

ACTIVITY REPORT



Our Mission

Sun Youth helps individuals and families in need by providing them with a range of emergency services aimed at ensuring basic needs while maintaining people's integrity. Sun Youth also contributes

to the prevention of crime and promotes individuals' physical and intellectual development through education, sports and recreational activities. Sun Youth promotes such values as solidarity, sharing and social inclusion.

Mainly servicing communities of the Greater Montreal, Sun Youth provides emergency services such as food, clothing,

medical, material or financial assistance in situations of low income or during disasters. The organization collaborates with municipal authorities and police forces to ensure safety in our neighbourhoods through crime prevention efforts in schools, on the streets or in the community in general.

In order to promote youngsters' physical, social and intel-

lectual development, Sun Youth coaches sports teams to a competitive level and supports the school education of those who play in the teams. Sun Youth also offers recreational programs, a day camp and a sleep-away summer camp in the Laurentians which are intended for seniors, children and mothers depending on the program or activity.

Our Founders

Aware of the many obstacles related to poverty, a group of young Montrealers from St-Louis neighbourhood wanted to allow teens to channel their energy in a positive fashion. So they founded, in 1954, The Clark Street Sun, a local community handwritten newspaper the proceeds of which were used to cover the registration fees of a few youngsters who needed support to take part in sport activities.

Fast forward six decades later, the amazing evolution from a local newspaper to now one of the biggest charities in the city, co-founders Sid Stevens and Earl De La Peralle now focus on the

next chapter of Sun Youth's evolution. The organization is finally looking to purchase the building in which it resides, located on Saint-Urbain in the old Baron Byng high school building. For Sun Youth to raise enough money to buy the building and then modernize it, the organization is looking at going on a 5 years capital campaign in the hope to raise at least 10 million dollars. For Sid and Earl, it represents the legacy they want to leave the community and it is an effort to ensure that Sun Youth will survive long after they are gone.



EMERGENCY SERVICES

Food Assistance

Sun Youth's food bank ensures low-income families and individuals access to food and other basic products in emergency or precarious situations. This service includes emergency food baskets, monthly food supplement intended for vulnerable people (seniors) or those who have special needs (pregnant women, individuals with HIV and people eating kosher food); home deliveries; and Christmas baskets.

In 2015-2016, 24,148 food baskets were distributed to 6,316 families for a total of 14,846 individuals. In addition, 4,020 Christmas baskets were distributed between December 18th to the 24th 2015 for a total of 28,168 food baskets for the whole year.

The food given away in 2015-2016 is valued in total at \$2,138,574.53 and the average value of a food basket at \$75.92. Since the financial crisis of 2008, the number of people who use Sun Youth's food bank increased by 19%.

Emergency food baskets and monthly food supplements account respectively for 44% and 33% of all food assistance given. Christmas baskets and home deliveries represent 14% and 9% of all Sun Youth's distributions.

Home deliveries of Christmas baskets had a 10% increase in 2015-2016. Close to 500 Christmas baskets were delivered to

socially isolated people with reduced mobility.

Overall, 37% of our food bank users are children under 18 years old. Children from 0 to 11 years old alone account for 29% of our food assistance program users compared to people over 60 (10% only).

Thank you to those who share our commitment! Food assistance is made possible thanks to donations from the general public and to the precious support of many charitable foundations and that of the City of Montreal. Sun Youth can count on the generosity of around 15,000 donors to help the organization provide much needed assistance.

We are especially grateful to *Moisson Montréal* for their help this year. This new partnership was started in the middle of the year but was officially signed on May 12th 2016. We believe this agreement will be very beneficial to the users of our food bank. As of September 30th 2016, we had received 72 195,71 kilos of food valued at \$343,628.81 from *Moisson Montréal*. We expect these numbers to grow next year, since we will be receiving donations from *Moisson Montréal* all year round!

We hope to continue to fulfill our mission of feeding people living in poverty in the greater Montreal community.



Fresh Vegetables

Over the last few years, thanks to the contribution of the City of Montreal and the Ministère de l'emploi et de la solidarité sociale to our "Feed the Hope" program, Sun Youth has undergone a slow but steady move towards increasing the amount of fresh products in its food baskets. It began with ensuring that all families visiting our food bank leave with milk and eggs. In 2015, we started purchasing fresh fruits and vegetables in order to provide a wider variety of fresh produce.

The garden created on the grounds of the Sun Youth warehouse through the renewed financial support of the Foresters Financial group and the volunteer involve-

ment of its members grew close to 1000 pounds of vegetables, more than double last year's yield. These fresh vegetables were distributed to Sun Youth's food bank users.

Added to this harvest, McGill's Macdonald Campus and the Fiddlehead farms provided fresh vegetables to Sun Youth all summer long. Furthermore, for the second consecutive year, Sun Youth received thousands of organic vegetables grown in Montreal thanks to the Regroupement Partage's project "Cultiver l'espoir". The social integration group in organic farming, D-3-Pierres, has grown 100 000 kg of organic vegetables on 5 hectares of Bois-de-la-Roche farmlands in Senneville.



Collective Kitchen

The idea of starting a collective kitchen as a way to offer a new type of service to its clientele and to encourage their food autonomy and security had been simmering in the back of Sun Youth's mind for a long time. Started last year, there are now 4 groups participating. For many people, this fun culinary activity was a chance to gain useful knowledge, develop new skills and enhance their autonomy.

The collective kitchen is intended

for anyone who cares about nutrition and keeping healthy food habits. It also gives participants an opportunity to get involved in the community sharing values of solidarity, equity, mutual support and social justice. In 2015-2016, 127 people participated in the collective kitchen, preparing 563 portions of varied meals. They were not asked for a financial contribution to take part in the program.

Home Deliveries

For nearly two decades, Sun Youth has been delivering food to people who otherwise would not be able to obtain it. The program was designed to meet emergency food needs of people facing reduced mobility and social isolation who are referred by a health professional. This was our second year into the 3 year commitment from Federation CJA of a donation of \$33,000 per year that helped maintain and expand our home delivery food program. In 2015-2016, we delivered 2,629 food baskets, an increase of 23% compared to 2014-2015.

The Federation CJA's contribution added to the Karassic Foundation's generous donation of \$30,000 has also helped us maintain our "Breaking Isolation" program where employees visit socially isolated individuals at their residence, in order to assess their level of solitude. These visits allowed our staff to gain a better understanding of each client's situation and needs, and to formulate concrete personalized response plans to assist the individuals most affected by social exclusion.



Annual donation from la Fondation Marcelle et Jean Coutu.

Medication Program

The medication program is intended for low-income individuals covered by the Quebec Public Prescription Drug Insurance Plan. This service helps pay the bills for prescription medication and medical equipment not reimbursed by the Quebec Public Insurance Plan up to the maximum

required monthly contribution. In 2015-2016, 403 families benefited from this program for a total value of \$33 304. This program is made possible thanks to the support of the *Association québécoise des pharmaciens propriétaires (AQPP)* and the *Fondation Marcelle et Jean Coutu*.



