

Rockin' Fundraiser for Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre youth programs



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The Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), Former Youth Involvement (FYI) as well as Drop-in group youth and volunteers came together on Saturday, November 17 from noon to 4pm for the Annual Rock-a-thon Fundraiser held at the Youth Centre. 13 rockers including pint sized Quinn Barnett Salama rocked the afternoon away to raise funds for the youth programs and SADD.

The group had lunch together while rocking with delicious sandwiches, desserts and juice provided by parents and friends; a treat for all taking part. Games were planned for the entire four

hours of rocking and included a fiercely competitive "Win, Lose or Draw" as well as a Christmas themed, "Name that tune." By three o'clock, one SADD member remarked:

"I can't believe we have been rocking for three hours, it seems like we just started!"

Everyone rocking was given the opportunity to write their guess as to how much was raised by the 13 rockers plus the efforts of three members who got donations to encourage the fundraiser but who were not able to rock. The guesses were made in secret with the closest receiving extra tickets for the many door prizes drawn at the end of the event.

Although a few donations are yet to be collected, once everything comes in, the event will have raised over \$2600.00 thanks to the kindness of donors in the community and far beyond. Wow! The generosity displayed by those who contributed and the enthusiasm of those who rocked made this annual event another huge success. While all who raised did a fantastic job, of note were the two top fundraisers, Kate Eldridge (SADD member) who raised \$350.00 and volunteer, June Peacock who raised \$1000.00!

The SADD, FYI and Drop-in youth send out a resounding thank you to all



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who donated, rocked and to those who provided the lunch as well as to Julia Hastings who volunteered her time helping throughout the day. The groups plan to "ROCK ON" and extend an invitation to all to stop by the Centre and visit (282 Principale in Mansonville).

The next event will be a Jewellery,

Purse, Scarf and miscellaneous Sale that will be held just in time for Christmas on Saturday, December 8 from 8:30am to 2:00pm at the Youth Centre. If you have any jewellery, purses, scarves, dvds...to donate, email: m.hastings@cabmn.org

Local group marks Toddlers Week

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As part of the Great Toddlers Week (GSTP), which is in its third edition from November 18 to 24, the Estrie Project Partners for Educational Success (Projet PRÉE) is inviting Townshippers to unite their voices on behalf of the 20,000 toddlers in the Eastern Townships to make early childhood a real social priority. The GSTP is the perfect time to reflect collectively on the living conditions of children aged 0 to 5 and what we can do to help them achieve their full potential. In Quebec and the Eastern Townships, the majority of toddlers are doing well and live in an environment conducive to their development. Nevertheless, many do not start their schooling with the same chance as others. Fortunately, solutions exist to support toddlers and their families. By acting early, we will be able to ensure that each of these small citizens gets the best start possible.

Vulnerable children entering kindergarten

On October 18, the Quebec Institute of Statistics published the second edition of its Quebec Survey of Children's Development in Kindergarten, revealing that in Quebec, just over one in four kindergarten children is vulnerable in at least one of the five developmental domains. A figure that continues to climb.

In the Eastern Townships, the proportion of children vulnerable in at least one area of development has also increased, from 26.8 per cent in 2012 to 29.4 per cent in 2017. It is clear that these results are comparable to the Quebec average, which is also up since the first edition of the Survey. Note that boys and children from disadvantaged backgrounds are more subject to this vulnerability.

"The situation is worrying. The learn-

ing and experiences of the child shape their overall development and greatly influence their educational success," said Project Coordinator Josianne Bergeron. "It is important to act collectively, to work in consultation and complementarity so that all children can develop their full potential and be able to integrate the school environment in the best possible conditions. Our little ones are our future. By acting early, we give them every opportunity to become educated, accomplished and engaged citizens."

Activities and initiatives that help you grow

Several organizations and public libraries in Estrie suggest games, arts and reading activities to help fill developmental gaps, which can be viewed at touspourlestoutpetits.com As part of its 2017-2020 Regional Action Plan for the enhancement of reading, Projet PRÉE supports the various territories in the implementation of initiatives to promote awakening and generate interest for reading among 0-5 year olds. This led to initiatives such as Sharing Reading, a project set up by the Maison des Familiales in the MRC des Sources. During the past year, sponsorship activities in language development such as Mother Goose, have been proposed to help children have a variety of literary experiences with meaningful role models. As part of the Mother Goose project, 25 parent-child games were animated in English to stimulate the language of the 0-3 age group. The program Lire et faire lire, meanwhile, has enabled 82 children aged 4 and 5 from the MRC des Sources to benefit from special moments of reading with elderly volunteer readers. The activities are based on pleasure and allowing children to develop their phonological awareness, as well as their social and interactive skills.

WE NEED A HELPING HAND THIS HOLIDAY!

ALEXANDER GALT CHRISTMAS BASKET CAMPAIGN 2018



The AGRHS Christmas basket campaign has been a long-standing tradition in the community. Over the years we have been fortunate in being able to rely on several partners and community members to help us fill the baskets with some staples and all the trimmings of a holiday meal. Thanks to great success last year, this holiday

season we will continue to focus on raising funds rather than food items (any such donations will be taken to the local food bank), baskets will be created from the funds received.

With the help of our local partner Lennoxville's Provigo Robert Lafond, we are able to create baskets filled with daily necessities, holiday essentials and fresh produce. Your overwhelming support has allowed us to move forward to better answer the needs of the community and we thank you.

The baskets will benefit families from Alexander Galt Regional High School sector (elementary and high school).

We hope we can continue to rely on your support, as it remains very important for the success of our Christmas basket campaign.

Please, make cheques payable to (tax receipts for donations of \$10 and over will be issued):

AGRHS Christmas Basket Campaign

and mail to: **AGRHS, P.O. Box 5002, 1700 rue College, J1M 1Z9**

Thank you for your generosity!