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Joke of the month

I was driving when I first saw the flash of a traffic camera. I figured that my picture had been taken for speeding, even though I knew I wasn't. Just to be sure, I went around the block and passed the same spot, driving even more slowly. But again the camera flashed. Thinking this was pretty funny, I drove past even slower three more times, laughing as the camera snapped away each time I drove by at a snail's pace. Two weeks later, I got five tickets in the mail for driving without a seatbelt.



Happy
Mother's
Day

Mission Statement

Moncton Community Residences Incorporated is a non-profit organization that provides residential options and support for individuals with developmental challenges in the various aspects of their progressing lives.



Message from the CEO

As our mild winter draws to a close the organization is preparing to face some new challenges that will exist for the upcoming operational year of 2018.

In a newsletter message more than a year ago I indicated that over the last several years our funding partners at Social Development have been conducting a Grant/Contract Optimization project with many of the agencies across the province providing services to children, including MCRI. At the time we expressed hope that we would finally have a formalized process where we could discuss service and funding issues with our partners at SD while at the same time we had some concerns that our philosophies and processes involved in appropriate delivery of services would not be fully recognized and understood. Now that the project has been completed by SD our fears have been realized. As many of you have already heard the budgets provided to MCRI by SD to operate and supply children's services under a new contract will be substantially reduced over the next year.

After completion of this grant optimization project Social Development has decided that in the new service contracts only the basic standard level of service will be paid for through their funding. This is a major issue for MCRI as we have always strived to provide a more inspiring service that was higher than the basic standard level as most of the children that we serve have already failed in services that were provided based on the minimum standard level. Our staffing levels, tolerance of violence and damages, and restraint free environment reflect a higher than standard level of care being provided and differentiate us from many other service agencies. In the past MCRI always felt that Social Development valued this service, however, under the new funding strategy service philosophies are purposely ignored while calculating funding. If appropriate cost effective service delivery is the goal then it is hard to understand the logic in the new funding structure.

We believe that our children's programs speak for themselves through the accomplishments and successes providing care and training to children who have failed in other typical programs. MCRI is often the last chance for these exceptional children with the next option likely institutionalization, a far less independent service model at a much higher fiscal cost, again making it difficult to reconcile this strategy with fiscal responsibility and appropriate service. This philosophical change in funding by the province will have a devastating effect for many of the children currently in our care and be a major challenge for MCRI in the effort to retain our current compliment of children's programs over the next few years.

Even with these newly implemented challenges to safe and secure appropriate service MCRI will continue to work towards and focus on solutions. We will also continue to advocate to our funding partners the need to recognize different service philosophies and appropriately fund community based services for the youth of our province.

Greg



I have found that if you love life, life will love you back. -Arthur Rubinstein



MEMBER NOMINATIONS

Mr. Metallica – For attending school fulltime and doing so well with his studies.

Assia Hussein– For her coaching skills and team work.

Jackie LeBlanc – For being helpful to new staff and making them feel comfortable.

Yi-Yang – For being calm and supportive to all the kids and staff.

Susan Trenholm – For the great support she gives Tammie, especially during her recent illness.

OTHER NOMINATIONS:



OUMAR TRAORE
JAMIE DOBSON
CATHERINE PISSI
ALVERA BANYIYEZAKO

SOLOMON KISIMBO
KRISTAL NOVAKOVIC
MICHELLE NOVAKOVIC
KATHY & JAY WALSH

JOSE SERUNGENDO
SHABANI RINGO
LORI & WAYNE FELTHAM

Quality is not an act, it is a habit. -Aristotle

*Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you'll start having positive results. -
 Willie Nelson*

Mandt Schedule

Classes are held at the Club beginning at 9:15 am until 1:15 p.m. Call Melanie (859-1829) or Jennifer (859-1827) to register

March 6, 13, 20 - Alison

May 1, 8, 15 - Stephanie and Mavis

STAFF MEETINGS

West Lane - March 15 (team), April 19, May 24, June 28

AFLA - March 22, April 26, May 31

Dominion -March 29 (team), May 3, June 7

SILP - March 1, April 5, May 10, June 14

Railway - March 8, April 12, May 17 (team), June 21

There are not strangers here; only friends you haven't yet met. -William Butler Yeats