Sun Youth employees at emergency centre working with the Red Cross.

Assistance to Disaster Victims

Sun Youth, in partnership with the Montreal Fire Department and the Quebec division of the Canadian Red Cross, helps disaster victims throughout the City of Montreal by providing instant food, material and financial assistance. We intervene during disasters at all times and, the following day, all people affected by the disaster receive personalized assistance until they are able to resume their normal life.

In 2015-2016, our emergency teams were called in for 163 disasters. Our teams helped 458 families for a total of 1,047 persons. The material assistance given to these families is valued at \$97,538,81. In the spring of 2014, Houle Toyota reiterated its generosity with the donation of two brand new Toyota vehicles, a Corolla and a Sienna 2014 intended for our teams of emergency services and home deliveries.

Children and Students Assistance Program

Sun Youth has developed several partnerships with health and social services organizations (Centre hospitalier universitaire Sainte-Justine, the Montreal Children's Hospital, le Centre Jeunesse de Montréal-Institut universitaire, Batshaw Youth and Family Services) who work with children and their families as well as with school institutions. In 2015-2016, 240 families for a total of 1040 individuals were referred to Sun Youth by these organizations. The assistance provided to these families is valued at \$239 057. On June 16, the Mayor of Montreal, Denis Coderre announced the creation of the Montreal Child Policy in partnership with Sun Youth Organization, the Breakfast Club of Canada and with Dr. Julien's Foundation. We applied for a subvention to expand our Children's Help program to the poorest schools in Montreal.

Family Assistance program

Sun Youth also receives referrals from CLSC's and hospital social workers for families who are in a dire financial situation following events such as suffering from severe illness, the death of a spouse or the risk of an eviction. In 2015-2016, we helped 47 families by paying their rent, medical equipment and school fees, for a total of 25,550.07\$. This was made possible in part thanks to the Jean Gaulin Foundation. This program allows us to change people's lives in a very significant way.

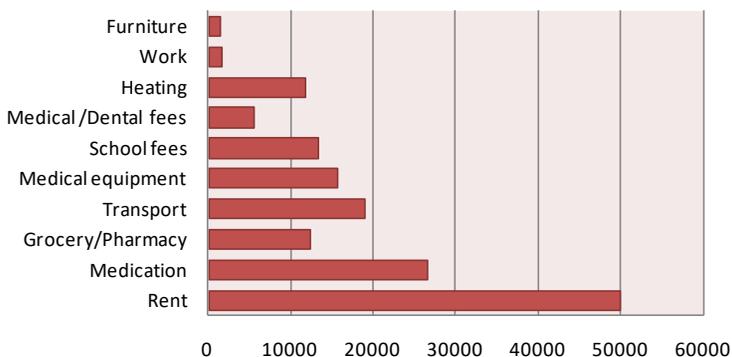
Heating Assistance Program

Sun Youth provides assistance and financial help to low income families and individuals having difficulty paying their utility bills (electricity and heat). Utility expenses will usually represent a high proportion of their household income. For 2015-2016, we assisted 47 families in their negotiation with Hydro-Québec, reaching 33 payment agreements. During the 2015-2016 winter season, 11 families received heating oil thanks to the support of the industry; the following heating oil companies, all of whom are members of the Association Québécoise des Indépendants du Pétrole, are offering free heating oil to people in need: Joseph Élie, CST Canada Co. and Sonic La Coop Fédérée. The company contacted by Sun Youth generally provides the equivalent of half a tank. Also in 2015-2016, close to \$12,000.00 were paid in heating bills for less fortunate families in emergency situations thanks to a donation from Northern Light Technologies and our Valentine's day fundraiser at le Robin des Bois.

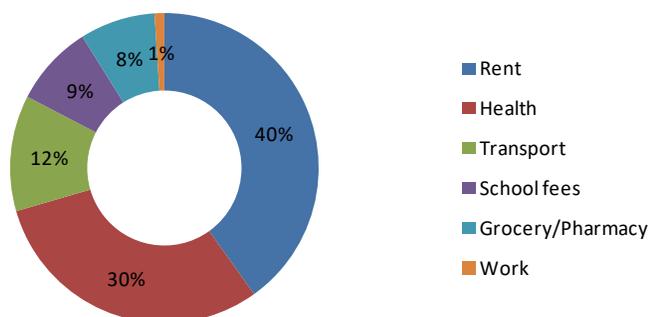
Financial Assistance

Sun Youth provides assistance and financial help to low income families and individuals having difficulty paying their bills. To be eligible, these families must be in a precarious financial situation, as determined by a financial evaluation. They must also be referred by a social worker which enables us to work as a team and gives us assurance that the situation of the families will improve over time. We help families who are in a dire financial situation following events such as a member of the family suffering from severe illness (physical or mental), the death of a family member, the risk of an eviction or the loss of an apartment. In total, for 2015-2016, we paid over 157,000\$ in bills, 40% of which were housing related, 30% health related, 12% in transport and 9% in school fees, 8% in food, pharmacy or gas gift cards, and 1% in helping employability.

Financial Assistance 2015-2016



Financial Assistance 2015-2016





Recipient of a new bike excited to give it a try.

New and Used Bike Give Away

Every year Mr. Bike Man, an anonymous benefactor, celebrates his birthday by giving away bicycles to deserving children through the Sun Youth Organization. New bicycles are distributed to young people whose actions have had a positive influence or who have shown exceptional courage in difficult situations. Sun Youth's Bike Committee received over 300 applications, many of which told wonderful stories about outstanding youths. Amongst these, 109 deserving young people were selected and rewarded with a new bike, a safety helmet and a bicycle lock. Whether they saved the lives of other people, overcame disabilities, sickness or other difficulties, helped others through volunteer work, prevented bullying, or even organized fundraisers, these young ambassadors stand as an example for their generation.

Sun Youth has been redistributing refurbished bicycles to underprivileged families in the Montreal area for the last 10 years. In 2015-2016, 89 bikes were distributed.

Prescription Glasses

Thanks to the support of its partner, Philippe Rochette, Optician, Sun Youth is able to offer eye glasses at no cost or at a reduced price to low-income individuals who are not covered by public or private insurance plans. Twenty-three people benefited from this service in 2015-2016.

Material Assistance

Sun Youth's clothing bank is intended for low-income individuals living in the Greater Montreal area. A contribution of \$3 is required for three large bags per family. Individuals in need may, when authorized by a counsellor, have access to the clothing bank without paying the \$3 fee. More than 150 people visit our used clothing bank each week. Families can also have access to a library full of used books, films and CDs at very affordable prices.

Sun Youth supplies its clientele with walkers, crutches, canes, bathtub seats, prostheses, wheelchairs and other medical equipment. Sun Youth can also lend devices that help treat nocturnal bedwetting thanks to Ledoux Réflexe. This health care company suggests its customers who no longer require the apparatus to donate it to Sun Youth which will make it available to families in need. Ledoux Réflexe provides these families with assistance and advice. In 2015-2016, 8 families were helped in this way. In 2015-2016, Sun Youth also redistributed household accessories and new clothes for a total value of more than \$250,000.

