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April 1st, 2015



Batshaw Centres Foundation's fabulous and important fundraising tradition continues with its 5th **Cocktail Challenge** to be held on the evening of **April 1st, 2015 at Parisian Laundry**, featuring as always some of Montreal's best mixologists. The MAD MEN inspired event will give a very special flavour to this year's fundraising event!

Tickets will be on sale in February. Visit our website for more details, and find out how you can become a sponsor.

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VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE

We are delighted to announce our new website at: www.batshawfoundation.ca. It will provide all the information you need to know about the important role that the Foundation plays to support clients of Batshaw Centres. ENJOY!



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Karma Hallward

By now you have most probably read a lot in the press about Bill 10. It is a proposed legislation that will have a profound effect on the health care and youth protection systems across the province of Quebec. This bill will have an impact on Batshaw Youth and Family Centres in term of its structure and governance, but will not affect services to clients. The children and families currently under Batshaw Centres' care will continue to be served. I invite you to

read Michael Udy's article on the subject for an in-depth review of the matter.

It appears that all Foundations, associated with health care institutions and youth-in-care, will not be affected by the changes mandated by the government.

Though it is an uncertain time for the Batshaw Centres, the Foundation will continue its mission to raise funds through initiatives which include our Annual Giving Campaign (December 2014), Annual Cocktail evening (April 2015) and Foundation and Corporate donations. Your loyal support is critical at this time of transition to ensure that the children, youth and their families who need our help do not suffer under this new legislation.

THANK YOU

Linda W. LeMoyné, Director of Development, Batshaw Centres Foundation

This past holiday season Batshaw Centres once again received an outpouring of support and generosity for the Holiday Gift Campaign. Through the help of many individuals and companies, 750 gifts were distributed to children serviced through Batshaw Centres. This level of dedication and kindness from these donors made this holiday season a brighter one for hundreds of children and families across the island of Montreal. We would like to thank the following companies for their generosity:

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Special thanks to **Meldrum the Mover Inc.** for supplying a truck to move all the holiday gifts and to **IKEA** for all the holiday wrapping paper.



Thank you to all of our loyal supporters of the **Annual Giving letter writing campaign** and **GivingTuesday** campaign. Your commitment and generosity will have a great impact on **paving the way for brighter futures** for hundreds of at-risk children on the island of Montreal this coming year.

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO DONATE. HERE ARE THREE EASY WAYS!

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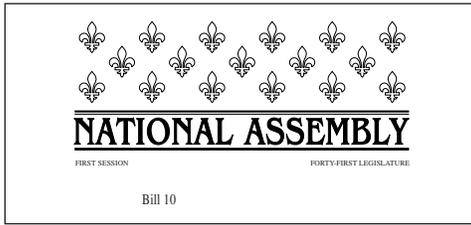


2) **By phone:** 514-989-1885 extension 1164

3) **By mail:** Batshaw Centres Foundation
5, Weredale Park, Westmount
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BILL 10

Michael Udy, Executive Director, Batshaw Centres Foundation



Foundation supporters will have seen information in the media concerning Bill 10. It is a proposed ensemble of changes to the Health and Social Service Act being studied by the National Assembly. It proposes a major reorganization of the institutions in the health and social service network, and of their governance.

In summary, it abolishes the Agencies, a planning and coordination body in each region. Second, it creates a single institution in each region to plan and manage the delivery of all health and social services in the region. It will be called a *Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux* (CISSS or Regional Integrated Health and Social Service Centres). Some of the responsibilities of the former Agencies will also be assumed by the CISSS. The Ministry will assume the other Agency responsibilities.

On the island of Montreal, because of the size of the population, demographics, and the number of institutions, there will be five CISSSs, one in the west island, a second in the center, a third in the southeast, the fourth in

the north, and the fifth in the east island. The CISSS in the southeast will assume some of the responsibilities of the former Agency.

There will be a total of 21 CISSSs in the 15 regions of the province. In addition there will be seven super-regional institutions, in Montreal and in Quebec city.

According to Bill 10 Batshaw Centres will become part of the west island CISSS along with six other institutions such as the CSSS West Island, which includes the Lakeshore General Hospital; the Douglas Hospital, St-Mary's Hospital and two other institutions.

The other major feature of Bill 10 concerns the governance of institutions. In brief, all the board members of all institutions, each Board Chair, each President and Executive Director and Assistant President and Executive Director (the top two administrators in each institution) will all be chosen directly by the minister.