Years of Service

5 Years	March	Melinda Mucci
		Rashidatu Nyei
	April	Jennifer Cyr
10 Years	May	Christina Hill
	March	Maurice Bernard
15 years	March	Louise Chiasson
30 years	April	Terry Carson
	May	Allan Depres
35 years	March	John McMahon



Becky Leblanc 20 year's anniversary with MCRI last December



Kenny Babineau 20 year's anniversary with MCRI last December



Theresa Kenedy 25 year's anniversary last October

The best way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once.

Birthdays



March

Mitchel Rubin, Logan Tuner, Louise Chiasson, Brian Durelle, Larry McDuff, Stephane Landry, Penny Mills, Mike Gormley, Allan Depres, Patricia Hanrahan, James Walsh, Nicole Lake, Donna DuGuay, Jo-Anne Reid, Carl Feltham, Arthur Hopper, Noella Smith, Carol-Anne Deschesnes, Shabani Ringo, Mavis Rodriguez, Britney Lane, Kelsie Dickson

April

Maureen Murphy, Leo Bourque, Roger Donelle, Jordan Dawson, Jeremy Hudson, Kenny Babineau, Barb Bennet, Mathieu Collette, Jamie Dobson, Inez White, Chad Burgess, Jessica Briggs, Aaron Henry, Rose-Marie Cormier, Juliette Porelle, Rhonda Mckinnon, Linda Daigle, Emma McFadyen, Martha Kisebo, Jacqueline McAllister, Stephanie Haynes, Susan Gordon, Shawna Warman, Kula Kemokai, Jacqueline LeBlanc, Taiwoo Obaniyi, Deborah Wynter

May

Christa Babineau, Darrin Murray, Louise Poirier, Tammie Lane, Mathieu LeBlanc, Fraser Walsh, Raphael Melanson, Nicholas Cormier, Lila Cunningham, Rachelle Cormier, Marthe Kikuni, Nina LeBlanc, Albert Nduite, Darla Northrup, Jane Umutoni, Salomon Kisebo, Tracy LeBlanc

The older you get, the more you need to keep a fire extinguisher close to the cake.



RAILWAY

HI FROM ALL OF US AT RAILWAY! WE HAD A GREAT CHRISTMAS; TWO OF THE BOYS GOT TO VISIT FAMILY FOR OVERNIGHT VISITS THAT TURNED INTO LONGER VISITS THANKS TO MOTHER NATURE 😊 SCHOOL HAS BEEN GOING WELL. WE ARE THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE THAT ONE OF THE BOYS HAS BEEN ACCEPTED TO NBCC IN THE FALL. VOLUNTEER WORK AT THE FOOD BANK AND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY KEEPS TWO OF THE BOY'S ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY.



Love yourself. It is important to stay positive because beauty comes from the inside out. -

Jenn Proske

Our very own Noella Smith makes homemade soaps with natural products.

Noella is donating \$0.50 for every bar of soap she sales to support our clients. Price is \$3.00 per bar. She also makes baskets for different occasions. For more information contact Noella: 506-866-2760.





DOMINION



It has been a great winter so far the youth have been busy helping out around the house more, shoveling, groceries and putting out the garbage. One youth has started school on a full time basis and is loving it. We are looking forward to March break and we are planning some great activities. We are loving our hot chocolate and marshmallows (maybe a little too much)! Next up spring showers bring us some May flowers.

Until next time the Dominion Street Team.

Negativity is the enemy of creativity. -David Lynch



WEST LANE YOUTH

THE BOYS AT WEST LANE HAD A GOOD CHRISTMAS WITH BOTH VISITING WITH THEIR FAMILY. SCHOOL IS GOING WELL FOR ONE YOUTH WHILE THE OTHER CONTINUES TO BE HOME SCHOOLED. BOTH BOYS ENJOY TRIPS TO GAMEZILLA FOR GAMES NIGHTS AND TO THE YMCA FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES ON FRIDAY NIGHTS. WE ARE ALL LOOKING FORWARD TO SPRING SO WE CAN DO LOTS OF OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES.