Clothing Giveaway

Sun Youth's traditional annual new clothing giveaway for low income families was a tremendous success again this year with some 2400 people assisted on August 16 and 17 2016. The staff and volunteers were in for a surprise though when they arrived to the organization's headquarters on the second day of distribution. Due to the intense rain of the previous day, a great part of the city was in the dark, powerless, including the Saint-Urbain street old Baron Byng High school! Not letting this back luck deter them and taking into account the line up of people already present, the team brought some tables and all the clothes outside in Sun Youth's side parking, creating a festive atmosphere.

Such a charitable event would not have been possible without generous donations of clothing from Modern Eternity Maternity Coats and Apparel, VF Imagewear Canada Inc., Quebec Copier, JoNoCo Copier and Paragone Inc. to whom Sun Youth expresses its sincere thanks.



Volunteers of all ages help out at Christmas.

Christmas Baskets Distribution

By the end of the 2015 Christmas Basket distribution, on December 24th, some 4,200 families (12,000 people) have received assistance from Sun Youth, with food for the Holiday period and with some 4,500 brand new toys given to children 12 and under.

Out of these, 500 people with reduced mobility received a home delivery either from Mr. Drain, Loyal Express Transport or the Stationnement de Montréal agents. Families who were able to come to Sun Youth were treated to surprises such as a draw to win a new bike or a soccer ball and the presence of famous characters like Frozen's Anna and Elsa of Arendelle, Draco Malfoy and Bellatrix Lestrange, Spiderman, Batman and Wolverine.

Sun Youth's Holiday Campaign is not only essential for the success of the Christmas Basket distribution, but also in allowing the organization to support its clientele during the first three months of the year, a crucial and difficult period for low-income families.

The Christmas basket distribution at Sun Youth has been a tradition for over 31 years. Sun Youth would like to thank all of its donors and volunteers for their time and effort in making this wonderful campaign possible. Special thanks to la Grande Guignolée des médias and its partners, le Groupe Jean Coutu, Provigo, Maxi et Maxi et cie as well as Via Capitale, Les Producteurs de lait du Québec for their 15,000 liters of milk donation and the Dominion Lending Centers for donating 70 new bicycles through their Bikes for Kids campaign. Sun Youth would also like to thank all the volunteers who animated the distribution and thus put smiles on the faces of young and old alike.

CRIME PREVENTION

Youth and Social Mentors

For 15 years now, Sun Youth's program promoting prevention against intimidation and the resolution of conflicts among students provides schools with additional human resources working hand-in-hand with the school staff and sharing their expertise in order to foster positive relationships between students, provide advice and develop extracurricular programs.

In the short term, every student benefits from the program as it helps counter bullying and intimidation, strengthens social ties and develops team spirit. In 2015-2016, 2 of our mentors were working in 2 schools; Bancroft Elementary School and Lauren Hill Academy. These schools provide an elementary or high-school education to 1,477 students in the Montreal area.

Sun Youth's social mentors face different challenges depending on the school. They have to adapt their interventions to the specific needs of every classroom or every student. Their interventions include group workshops on leadership, mediation by students' peers, conflicts resolution, racism, social skills enhancement and notions of friendship. Mentors also organize recreational extracurricular activities to develop teamwork (sports, food drives for the needy, school newspaper). As for individual interventions, they focus mainly on help for homework and on mediation. The social mentors' integration in schools and the teachers' support are a guarantee of success. Social mentors are chosen not only for their qualifications but also for their interpersonal skills. Other schools are showing an interest in this program. Sun Youth is looking for additional funding.

Police As Our Partners



Bike patrollers make cycle paths safer.

Bike Patrol

The Sun Youth Bike Patrol made a strong comeback this summer for its 32nd edition. This year's team was composed of 20 young adults and 4 teenagers, who were trained in first aid and working in collaboration with police officers from 9 local police stations.

The dedicated patrollers brought help to people who were facing problematic situations. The team assigned to l'Île Bizard, Pierrefonds-Roxboro and Sainte-Geneviève reacted rapidly when a collision between a car and a motorcycle occurred. They created a security boundary and stayed with the drivers until the emergency services arrived. Enhancing the level of safety in the Greater Montreal area, which is a main part of their mission.

The safety and well-being of senior citizens is a priority for the Sun Youth

Bike Patrol. The patrollers helped preventing fraud and abuse of the elders by sharing tips and information. The team also spent a lot of quality time with senior citizens: they organized activities such as karaoke, tea tasting and strolls in chinatown for them, which was very appreciated by everyone.

From June to August, the patrollers circulated in streets, parks and on bike paths. They were the police's "eyes and ears" and were on the lookout for any kind of infraction. (See *Highlights below*)

The 32nd Edition of the Bike Patrol was made possible by the Federal Government and Thomas Mulcair, leader of the official opposition, as well as the Quebec Ministry of Public Security and Jacques Chagnon, President of the National Assembly. Dorel Industries also made an indispensable contribution by

supplying the mountain bikes used by Sun Youth's Patrollers throughout the summer. The Sun Youth Bike Patrol is also made possible by financial support from the Gustav Levenschi Foundation.

Finally, Toyota Gabriel and General Director Nazih Chemali provided the patrol with a Toyota Corolla, allowing the coordinating staff to oversee the activities of the 24 patrollers working out of 9 of the neighbourhood stations of Montreal Police Service (SPVM) across the island. Mr. Chemali has been working with Sun Youth since 1997, faithfully supporting the organization year after year. Sun Youth wishes to thank Mr. Chemali and Toyota Gabriel for their precious support.

Highlights :

Census on cycling offenses - Our patrollers conduct assessments on bike violations based on the Safe Cycling Guide in their respective boroughs. Patrollers examine the number of cyclists at a particular intersection of their neighbourhood and note any infraction committed. *Total Violations: 8093*

Bike safety workshops - Several teams organise clinics on bicycle safety, biking techniques, adjustment of equipment and bicycle rules called Génivélo for children, teens and adults to playfully demonstrate the proper use of a bicycle. *Génivélo events : 14*

Projet NUMÉRO - For the fourth year in a row, the Sun Youth bike patrollers participated in this SPVM program which has them engrave identification numbers onto cyclists' bicycles to prevent theft and in case of loss. *Total Number of Bikes Engraved in 2016: 439.*

Conference about abuse and fraud of the elders - On July 27th 2016, in the Pollack residence, the patrollers took part in a conference about abuse and fraud of the elders, along with police officers from the police station 26. Their goal was to inform our seniors and enable them to recognize fraud attempts and denounce abuses.

Visits to Senior homes - On rainy days, our patrollers take go to senior homes where they foster and build relationships, offer tips for managing a heat wave and inform seniors on ways to avoid being victims of fraud and abuse.

