

Rayside-Balfour Youth Centre



Investing in our youth and in our
community since 1996

Challenging times



- Barriers to employment
- Health issues
- Lack of role models
- Single families
- Peer pressure/bullying
- Latch key kids
- Alcohol/drugs
- Teen pregnancy
- Suicide
- Weapons
- Poverty
- Boredom

Empowering youth

- Giving them a voice
- A chance to be heard and be respected
- Interacting with proper role models
- Sharing good times and experiences in a safe and supervised environment
- Programs and support
- Educational opportunities (knowledge is power)



Rayside-Balfour Youth Action Network

- Founded in 1996 by concerned citizens
- Raised \$300,000 through corporate/community campaign
- Built Côté St. Youth Centre 1998
 - 7 years dedicated service to the community
 - 40 youth per day at Centre
 - Bi-weekly dances (200 attendance)
 - A lot of kids off the street



Programs and services

- Daily centre program (supervised, pro-social meeting place)
- Leadership development workshops/life skills
- Job readiness development
- Referral to community agencies
- Homework help centers
- Police/leisure services liaisons
- Special populations
- Special events



Youth Centre organization



- Youth Action Network
- Board of Directors since 1997
- Youth Council Participation
- Resource Team (Police, Community partners)
- Youth Centre is governed by a constitution and guided by a clear mission statement with youth and the community as clients
- Holds Annual General Meeting (open to public)

2005 Board of Directors

- President: Patty Smith-Taylor
- Vice-president: Claude Gravelle
- Past president: Cathy Castanza
- Treasurer: Tony McKenzie
- Secretary: Michel Grenier
- Directors:
 - Linda Fenton
 - Richard Gratton
 - Sergeant Eric Heaslip
 - Tracy McMillan
 - Dr. Rudy Nagoda
- Resource persons:
 - Constable Randy Hosken (CRU)
 - Linda McDonald
 - Jeff Pafford
 - Constable Doug Pagnutti
- Consultant:
 - Gary Michalak



Big picture finances

- \$300,000 investment in Côté St. Centre
- Approximately \$80,000/year operating costs
- Historically funding sources are:
 - \$\$\$ Trillium Foundation
 - \$\$ Crime Prevention Program
 - \$\$ HRSDC
 - \$ Bingos/Nevada tickets
 - \$\$ Dances/various fundraising
 - \$ Donations (community partners)

Youth Centre budget

■ Expenses

– Staff wages	\$38K
– Utilities	\$6K
– Insurance	\$3K
– Dances	\$9K
– Oper. budget	\$12K
– Canteen	\$5K
– Gaming lic.	\$7K
Total:	\$80K

■ Revenues

– Dances	\$20K
– Canteen	\$8K
– Nevada	\$6K
– Fund raising	\$7K*
Total:	\$41K

Shortfall \$39K

* Working with Marketing/Fundraising Consultant

Requesting financial support for staff wages

- Two (2) Supervisors 10 months - \$16,000
- One (1) Program Manager 12 months - \$22,000

Our return on investment will be...

- A safer community now and into the future
- A safe place for our youth to grow and learn
- Maintain, expand and continue using the expertise that we have developed
- Continued use of a very special facility



Together we can make it happen...



Thank you!