While there will be no more institutions directly identified with the English-speaking community, the Bill contains provisions to guarantee the availability of services in English, though they require some additional precision.

The text of the proposed law can be viewed in English at: <http://www.assnat.qc.ca/en/travaux-parlementaires/projets-loi/projet-loi-10-41-1.html>.

Bill 10 does not change the operations of foundations. Foundations will continue to have the liberty to determine what will be done with the funds they raise. If Batshaw Centres is merged into a larger structure, Batshaw Centres services will continue, and the clients will

continue to have the same needs. The *raison d'être* of the Batshaw Centre Foundation, its fundraising work and its programs will therefore continue.

Amendments to Bill 10 were introduced on December 1. They include increasing the number of CISSS in four regions; according bilingual status to the CISSSs on the West Island and in the Centre of Montreal; increasing the size of CISSS boards and recognizing the participation of universities; according a seat to a person nominated from the English-speaking community on the boards of CISSSs that have merged at least one bilingual institution, for example: Laval (this applies to a total of seven regions outside of Montreal); and allowing boards to choose their own PDGs after the minister has chosen the first one.

An important issue not yet resolved has to do with the assets of the existing institutions that have owning corporations. Bill 10 transfers those assets to the CISSSs, but the minister has said the assets will stay with owning corporations. This is particularly important in hospitals and other institutions where large amounts of public and private donations have been invested.

At the time of this writing the study of Bill 10 continues, and may continue into the New Year. If you are concerned by Bill 10 and want to express your concerns, go to www.Bill10.com and add your name to the on-line petition.

We will provide more news in future newsletters.

ANNOUNCING THE COPOLOFF SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Linda W. LeMoynes, Director of Development, Batshaw Centres Foundation



The Foundation is delighted to announce the creation of the Copoloff Scholarship Fund for deserving Batshaw Youth and Family Centres clients. To date over \$6,000 has been donated to establish this fund.

Copoloff Insurance has a long relationship with Batshaw Centres. For over 10 years they have been dedicated supporters of the Holiday Toy Campaign. It is through this relationship that they have broadened their support and established this important scholarship fund.

"In honour of Copoloff's 50th Anniversary, and on behalf of our insurance partners, Advisors and suppliers we are joining together to help make a difference in our community and the future of the next generation through the Copoloff Scholarship Fund. Being part of this meaningful cause, and in recognition of the importance of an education, our goal is to help raise awareness and improve the quality of life in our communities."

Stacey Zerdok
Director of Communications

A big thank you to Copoloff Insurance for recognizing the value and importance in providing access to post-secondary schooling for many deserving youths living on the island of Montreal.



A great success

**FUNDRAISING EVENT –
4TH COCKTAIL CHALLENGE**

Vanessa Udy, Member of the Organizing Committee



Batshaw Centres Foundation held its Fourth Annual Cocktail Challenge on April 8, 2014. Once again, the event was a great success. Over 300 guests attended the event, which was

held at the Parisian Laundry gallery. The winner of this year's coveted prize for best cocktail was Taverner, represented by Jon Cercone and Tiffany Auberbach. The two other participants were Burgundy Lion/ Bishop & Bagg and newcomer Joverse. Special thanks to our MC Andrew Carter and musical guest Yves Morin.



Lesley Hill, Executive Director, Batshaw Centres and Ayisha Issa

Those in attendance were treated to a special guest appearance by Ayisha Issa, a former Batshaw Centres client, a regular on the acclaimed French-language series *Unité 9*. In addition to her professional achievements,

Ayisha is also a competitive jiu-jitsu practitioner and an active Batshaw Centres volunteer.

We are particularly grateful to our guests and donors; thanks to whom we managed to raise approximately \$70,000 this year. That is \$10,000 more than we raised during last year's fundraiser! Funds raised during the event will be used to support our pillar programs, which assist children, youths and families within Batshaw Centres community.

Batshaw Centres Foundation plays a vital role by providing emergency assistance, therapy, tutoring, scholarships, and by giving children an opportunity to attend summer camp. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Foundation, we would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to our donors and all of those in attendance, as well as those who purchased tickets but who weren't able to come. We hope to see you at our next annual fundraiser.



Special thanks to our wonderful cocktail sponsors and participants. Without their generosity, this event could not have been possible!