Special Events - Throughout the year, the bike patrol is often in demand for special events. This year, patrollers volunteered for the following events: *St-Patrick's Day Parade, Romeiros-Portuguese Pardon March, Kids for Kids Concert, Bike Giveaway at Sun Youth, Tour de l'Île, Saint-Laurent Festival, etc.*

Fundraisers - Extra funds were raised through 5 car washes organised in the Greater Montreal Area. The atmosphere was one of a kind at each car wash and donors were generous. A big thank you goes to Couche-Tard Masson and Proviso St-Laurent which worked in collaboration with the bike patrol program



Helio Galego and former Sun Youth employee, Jean-Pierre Brabant honour Richard Chartier-Carle for saving a man's life.

Good Samaritans

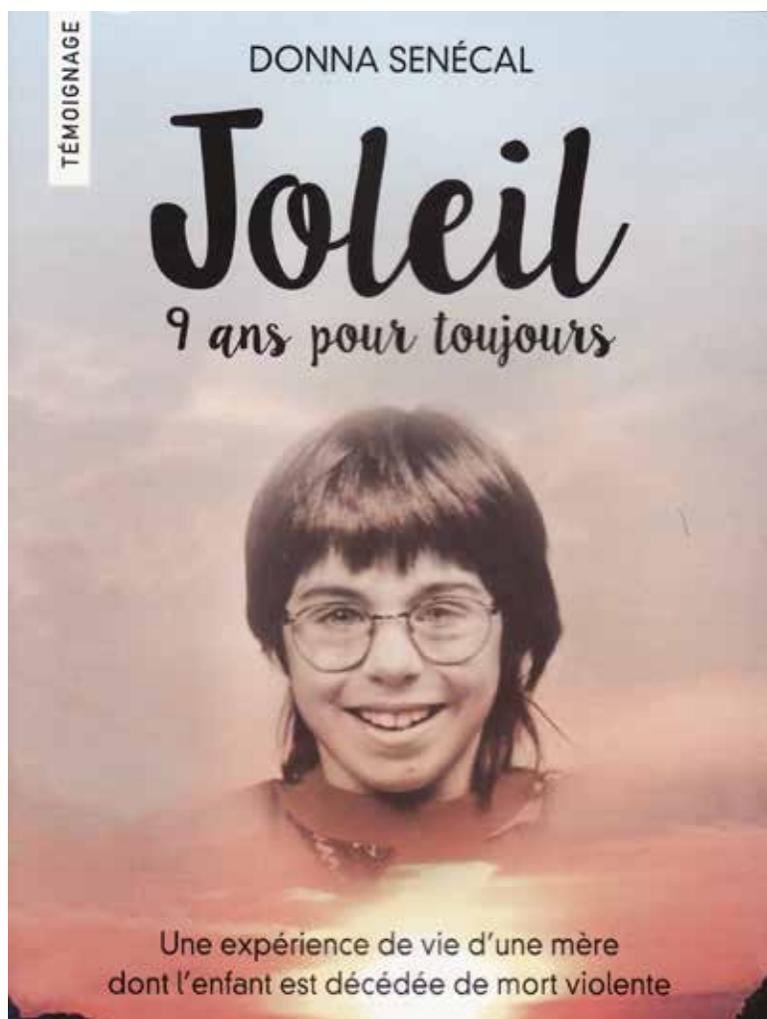
Since September 2001, Sun Youth rewards individuals of exceptional bravery who come to the rescue of people in danger, sometimes risking their own lives. Since the beginning, 66 heroes have been rewarded with gift certificates to stores of their choice and sometimes free meals at select restaurants. By recognizing caring and courageous citizens, the program encourages people to exercise self-abstraction and altruism and promotes mutual assistance.

In 2015-2016, 3 heroes were rewarded. Kevin Levert rescued a distressed man from drowning, Serge Bohec contacted 911, reporting the fall of a man in the river, and Richard Chartier-Carle saved a man who was trying to hang himself.

Rewards

Citizens interested in the solving of certain criminal investigations donate sums of money to be offered by police forces as rewards to individuals providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of wanted criminals or to the location of a missing person. All rewards are first approved by the police force in charge of the investigation. They are offered for a limited period of time after which, as decided by the donor, they are renewed, given back to the donor or used in other crime prevention activities like in providing assistance to victims of criminal acts in particular. Sun Youth is the sole manager of these rewards. It acts as an intermediary between the anonymous donor and the police force in charge of the investigation and ensures that the reward can be made available to the police force, if necessary. Investigators are the ones who decide whether it is appropriate or not to grant a reward as well as the amount to be paid.

Created in 1991, Sun Youth's rewards program carries on thanks to a steady partnership with the City of Montreal Police Department (SPVM). Since then, other police forces have joined this Sun Youth's program: the Quebec Provincial Police in 2009 (Sûreté du Québec), the Ville de Laval Police Department in 2011 and the Longueuil Area Police Department in 2012. A new agreement with a 5th police force was established in 2014: on June 26th, Sun Youth signed an agreement with the Ontario Provincial Police.



Assistance to Victims of Criminal Acts

In 2015-2016, 42 victims received support for a total value of \$5,545. The amount of the support allocated is determined according to the victim's needs. This fund acts as a supplement to the aid provided by government to the victims of violent crimes and their families. After an analysis of the victim's financial situation, the individual can be reimbursed the following expenses: monthly rent, electricity, heating, medication and bus passes. Sun Youth also gives victims access to its food bank, to free clothing and to essential hygiene products.

Sun Youth, the Montreal Police Department (SPVM) and the Assistance Centres for Victims of Crime (CAVAC) joined forces to fight against human trafficking and sexual exploitation. Our Crime Prevention Department helps these victims, mostly women, by offering, among other things, food and clothing and sometimes even paying for their relocation. The Survivors is an innovative prevention project and we are proud to be part of it.

In her book « Joleil, 9 ans pour toujours », Donna Sénécal recounts the experience of her motherhood after her daughter violently passed away. In order to get through this hard phase, the grieving mother needed a lot of support. We were able to help her through our children's help program and our assistance to victims of criminal acts program. In the preface of her book, Mrs. Sénécal expresses her gratitude towards Sun Youth. (SÉNÉCAL, Donna. *Joleil : 9 ans pour toujours*, Montréal, Charron éditeur inc., 287 p.)

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SPORTS & RECREATION



Peewee QB tackling LaSalle QB in MRFL Finals.

Football Season 2015

The Sun Youth Hornets wrapped up another fantastic football season, filled with several highlights that will be remembered for years to come.

Notable moments of the season included the midgets' last victory against Laurentides-Lanaudière Wildcats, Isaac Jean-Louis's Odell Beckham style interception in the end-zone against Greenfield Park, Mohamed Troare's pick six in the end zone on the last play before half time in the quarter finals against the LaSalle Warriors, the fact that the atom, mosquito, and peewee teams all finished 9-1 during regular season and that each team made the playoffs. The two levels that shined in particular were the mosquitoes and the peewee's, both reaching the league finals, and the peewees making one step further all the way to provincials and finishing as runners up. The mosquitoes were led by Walid Hirwa, an extremely gifted athlete who

pretty much played every position on the field. Unfortunately, in the league finals against the Western Patriots, after scoring the game's first touchdown, Walid suffered a game ending injury scrambling to score on the convert. Without their star player the mosquitoes ultimately fell short.