My son wanted to know what it's like to be married. I told him to leave me alone and when he did, I asked him why he was ignoring me.

Do you like gardening?

Keep your eyes open! A Community Food Mentor is working on getting funds to build a vegetable garden at West Lane this summer. We are going to need lots of hands to get the work done. More details to come in our next newsletter!!



Always seem impossible until it's done. -Nelson Mandela



AFLA

Hi again. The AFLA Program has been very quiet for the past few months. Everyone enjoyed the Holiday Season and are now looking forward to spring. We have had a few people admitted to the hospital since December but they are now doing well. We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter. Hope the Easter bunny finds all of you. I would like to congratulate Theresa Kennedy on her years of service award. Job well done Tee! Congratulations to Becky LeBlanc for her 20 years anniversary. Enjoy your ring and I hope you are with us for many more years. A great big thank you to the many caregivers who make a difference in our clients' lives. They truly are amazing. Until next time, keep safe.



Reading Suggestion

The adventures of Daring Do
And the Forbidden city of Clouds
By: A.K Yearling with G. M. Berrow

Daring Do is on another adventure to find an old friend of A.B. Ravenhoof named Brumby Cloverpath; to get the details on the halo of a forbidden City of Cirrostrata where the ponies of the cloud city have long ears and three lines under their left eye. There has only been three visitors in Cirrostrata, they are: first, Comet tail, the starry eyed, second Brumby Cloverpath and third Daring Do; who got help by a duchess and her friend to free the city from the count and his hench ponies of royalty. The count hates outsiders.

Contribution of Cassandra Doucette.



Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud. -Maya Angelou



SILP



It is almost time to put away our winter boots! We have survived another maritime winter! SILP would like to welcome Cheri M. and Deborah W. to our SILP family. We would also like to welcome back Jessica B. and Jordan M. SILP would like to say farewell to Nat L., as she has moved on to another position with MCRI. Good Luck Nat! We will miss you.



We have been busy as usual and would like to thank our amazing staff for all of their hard work. We would also like to mention Robert M (Bobby) and how much effort he has put into working on himself. We hope everyone has a Happy Easter!



This is the amazing work of Jeannine Pellerin. She made a beautiful blanket for beautiful baby Molly.



I finally realized my parents favored my twin brother. It hit me when they asked me to blow up balloons for his surprise birthday party.

La Recette



TACO RICE CASSEROLE

INGREDIENTS

- 2 pound of ground turkey (or ground beef)
- 1 onion chopped
- 1 zucchini shredded (optional)
- 2 cups of corn
- 2 cans of black beans (drained -or use your homemade ones -if using homemade you may need to add additional salt)
- 2 cans of diced tomatoes with green chilis (aka rotel)
- 1 package of Taco seasoning (or 4 tablespoons of homemade seasoning)
- salt
- 4 cups of cooked rice (I used regular that I cooked but you can use any)
- handfuls of shredded cheese
- 2 9x13 pans



Eat less sugar.
You're sweet enough already.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. First brown your ground turkey. Add in chopped onions and zucchini (this is optional but adds nutritional value and flavor) and cook until soft.
2. Stir in Taco seasoning.
3. Add corn, tomatoes and beans.
4. Spray 2 9x13 pans with non-stick spray. Spoon 2 cups of rice into the bottom of each pan, spreading it out evenly.
5. Spoon the meat mixture over the rice.
6. Top with the shredded cheese.

If you want to eat it right away:

1. Bake covered at 350 degrees for about 25 minutes until cooked through.

If you want to freeze it:

1. Cover with foil and label. To reheat, let thaw overnight in fridge. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes covered with the foil. Then remove foil and cook until the top is nice and brown.



The Safe Living Project Updates

The Safe Living Project has supported different individuals during the last months. We are using the funds from the sales of the book A regular Folks Guide to Humanity (still available for sale at the office) to cover or partially cover the cost of basic needs (groceries, hospital bed, winter clothes, etc.) for people who are in need. Thank you to all of you that has supported this project.

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