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Our Mission Statement

“Kennedy House works with youth to enable them to grow as individuals to contribute as members of the community. This is achieved in our residential and community based programs by providing customized support and building trusting relationships.”

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Celebrating our 40th Anniversary

This year marks the 40th anniversary for Kennedy House Youth Services. There has been and will continue to be several more events taking place throughout 2011 to commemorate this achievement. To date, Kennedy House has celebrated with our staff through an appreciation dinner, the 1st ever Kennedy House raffle, and special dinners and outings involving all our programs including an upcoming Open House at our Head Office in the fall. Our future focus is to continue the current expansion of valuable services to local communities, child welfare agencies, educational institutions, youth justice organizations, and social services in general.

Kennedy House Raffle

Kennedy House Youth Services is celebrating its 40th year and we want to include all of you in the celebrations. On June 7, 2011, Kennedy House held its 1st raffle through the Finlandia Lions Club. All proceeds will be going into celebrations this year for staff and residents. The winners were:

1st Prize - 40” Samsung LCD TV - Arvin James

2nd prize - Pair of Toronto Maple Leaf Tickets & \$100 Visa Gift Card - Connie Cerdan

3rd Prize - Pair of Toronto Raptors Tickets & \$50.00 Visa Gift Card - Ian Brewster (KHYS - Ajax Employee)

Prizes were also awarded for the staff who went above and beyond to sell tickets. The winners are:

1st - \$100.00 - Adrienne Lewis

2nd - \$50.00 - Jemelle Williams

3rd - \$25.00 - Mallory Kismatali

*Victoria Tabancura
& Raiji Rosenthal
from the Finlandia
Lions Club drawing
the winning tickets
alongside of Shelly
Jaigobin*

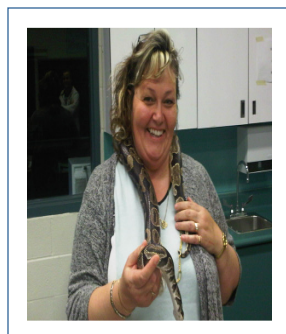


Relay for Life

On Friday June 3, 2011, the Kennedy Krewsaders participated in an all night walk "The Relay for Life" to raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society. Together we **celebrate** cancer survivors, **remember** loved ones lost to cancer, and **fight back** in the hope of finding a cure for this terrible disease. We are proud to say that The Kennedy Krewsaders raised \$3630 for the Canadian Cancer Society.



Congratulations on 25 Years!



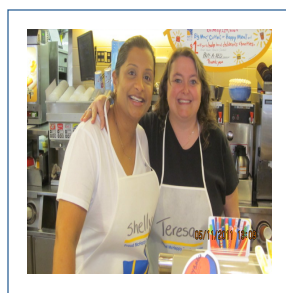
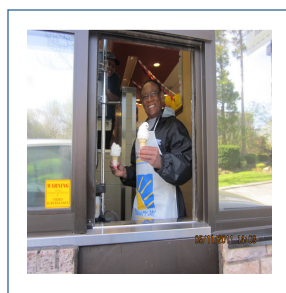
We congratulate you on your 25 years of service. Thank you for your commitment and dedication. We look forward to celebrating many more anniversaries!

Rosie "Iron Woman" Douma

McHappy Day

On May 11, 2011, Kennedy House joined McDonalds to celebrate McHappy Day, a well known fundraising event in support of children's charities. In support of this special day, Shelly Jaigobin, Teresa Carroll, and Gord McIntosh all rolled up their sleeves to help out, whether it was behind the counter, at the fry station, or drive-thru.

McHappy Day, 2011



Program Highlights

Kennedy Road

Is home to Kennedy House's longest client within the agency who celebrated his 7 year anniversary in February 2011. The home recently received several new renovations in the dining room, living room, and bedrooms

Galloway Road

Staff and clients enjoyed an exciting trip to the ACC to support our Toronto Raptors. Inside the home has an all new kitchen the staff and clients are enjoying

Manse Road

Supported a long term client with the transition to motherhood as she recently gave birth to a beautiful baby girl

Kingston Road

We are very proud and feel much safer that the girls all successfully completed a 1st Aid & CPR course

Brock Road

Supported a youth's love for basketball by encouraging him and cheering him on with his position on an organized team within the community

Day Treatment

The class finished 1st place in the multicultural poster contest at Winston Churchill Collegiate Institute and donated their winnings to fundraising the "Haiti School Building Project"

Storefront

Participated in the Pepsi Refresh Project to help fund our After School Programs

Ajax Youth Centre

Welcomed George Chuvalo (reigning Canadian Heavyweight Boxing Champion for 21 years) as a guest speaker to the boys on July 7, 2011

Bailiff

Received two new secure transport vehicles to aid its high demand services



KHYS Group Photo at Staff Appreciation Dinner

2011 Conference

Kennedy House Youth Services Inc. hosted the third Annual Ed Blazo Lecture Series “**Helping Ourselves Helping Others**”. The May 18th event was sold out and included presentations from Richard D O’Brien and Nancy Mayer. Participant feedback was extremely positive as the capacity crowd listened to both workshops with inspiring approval. Visit www.kennedyhouse.org for more news and information about future events at Kennedy House.