The peewee's provincial loss was heartbreaking, the team having suffered only one defeat during the regular season to the Chateauguay Raiders and then beating them in the playoffs. It seemed as though nothing would stand in their way, but the St. Bruno Barons came prepared. The Hornets offense improved as the game went on. Running back Abdala Traore was able to move the ball rushing for over 220 yards and also throwing for one touchdown, unfortunately the Hornets' defence was unable to stop the Barons attack when they needed it most.



Basketball Season 2015-16

Every year on the third weekend of March, the Montreal Basketball League holds its own "final four" tournament in honor of the famous NCAA competition. The tournament, which is open to all age groups represented in the league, is always a fast-paced thriller, and this year was no different.

Sun Youth was well represented as three of their AAA boys' teams from the Novice, Mini, and Bantam divisions all made it to the semi-finals. Their Midget and Juvenile's AAA teams had previously lost in quarter finals respectively to the Brookwood Bullets and the Park Ex Knights and their Juvenile girls' teams also suffered a crushing loss on March 17th to the Longueuil Tornadoes. Unfortunately, the semi-finals is where it ended for the Bantams as they lost a heartbreaker in overtime to Brookwood, who then breezed by the Park Ex Knights in the finals.

Although the loss was extremely disappointing, the weekend was ultimately salvaged the next day as both the Novice and the Mini teams won their respective championships. For the Novices, this was their second consecutive championship, beating Île Perrot in the finals. For the Minis, it was time for revenge as they faced off against cross-town rivals, the Dawson Community Blues, a team who had beaten them both times in league play this season. One Hornet in particular, Isaiah King, led his team to victory with his 25 points. His athleticism was too much for his opponents, creating countless opportunities to score by having turnover after turnover. The future of Sun Youth's basketball program looks extremely bright as the youngest three age groups represented by the Hornets all distinguished themselves brilliantly when the stakes were at their highest.



Holiday Basketball Tournament

Another Holiday Classic is in the books; moreover it feels like it might be our strongest tournament to date. Considering that five years ago the tournament featured Andrew Wiggins reigning NBA Rookie of the Year, that speaks volumes about which direction the tournament went.

Out of the 23 different games played throughout the tournament 12 of them were decided by 10 points or less. Some of the featured players this year included Vermont Academy's Bruce Brown 30th and Tyrique Jones 89th nationally ranked in the United States for class of 2016. There were also tons of Canadian talents illustrated by Christian David (Tournament MVP) ranked 2nd class of 2017 and Eddie Ekiyor ranked 4th class of 2016 amongst Canadian high school players by NPH. University

coaches from the NCAA and CIS were in attendance to evaluate and recruit the kids. Vermont Academy, 10-0 this season, who were expected to win the tournament did just that, but not without facing some intense competition from Vaughan Academy, Thetford Academy Gold and John Abbott College who they beat in the finals 101-97 in a game that no one expected to be close.

Sun Youth would like to thank all 14 teams who took part in the tournament and wish them luck with their regular season. We would also like to thank North Pole Hoops for covering the event and bringing a lot of attention to the Holiday Classic and Sun Youth, as well as Vikta Paulo for animating and describing the games.

FOOTBALL	BASKETBALL
COACHES 20	COACHES 25
KIDS 136	KIDS 120

HOCKEY	3 CAMPS
COACHES 14	KIDS 219
KIDS 115	

Day Camp

Sun Youth's day camp offers young Montrealers an occasion to live a learning experience while taking part in exciting activities and making new friends. Innovative, Sun Youth's day camp is constantly looking for ways to improve its programs. Between June 27th and August 19th, 2016, 90 youngsters aged 5-12 years old took part in Sun Youth's day camp. Grouped by age (5-6 years, 7-8 years, 9-10 years and 11-12 years), they were offered swimming lessons, such activities as visits to amusement parks, local museums and aquatic parks as well as sports, handicrafts, theatre and picnics. A cold breakfast, lunch and a snack are included in the camp's activities. To capture great moments of this 21st season, a short video showing children and counselors in action was shot and shown to parents during the end-of-the-season party on August 19th.

The day camp's teen lounge underwent a transformation this summer thanks to the great people from MU who painted an indoor mural with the day camp children over several weeks this past summer.

A real hands-on experience, the vegetable garden shows children attending the day camp to grow and tend to vegetables while learning about ecology. The gardening workshops are given every week by an animator from Sentier Urbain. Inspired by the example of the 'Little TD Garden' at Sun Youth's summer camp, another vegetable garden was set up at Sun Youth's main building on St. Urbain Street in the summer of 2013 with the cooperation of Sentier Urbain. Part of the vegetables campers grow goes to the preparation of their meals during day camp and the rest is given to Sun Youth's food bank.



Senior Club

The seniors' club organizes fund-raising events and activities to finance its own activities. The annual Bazaar and the weekly bingo are part of their on-going activities. Otherwise, activities on the seniors' program vary:

cultural outings, theme lunches for Valentine's Day, Fathers' and Mothers' Day, Easter and Christmas. The club's registration fees and fees charged for outings and activities are kept as low as possible.



SLAP Hockey

Created in 2005, SLAP is a hockey development program intended for children aged 5 to 13 years old from disadvantaged families. For that program, Sun Youth partnered with the Park Extension Youth Organization and L'Avalanche hockey club. Under the supervision of 10 volunteer hockey trainers, 80 kids were introduced to this sport in a structured and non-stressful environment in 2015-2016. During the fall of 2016, the SLAP program expanded and is now available to young residents of Pierrefonds. Thanks to the City of Montreal, the Pierrefonds-Roxboro Borough, the LFA's (Ligue Fédérale des As) annual contribution, 4 volunteer coaches and the support of the community 25 more kids were introduced to the sport.



Basketball Camp

The basketball camp was held this summer from July 18th to July 25th. Normally, the boys and girls of the Sun Youth's basketball camp have a very busy schedule featuring at least 3 basketball games per day along with drills designed to improve skills, strength and stamina. Every year, the camp brings in special guest speakers or guest coaches. This year was a little bit different, because the camp brought in two guest coaches from a completely different sport.

Ayaz Hussain and his brother Mian graced Sun Youth's basketball camp with an intro to boxing session. Boxing is one of those sports that can translate well into other sports; mainly because of the heavy emphasis on cardio, coordination, and mental toughness.

The basketball campers were once again supported with a full meal plan. Breakfast, a daily hot lunch, and snacks throughout the day provided them with a healthy nutrition which ensured enough energy to last the whole summer full of activities. The basketball camp was a great opportunity for current and potential Sun Youth Hornets basketball players to improve their skills over the summer to better their chances of making the AAA teams in the fall.