We are grateful to our wonderful event sponsors and contributors!

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Testimony

DREAMS ARE WHAT CHANGE IS MADE OF

Ayisha Issa, actress, athlete, volunteer and much more... and a former client of Batshaw Centres



Dreams are what change is made of. When people ask me what I've learnt from this life experience that's what I tell them. In this case it's your dream of a better future for struggling kids and teens who may not

be able to dream for themselves, and kids and teens who dare to trust and believe in your dreams for them...

I didn't care much about myself when I was a teen, didn't see any real value in my life, any potential for happiness. I think my mind was like a timer set to self distrust, I just wanted to get it over with life that is... when you don't

have the tools to cope. It's hard to believe things can be better, it's almost inconceivable to think anything you are capable of, can MAKE things better for yourself and when you learn tools exist, you often don't have the confidence in yourself to try them.

My workers made me realize that I had to take my responsibilities, that in the end, it all depended on me. They taught me to focus on what I had to do to get what I wanted out of life... Not to punish myself by putting all my focus on others but to focus on me, that I was the key to my success.

They believed in me when I couldn't believe in myself. They believed that I could be responsible and successful, that I had SOMETHING of value to be protected, nurtured and shared. They helped me show myself what I was really capable of, and inspired me to want to have that effect on the lives of others.

To those who have dedicated their lives to the protection, support and belief in today's youth, I say thank you. Thank you for loving us, believing in us, guiding us and refusing to let us fall no matter how hard we push you to

give up on us. Thank you for not letting us do it alone, and when we push you away, thank you for your patience in trying to find a way in. Thank you for not holding my pain against me even though it could manifest itself in ugly and pathetic ways, and thank you for not letting me hold it against myself either. Thank you for showing me that there is always a solution... an option, a choice. Thank you for teaching me how to find them.

Today I consider myself lucky. The short time I spent in a group home with adults I trusted, taught me to dream again, to entertain the idea of a life I'd want to live and to explore the changes it would take to get there. They could see it, and they told me everyday in their words and through their actions that they believed in me.

Today I'm an actress, an athlete, a speaker, a volunteer, an artist and who knows where else I'll choose to take life. The passion you put into our success has a lasting effect, it's contagious and you can't know how valuable that can be, or how far it can go.

Summer 2014

CAMP WEREDALE ACTIVITY REPORT

Howard G. Martin, Executive Director, Camp Weredale



For the first time in years Camp Weredale was over capacity for the last two sessions! Two hundred and six campers came from Batshaw Youth and Family Centres. Campers ranged in age from 5 to 17 with a significant increase in the number of younger campers.

The Program

Our Nature program proved very popular this summer, thanks to efforts of a former camper. Ken, recently retired from social services work (he vividly remembers being on the 'water-brigade' as campers and staff battled the fire which destroyed the original dining hall in 1964.) Under his leadership, searching for butterflies, snakes, frogs and salamanders took on renewed interest, especially amongst the younger campers. The Nature Hut was the place to be,

either to bring new specimens found in the forest or streams, or to study the collection that grew throughout the sessions.

Fishing also proved to be popular, while



'tubing' continues to be a favourite, (this summer we managed to go through all four sessions with the same tube!).

For the older campers who participated, the R.E.A.L. Team again proved its value and importance to our summer program. "Stand-outs" include one girl, who turned eighteen during the summer and was doing so well she was given responsibilities of counselor for part of the third and all of the fourth session, one boy whom we plan to support to take training over the winter so he can be a junior life guard and sailing instructor next summer and the 17 year old who returned again in the role of Senior Returning REAL Team graduate to help out with program activities.

Visitor's Day

As usual, on the second Tuesday of the second session, we welcomed Directors from Weredale Foundation, Batshaw Youth and Family Centres and Foundation and staff, as well as other interested supporters to camp. And this year it POURED! Nevertheless, those in attendance had an excellent opportunity to see the camp in action and indicated they enjoyed and appreciated the visit.



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With the rising cost of postage, Batshaw Centres Foundation will be transitioning over the next year to contact our donors by email and/or social media. This change will significantly cut down on our paper, printing, and postage costs. The money saved will go directly to programs that benefit the clients of Batshaw Centres.

We hope that you will support this initiative. For donors who wish to continue receiving our correspondence by mail, we will accommodate your request.