Strategic Planning

Kennedy House continues to be involved with the strategic planning process that involves all aspects of the agency. It is important for us to ensure that everyone who works at Kennedy House has a voice in the process and has an opportunity to meet with our facilitator. To date we have generated a mission statement for our agency and are excited about making changes to ensure we will continue to meet the needs of the communities we serve. We have generated some important strategic priorities, and are currently in the process of working towards an action plan. Once completed this document will be our guide for the next few years. We look forward to its release with excitement and renewed enthusiasm as our plan is for this document to launch us into our next phase of development and set the foundation for the next 40 years.

The Kingston Rd family says...



Congratulations to Mandy Pinkerton on the birth of her baby boy Ayden. He was born on April 26, 2011, weighing 4 pounds and 9 ounces.

40th Anniversary Celebration, Recognition of Founders & Staff Appreciation Dinner 2011

The Board of Directors hosted an evening of fun and food on April 13, 2011. This evening was to thank all of our staff for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to working with our clientele groups. Included in our attendance was a very special guest, and long time friend of Kennedy House, Vaughn Martin from the San Diego Chargers who is a successful graduate of Kennedy House. Vaughn shared a meaningful speech for all our staff and guests, presented awards, and was able to catch up with staff he worked closely with. In addition to thanking our staff, we also recognized our founders Ed Blazo and Doug Chin for making all this possible.

During the evening, Service Awards were presented to staff. The following received the award:

Name	Program/Years of Service
JEMELLE WILLIAMS	Galloway 2
ERIC DAVIES	Ajax 2
ERIC DUPONT	Ajax 2
DAVID KEAST	Ajax 2
SHAWN NANAY	Ajax 2
BRANDON PERRY	Ajax 2
EUGENIE JESUDASAN	Kingston 2
MAHALIA GAYLE-JACKSON	Kingston 2
DAVID SINGH	Maintenance 2
MATTHEW DIXON	Ajax 5
NEIL ENDICOTT	Ajax 5
BOBBI JO ELLIOTT	Manse 5
SAMANTHA HEMMINGS	Kingston 5
MALLORY KISMATALI	Manse 5
KAYAN TAVARES	Manse 5
CATHERINE NIKKEL	Day Treatment 5
AMANDA PINKERTON	Kingston 5
KEVIS WILSON	Brook 5
BRIAN LAW	Kennedy 10
ROHAN WILLIAMS	Galloway 10
SHELLY JAIGOBIN	Head Office 10
MICHELLE WEBSTER	Manse 10
TERESA CARROLL	Ajax 20
TRACEY HARDINGE	Bailiff 20

Thank You!

Special thanks are due the following people:

KHYS Conference Committee Members (Tracy Bedard, Lisa Blanchard, Adrienne Lewis, Melanie Lattimore, and Roxanne Barima-Twum) for volunteering to help organize and clean up after the event

Sponsors for donating prizes and pledges for the Relay for Life Walk

40th Anniversary Committee Members for their time and efforts towards the celebrations of 40 years of service

Crawflyn Farms for your generous donation in August 2010

Jenna & Barkley Lelievre for their donation of reading books & text books to the Ajax Youth Centre Library and School Program

Catherine Nikkel and Mandy Pinkerton for their support in the winter in running the Drop-In program at Storefront

Rohan Williams for making the connection and showing the motivation to have George Chuvalo appear and speak with our kids

Kelvin Antoine & David Espeut for making special Rice Krispie Squares to be sold at the Relay for Life Walk. The team raised an additional \$120 from your efforts

Everyone who supported our raffle with prize donations and purchasing tickets

All the staff that participated in the strategic planning sessions and surveys. Your commitment and participation will assist our agency in planning for the future

Ryan Howard for photographing the Staff Appreciation Dinner

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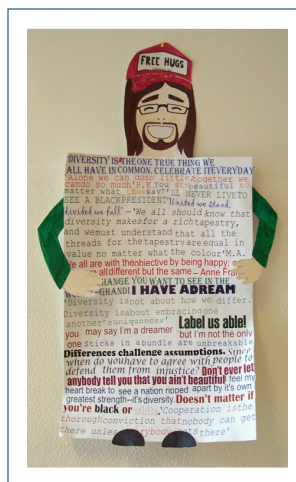
Bryon Cohen for the 20 picture frames

Jim Derhak of Astrowear for the NHL Hall of Fame induction sweater for Dino Ciccarelli

Rob Beiforte of MDF Mechanical for the three 18v cordless drills

Scott Barnum of BMO for theatre tickets

Ian Po for golf shirts, towels, and party favours



Day Treatment Class, 2011
1st place poster



Vaughn Martin
San Diego Chargers

Upcoming Events

Galloway Road Open House BBQ
Friday, June 24, 1:00 P.M.

Manse Road Open House BBQ
Wednesday, July 13, 1:00 P.M.

Community BBQ
Wednesday, July 20, 1:00 P.M.

Brock Road Open House BBQ
Friday, July 29, 1:00 P.M.

Kingston Road Open House BBQ
Friday, August 12, 1:00 P.M.

Kennedy Road Open House BBQ
Wednesday, August 17, 1:00 P.M.

Head Office Open House
Fall 2011