CAMP

Autumn invitational Basketball Tournament

On the last weekend of September, Sun Youth held its second annual autumn invitational basketball tournament. The 2016 edition of the tournament featured five of the finest midget basketball teams in the greater Montreal area: St-Laurent Express, the boys and girls club of LaSalle, the West Island Lakers, Antoine de Saint-Exupéry and the hosts, the Sun Youth Hornets.

The teams packed their buses and made their way up to the Sun Youth Camp in Rivière-Rouge where they gathered for a weekend of non-stop basketball. There was an even mix of first time and returning squads but by the time the weekend was over, everyone had fostered a bond over their common goal: to gain valuable experience competing against their peers in order to ultimately raise their respective games to the highest possible level.

In preparation for the regular season the teams sought to put their off season training to the test. This much needed opportunity to practice team cohesion in a realistic game setting was not lost on the teams as they rose to every occasion to hit the court and play hard. Most of the games were very competitive with two needing overtime to settle the score.

Although basketball was the focus of the weekend, the players and coaches did manage to enjoy the various amenities of the camp on their off time. They took full advantage of the beautiful fall weather and were able to swim, kayak, canoe and pedal boat at their leisure.

Organized and run once again by Sun Youth basketball program coordinator, Rodney Skerritt, the tournament did not disappoint. The basketball intensive weekend was unanimously deemed a success by the coaches. "It's our first year participating and we had one of the best experiences of any tournament" said Dev Ramessar, coach of the West Island Lakers. "These guys will never forget the team bonding experience that they had".

The weekend would not have been possible without the contributions from the volunteers, staff, referees, coaches and players. Sun Youth wishes to thank everyone who made this year's edition one to remember. See you next year!



Let's talk wisdom!

The summer camp also welcomes seniors aged 55 years and over. Called 'The House of Wisdom', it is specifically designed for them. A cottage put at their disposal can accommodate 12 persons at a time. During the summer of 2016, 12 seniors enjoyed the facilities.



Sun Youth Sleep Away Camp: All the campers and counselors.

Sleep Away Camp

During the summer of 2016, Sun Youth's sleep-away summer camp welcomed a total of 99 youngsters aged 6-14 years old for a one-week or a two-week stay according to the camper's age. Located in Rivière-Rouge, in the Laurentians, the summer camp grounds are spread over more than 55 acres in a wooded area in front of a lake and can accommodate 200 persons.

The lake gives the opportunity for different activities such as canoeing, water-peddling, wind-surfing and swimming. The outdoor installations include basketball, volleyball, baseball and football fields as well as a tennis court and an area to practise archery. The summer camp also has a double gymnasium where to practice different indoor sports and leisure activities. It is also equipped with a weight room, showers and lockers, recreation, plastic arts and computer rooms.



Mom's Turn

During the summer of 2016, the sleep-away summer camp welcomed 8 single mothers and 14 children for an 8-day stay which gave mothers a break and an occasion to bond with other women in the same situation as well as to share happy moments with their children away from the worries of their daily life. While children enjoy the facilities, mothers can take part in activities specifically intended for them such as computer and creative writing workshops and simulations of real-life situations they have to deal with.

Little TD Garden

Tending to a vegetable garden teaches campers the joys of gardening and helps them address environmental concerns. This activity provides them with useful tools towards the protection of the environment and prepares them to become eco-responsible citizens. Vegetables grown in the garden are used in the preparation of campers' meals and the surplus is given to the community by way of a local charitable organization. This project was made possible thanks to the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation of TD Canada Trust which provided the required financial support for setting up the garden. The 'Little TD Garden' is a wink at the Boston Arena bearing the TD Garden name.

C.I.T. Program

Sun Youth offers job training

opportunities and a leadership program to teens aged 15 to 17 years at our summer camp located in the Laurentians. We encourage them to explore their potential and work collectively with their peers through interactive workshops tailored to enhance their knowledge, competencies and skills related to life situations. The following subjects are a few examples of workshops that the teens participate in; Body Image, Anger /Stress Management, Mental & Physical Hygiene, Cyber Bullying, Writing a CV, Critical Thinking.

We believe that this program helps raise our teens' self esteem and aides them to attain their maximum potential. We offer them a challenging, safe and respectful environment in which we foster the opportunity to create extraordinary results in their lives. In 2016, 30 teenagers participated in the Counselor in Training program.



COMMUNICATIONS

Our Influence in The Community

Every day, dozens of people walk through our doors, whether it is because they need help or want to offer theirs. Kids come at Sun Youth to play sports and their friends and family follow. In the summer, parents leave their children in our care, at our sleep-away camp or day camp in Montreal. Social workers, police officers, educators and teachers refer people to us every single day of the year. Some politicians consult us before making decisions. Sixty one years ago, Sun Youth's co-founders created a community newspaper, The Clark Street Sun. Now, Sun Youth benefits from the support of the Montreal media community which gives the organization great coverage.

Sun Youth is a founding member of the ROHCMUM (an association of humanitarian and com-

munity organizations concerned with emergency measures in Montreal). The organization presides over its Board of Directors through a designated representative. Sun Youth is also a founding member of the Referral Committee for Homeless Families of the Montreal Housing Agency and a member of both the Quebec Amateur Football Federation and the Quebec Basketball Federation. One of Sun Youth's cofounders is also the founder of the Quebec Midget Football League, where he is currently the president.

In 2015-2016, we were also invited to be part of the committee responsible for welcoming the syrian refugees, we participated in the development of Montreal's resilience strategy and also in the development of Montreal's Children's Policy.

Traditional Media Outlets

Sun Youth feels privileged by the interest that the Montreal media community has shown towards its organization for many years now. Whether it is through television or radio, or in the newspapers, Sun Youth's media visibility is an invaluable platform for broadcasting the organization's services and highlighting its mission. Traditional media outlets inform and reach diverse audiences. They are particularly accessible to families and economically less fortunate people.

Some donors allow Sun Youth to purchase media space in news-

papers in order to issue important messages through ads or columns. These appear every month in the *Senior Times* and *The Montrealer* newspapers. For special events, columns are published in the *24 heures* and *The Gazette* newspapers. In addition, newspapers such as *The Montreal Times*, *The Montrealer*, *The Gazette* and *The Suburban* offer Sun Youth free space to publish news of interest or its activities calendar.

Our annual campaign with *The Gazette*, starring our volunteers, was a tremendous success.



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SID AND EARL: THE ORIGINAL VOLUNTEERS

BY OLYA COLLETTE
PHOTO: JAMES

The biggest movement can start with the simplest gesture. When you look at the three-story Sun Youth building on the corner of St. Urbain and Rachel St., you probably wouldn't guess that this renowned organization started up someone's kitchen in 1954, with a handwritten newspaper called the Clark Street Sun.

Founded by Sun Youth cofounders Sid Stevens and Earl De La Perralle, the three-pennings used the Clark Street Sun to talk about going-on in their neighborhood. They printed two papers per week — the original and a custom copy — which they sent for \$100 each. "We started everything before it became popular," joked Stevens.

