmas Spirit was very evident both during the concert and afterwards.



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Under the direction of Laura Barr, the Heroes' Memorial Choir brought joy to the residents of a senior home in Cowansville.

# Where is cut-out Justin these days?

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Mable Hastings, Executive Director of the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) in Potton, has been campaigning in recent months to bring Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to Potton.

Since the PM has said that he is interested in empowering youth and recognizing the contribution of young hearts and minds, Hastings believes a trip to the area would be enlightening for Trudeau.

"It's not what the Prime Minister of Canada can do for Potton but what the youth of Potton can do for our Prime Minister," she explained, in a recent plea published in The Record, hoping it would reach Trudeau.

In the meantime, Hastings has continued on with her campaign. She recently demonstrated all the wonderful parts of Potton the PM could enjoy by bringing a life-sized cut-out of Justin on a tour of the town.


"Connecting with a small group of youth who are being raised in a rural border town and hearing their words, sharing their stories, receiving their smiles and posing for photos with these beautiful youngsters will bring any



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human let alone a youth celebrating Prime Minister, the perfect boost to go back to Ottawa with faith that our Country is in good hands for many years to come," Hastings wrote, in her July call out to the PM.

While waiting, Hastings will continue her tour with cut-out Justin.



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