



# The Impact

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## REACH FOR THE STARS

### Youth Impact Centre 25th Anniversary Dinner



“Has it been 25 years already?!” are some of the comments we have heard when we announced our 25th Anniversary Fundraising Dinner and Auction, Thursday May 29th. “25 years is a long time, but we hope to be here a lot longer than longer that!” exclaimed Ray Lyell, (program coordinator.)

The Youth Impact Centre of Dunnville has been committed to serving the well being of its youth for the past 25 years. It has survived and attributes its success by the sheer passion of a few individuals, and the monetary generosity of many.

Beginning this year with a new face lift, a sponsorship with World Vision and a whole whack of new and exciting programs, we believe that we have turned a corner. The Centre not

only provides a safe and fun environment for the youth of the community, like it has in the past, but is now offering many creative and life skill programs that will help our young people be able to “Reach For The Stars!”

“My motto is... if you can dream it, you can do it. And if you can do it, you can live it!” says Lyell, but then he adds, “but we must first teach them to dream it!”

Although it’s hard to imagine, there are children here in our community that have been born into what they feel is such hopeless situations that they don’t know how to dream or simply refuse to, for fearing it will just be in vain.

This September the Centre is planning to make available emergency beds for our youth at risk. The warmth and shelter will be coupled with mandatory life skill programs to teach them what they need to know to find work, take care of themselves, and manage their money.

The proceeds of this fundraising dinner will play a big role in the outcome of

our September vision. Our “Reach for The Stars” Dinner and Auction will take place May 29th at the Royal Canadian Legion. The reception starts at 6:00 pm and the dinner is at 7:00. There, musical entertainment, and a silent auction full of many wonderful items that local artists, merchants, and tradesmen have generously donated to help us with our cause. Speaking will be Maria Van Bommel the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Children and Youth Services It will definitely be a great and exciting evening! The cost is \$100.00 per person and each person will receive a \$75.00 tax receipt.

The invitation is for our whole community, so come join us and celebrate our 25 years of serving youth, and help us to launch the Centre into another successful 25 years of God changing and impacting lives around us.



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## wuz up???

### “A MULTIMEDIA EXPERIENCE”

### ...SEARCHING FOR TALENT!



The youth centre is currently looking for young people between the ages of 8 to 19 who are interested in making short films.

Whether your interested in the technical end of it or the talent part of it, come on out and let us know. There is a multimedia name list on the bill board at the entrance of the centre. Come on in and put your name down.

You will learn how to script, shoot and edit videos including different camera angles, special effects, graphic arts, lighting techniques and animation.

We would like to put together our own Impact Multimedia Teams to get involved doing promos for the centre, music videos, and hosting music video and special effect birthday parties.

Once a month we'll have a Youth Centre Film Fest where each team can invite their family and friends to come out and watch their creative efforts come to life on the big screen!

Definitely the biggest and most exciting program to date!

**Don't miss out!!!**

If you always wanted to be in the movies, or even if you wanted to write, script or shoot a movie, then this program is for you!

## Maria Van Bommel to Speak at Youth Impact Anniversary Dinner

Upcoming plans for the Youth Impact Centre's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and fundraising celebration on May 29<sup>th</sup> at the Royal Canadian Legion in Dunnville are well underway. News was recently received that the Provincial Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Children & Youth Services Maria Van Bommel will be in attendance to speak at the fundraiser.

Maria Van Bommel's career has included farming, accounting, small business and national team management coordination. Prior to being elected for the first time to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario in October 2003, she was the member services representative for Lambton and Middlesex counties for a major farm organization. Maria is currently the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Children and Youth Services and is

Chair of the Ontario Women's Liberal Caucus. Maria is also Vice Chair of the Economic, Environmental Policy Resources Committee, a member of the Rural and Southwest Caucuses and is past Chair of the Rural Economic Development Panel (R.E.D.). In addition, she also served as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (responsible for Agriculture and Food) and to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Maria is the first-born of Dutch immigrants, Joseph and Josephine Thuss, in Chatham. She attended Centralia College of Agricultural Technology and continued her life-long learning experience at both Fanshawe College and the University of Western Ontario.

Lorraine Bergstrand, Fundraising Coordinator for the Youth Centre is excited at the PA's acceptance as Maria brings not only her recent portfolio on youth issues but a background that is varied with a strong rural history.

"This is a perfect fit for the YIC's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration as Maria not only understands small town, rural Ontario but can also bring us the provinces agenda on youth issues and help us highlight the evening". "This is the Youth Centre's big fundraiser this year and we certainly appreciate that Maria will be here to help us help our kids" said Bergstrand.

Tickets for the May 29<sup>th</sup> event are still available. The cost is \$100 which includes dinner and auction with a \$75 tax receipt. Anyone wishing a ticket please call the YIC @ 905 774 6233.

# Hollywood Comes To Dunnville!!!

That's right! Hollywood is coming to Dunnville and is having an open call for those who would like to do some "Extra" work in a movie starring Hillary Swank and Richard Gere. The movie is about life of Amelia Earhart,

the woman pilot who went missing while attempting to fly around the world on July 2 1938. Although movie work is exciting, please remember that a day of shooting could be anywhere between 8 to 16 hours. The pay off?

Well to start, around \$10.00 per hour, but maybe just maybe... "with your face and my connections".... "ah you know how the story goes, in the mean time...let's do lunch, I'll have my agent call your agent!"

## Comix by Silvie

age 13



## Mother's Day Gift Idea MAKE HER A COUPON BOOKLET Here's How! ...By Rose Lamothe



Step 1- Cut out strips of paper about 19cm long and 4cm wide.

Step 2- Write things on the paper strips that you'll do for your Mom. You will do these things whenever she asks you. For example, 'Clean Car'.

Step 3- Decorate with stickers.

Step 4- Put coupons in decorative box and give it to your Mom!!



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**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**"REACH FOR THE STARS"**

**FUNDRAISING DINNER AND AUCTION**

**DUNNVILLE LEGION**

**6:00PM / May 29th**

**April-May Weekly Schedule**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
50+FRIENDS CLUB 9:AM -12:00PM.  DROP IN AGES 8 -13 5:30PM.-7:00PM.  A MULITMEDIA EXPERIENCE 7:00 PM - 8:30  DROP IN AGES 14-21 8:30PM.-10:00PM.	TUTORING CLUB (by appointment only) 4:00PM.-5:30  BARB-B-Q & DROP IN 6:00PM.-8:00PM. AGES 14-21	50+FRIENDS CLUB 9:AM -12PM.  ARTWORX AGES 8-13 4:00-5:30  DROP IN AGES 8 -13 6:00PM.—8:00PM.  DROP IN AGES 14-21 8:00PM.-10:00PM	TUTORING CLUB (by appointment only) 4:00PM.-5:30  MIXED MARTIAL ARTS Ages 8-15 White Belt 5:45PM-6:30PM Ages 8-15 Colour Belts 6:45PM-7:30PM  ADULT 8:00PM-9:00PM	50+FRIENDS CLUB 9:00AM.-12:00PM.  10:00 am 50 + Tai Chi  DROP IN & CHESS CLUB 7:00PM-10:00PM AGES 8-13	1:00PM to 4:00PM Check website for Sat. afternoon activities. <a href="http://www.youthimpactcentre.com">www.youthimpactcentre.com</a>  GROUP GUITAR BEGINNERS 5:30PM-6:00PM  INTERMEDIATE 6:00PM-6:30PM  ADVANCED 6:30PM-7:00PM

**SUNDAY**  
  
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