In their first year, they managed to raise \$100, which they used to fund activities for the youth in their neighborhood, especially those who couldn't afford a membership at the YMCA. "My little was organized for us," De La Perralle said, "was, as a group, devoted to organize ourselves, and different activities, like basketball, hockey. It was as simple as that."

"The rest of the food which would not go to the gym for one hour, and let us stay all evening," Stevens added. "We eventually developed our youth center, with movie showings on Saturdays."

The community organization had a significant impact because

ing ourselves," De La Perralle said. "But while changing ourselves, we were changing the neighborhood by doing positive things."

Meanwhile, Stevens started expanding the newspaper, printing more copies and selling them at a local newsstand. Monks and Schwartz's were regular advertisers. The funds continued to go to the organization, eventually called Sun Youth, as a result of renaming the paper "The Sun — Youth Organization."

In 1963, the organization found a big home on the corner of Parc and Mont Royal Aves, before moving to their current digs in 1981. For De La Perralle and Stevens,

1,500 volunteers, which comes to thousands of man hours," Stevens pointed out. "A lot of them will tell you that true happiness is in giving, and that when you give, you receive."

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Social Media

Since 2012, Sun Youth has been gradually increasing its use of social media on platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Google+ and LinkedIn. The number of Sun Youth's Facebook's subscribers has now reached the threshold of 3 000. If we compare this number with last year (1 926 subscribers), we observe an increase of more than 68% since the end of the year. Moreover, our Facebook fans are between 18 and 64 years of age and 54% of them are women. We notice a high involvement from our followers from 18 to 34 years of age as 65% of them regularly participate on our Facebook page.

For the period of 2015-2016, the number of followers on our Twitter platform increased from 1 010 to 1 335, creating a significant rate of engagement of 39%. With 589 followers of different age groups and cultural backgrounds, Instagram is still a good way to reach our young athletes with an currently rate of engagement of 13%.

Sun Youth's Newsletter

Sixty years after its first issue was written, The Clark Street Sun was back in January 2014, but as a monthly newsletter under the name of "The Montreal Sun". The newsletter publishes Sun Youth's latest news, promotes the range of services offered and the activities of the Emergency Services, Sports and Recreation, and Crime prevention teams as well as upcoming events.

The newsletter has reached 842 subscribers (60% francophone and 40 % anglophone) which is an 15% increase from last year. The opening rate reached the threshold of 30%, still well above average for this type of publication.



Facebook Page Growth 2015-16

As for LinkedIn, we are now at 205 followers, 33% of which are young graduates and senior executives. We still continue to put efforts on this platform because we believe that there are potential donors to be reached.

In encouraging feedback on the information issued, social media is getting Sun Youth closer to the community it serves. Informing and drawing people's attention will always be important. But the desired goal is to publicize Sun Youth's mis-

sion and services, gather people around the cause, engage and mobilize in a specific activity or in the organization's projects and the needs of the community it serves.

www.sunyouthorg.com

Our website informs the community on the organization's mission, programs and services offered to the population as well as on its annual distributions and main events such as sports tournaments and fundraising campaigns. It is today an indispensable communication tool which is ac-

cessible to almost all our clients.

For the year of 2015-2016, the number of visits to our website reached 75 000 entries. In addition, we maintain an average of 57 000 users who are between the age of 18 and 64. However, we notice a growing

interest, compared to last year, from users of 25 to 44 years of age, allowing us to create new content for them. In short, these new statistics show that our efforts to improve the positioning and the visibility of Sun Youth's site on the web are effective and beneficial.



Summer Ad Campaign

This summer, Sun Youth ran Summer Ads to display our various summer programs with photos of the participants in each one. The one displayed on the left showcases our day camp and a variety of activities the camps take part in.

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ADMINISTRATION

Our Staff

Thanks to the invaluable contribution of its human resources, Sun Youth is able to provide its help to the Montreal community. Whatever the role they play in the organization, all people at Sun Youth share a common ideal: a commitment to the values of sharing and caring. These individuals are from different nationalities and walks of life, and it is not uncommon for someone who has benefited from our services to become a volunteer with the organization or to be taken on as an employee. This helps to make Sun Youth an inclusive and diversified milieu.

Sun Youth employs about 70 people, and up to 115 during summer time when students on vacation are hired to work in our summer programs and activities. Some other people also attend Sun Youth as part of a training or employment integration program.

Our Volunteers

A team of 1,545 individuals lent a helping hand during the year. They have done 143,284 hours in volunteer work as coaches, tutors, youth leaders, counsellors or receptionists which is the equivalent of 69 full-time jobs (40 hours a week). Whether sorting goods, recycling, doing accounting or administrative tasks, they are at the core of Sun Youth's activities. During the Holiday Season alone, 681 individuals, including public figures, and 588 companies' representatives, volunteered 14,484 hours raising funds, collecting, sorting and distributing food as well as collecting, wrapping and distrib-



Sun Youth's Board of Directors met seven times in 2015-2016 to discuss current matters and once for the annual assembly. In 2015-2016, the Board of Directors was made up of 7 members, all volunteers, from various professional backgrounds.

Human Resources

uting gifts.

Students & Trainees

Each year, students levels join Sun Youth for summer or part-time jobs, or for social work or juvenile delinquency internships. In 2016, Sun Youth provided 65 students with summer jobs including 22 students through the federal government's 'Summer Jobs Canada' program, 15 with the support of various foundations and 11 through provincial grants. Once again this year, Sun Youth was able to hire 3 summer students through Intégration Jeunesse's Valorisation Jeunesse Program.

These students get solid training and practical experience under excellent supervision.

Social Integration

Four days a week, from 9am to 3pm, Sun Youth welcomes among its staff 40 participants from social integration or rehabilitation programs such as the provincial "Aide et accompagnement social" program (PAAS Action). Sun Youth collaborates with readaptation centers for intellectual disabilities such as the CRDIT-ED de Montréal and the West Montreal Readaptation Center (WMRC).

Staff and volunteer appreciation days

The 2016 National Volunteer Week took place from April 10 to 16 and to demonstrate its appreciation, on April 13, Sun Youth organized a day of activities at the Stewart Museum to celebrate its volunteers. Many volunteers participated, discovering this unique museum. Also, on September 30th a staff appreciation day was held at the OKA National Park. Staff got to bond and relax at the beautiful beach, enjoying a BBQ, while the more active played volleyball and biked around the trails.

Management Team

Mr Helio GALEGO,
Director of Crime Prevention and Victim Services

Mr Gaétan LÉVESQUE, Director of Finances

Mr Ernie ROSA, Director of Sports & Recreation

Mrs Johanne SALTARELLI, Assistant to the Executive Director and Summer Camp Director

Mr Tommy KULCZYK, Assistant Executive Vice-President & Director of Emergency Services & Communications

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Mr Earl DE LA PERRALLE
Director
Non-profit sector (Co-founder and Executive Director, Sun Youth)

Mr Sid STEVENS
Director
Non-profit sector (Co-founder and Executive Vice-President, Sun Youth)

Mr Edmund TOBIN
Director
Former administrative court Judge

Mr Dimitrios MANOLOPOULOS
Director
Private sector (Senior Director, banking industry)

Finances

Sun Youth is a registered charity and a non-profit organization. Its financial situation relies primarily on the generosity of private and corporate donors and of foundations. Governmental grants account for 11% of Sun Youth's funding.

In 2015-2016, Sun Youth received 8,808 cash donations for which a receipt was delivered. Each donation is vital and allows Sun Youth to continue its work in the community. We also wish to thank our partners of the private sector, the City of Montreal and the media community for their generous support.

The independent accounting firm of Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton is appointed to perform the annual audit of Sun Youth's financial statements. Revenues for the year are \$7,038,200 and disbursements (before depreciation and adjustments) are for an amount of \$6,885,900. Around 90% of Sun Youth's operations budget is spent directly on services offered.

Fundraisers

Sun Youth organizes two annual fundraising campaigns, one during summer and the other during the Holiday Season. Both campaigns are meant to finance specific activities to which the funds are then allocated. Sun Youth also receives financing from foundations and private donors who wish to bring their support to programs or activities in relation to their social commitment. In order for Sun Youth to receive such funding, foundations require regular follow-up reports on the expenses and activities related to their contributions

La Grande Guignolée des Médias

The 15th *Grande Guignolée des médias* (Big Media Food Drive) held on December 3rd 2015, helped raise \$693,597.03 and the equivalent of 4,694 grocery bags in the Montreal area to the benefit of Sun Youth, the *Société Saint-Vincent-de-Paul* and *Moisson Montréal*. The collect lasted through the whole month of December in our friend's stores : *Jean Coutu, Provigo Loblaws and Maxi*.

In the summer of 2016, the *Grande Guignolée des médias* launched its very first estival initiative, developed by TAM-TAMT-BWA. "One less box to move out" was held this year in a selected area of the *Plateau-Mont-Royal* in collaboration with Sun Youth. Its goal was to take advantage of the moving season to encourage people's generosity while helping them move "lightly". A box left at their front door invited them to give the non-perishable items that they didn't wish to keep, thus contributing to fill the kitchen shelves of the most disadvantaged people in the neighbourhood. The boxes were picked up after moving day by volunteers and our bike patrollers. Approximately 30% of the boxes distributed were filled with food.



Train Show

On September 24th and 25th was held Sun Youth's Annual Model Train Show, a fundraiser for the organization's sports and recreation programs. Featuring some 70 exhibitors, vendors and offering fun activities for the whole family, the show featured the largest collection in North America of model railroads that children can operate. In addition to trains, children could play with other miniature vehicles such as race cars, radio-controlled cars and tanks, etc. Trains could be bought and sold at the show.

Throughout the weekend, some 3,000 people visited the exposition, thus contributing to the financing of Sun Youth's Sports & Recreation programs by generating profits close to \$8,000. Many thanks to Ivan Dow, Chief-Organizer of the event, to the numerous exhibitors and to everyone who visited the exposition.

Brotherhood Hockey Association

The Brotherhood Association, held two fundraisers for Sun Youth this year. The first one, held on May 1st, during the LFA 2016 season finale game, helped raise \$5,000 for the food bank and the second one, held on August 28th, raised another \$5,200 for our SLAP Hockey development program.

Mordy Gordon Commemorative Golf Tournament

For the 13th consecutive year, Sun Youth held the Mordy Gordon Memorial Golf Tournament in collaboration with Des Sources Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM Fiat to finance the organization's sports and recreation programs for children. On August 11th, some

140 golfers gathered at Le Diamant Golf Club in support of Sun Youth.

The results indicate that the event raised close to \$70,000, which brings the total of collected funds to \$761,000 since the inception of the tournament in 2004. Special thanks to Montreal artist Michael Litvak for donating two of his paintings that were auctioned off and to the Robin des Bois Restaurant for once again supporting the tournament. The event concluded with a raffle featuring this year's grand prize, a trip for two in business class to Switzerland courtesy of Swiss International Airlines. Special thanks to the organizing committee, the golfers, the many sponsors (Herzing College, Deshaies Motosport, Les Brasseurs RJ, Emmagination Cupcakes and Exacalibur Wines) and to Montreal comedian Joey Elias and Jacques Bernard for hosting the evening.

Matthew Salsa Golf Tournament

The tournament was created in order to honour the late Matthew Salsa who passed away suddenly as he was struck by a tree at the Rosemère Golf Club in 2012. At 18 years of age, Matthew was considered to be one of the best junior golfers in the province and most importantly a great individual and a model citizen. Admirably, Matthew's parents have chosen to pledge the funds raised from their son's tournament to helping others. Thanks to the generosity of all those in attendance, \$ 45,000 were raised to profit Sun Youth Organization and Golf Québec.



Tommy Kulczyk at the press conference announcing the city of Montreal's Child Policy.

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Highlights 2015-2016

On June 16, the Mayor of Montreal, Denis Coderre announced the creation of the Montreal Child Policy in partnership with Sun Youth Organization, the Breakfast Club of Canada and with Dr. Julien's Foundation. On June 29th, the Mayor announced the nomination of Tommy Kulczyk as Montreal's Commissioner for Children which then led to his resignation as Sun Youth's Assistant Vice-President and Director of Emergency Services and communications after 35 years of loyal services.

In 2015-2016, 24,148 food baskets were distributed to 6,316 families for a total of 14,846 individuals. In addition, 4,020 Christmas baskets were distributed during the Holiday Season.

During the fall of 2016, the SLAP program expanded and is now available to young residents of Pierrefonds. Thanks to the City of Montreal, the Pierrefonds-Roxboro Borough, the LFA's (Ligue Fédérale des As) annual contribution, 4 volunteer coaches and the support of the community 25 more kids were introduced to the sport.

On May 12th 2016, we signed an agreement with *Moisson Montréal* which we believe will be very beneficial to the users of our food bank. As of September 30 2016, we received 72 195,71 kilos of food valued at \$343,628.81 from Moisson Montréal.

On May 25th 2016, 109 amazing youngsters whose courage and behavior had a positive impact in their community were rewarded for the Bike Man's 91th birthday during Sun Youth's 32nd annual bike distribution.

The Foresters' garden grew close to 1000 pounds of vegetables, almost double last year's

yield. These fresh vegetables were distributed to Sun Youth's food bank users.

Our Good Samaritan program rewarded 3 heroes. Kevin Levert rescued a distressed man from drowning, Serge Bohec contacted 911, reporting the fall of a man in the river, and Richard Chartier-Carle saved a man who was trying to hang himself.

Both the Novice and the Mini basketball teams won their respective championships. For the Novices this was their second consecutive championship. The future of Sun Youth's basketball program looks extremely bright with the addition of a basketball development program in which 20 kids participated.

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The *Commission Scolaire De Montréal* agreed on selling us the old Byron Bing highschool.



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