

# FRONTENACYOUTH SERVICES Winter/Spring Newsletter February 2014



### MARTA RESIDENCE CLOSURE

With considerable sadness and nostalgia, the Marta Residence will be closed on March 31, 2014 after a number of years of serving youth.

At times we were successful, at times we were not - but there was a learning curve and our third residence will be missed.

We, at Frontenac, wish all of the adolescents who lived at Marta Road over the years the very best and hope that if, at any time, we at Frontenac can be of further support in whatever way, you will feel you can pay us a visit.

I want to thank all those staff who have worked at the Marta Residence for their hard work and dedication over the years.

I know I speak for the staff in hoping the very best awaits all of the adolescents and Marta Rd. staff in the future.

Margaret Craw Executive Director



## FRIENDS OF FRONTENAC FIRST ANNUAL GALA NIGHT



Frontenac has designated March 28, 2014 as a night to share with the community and fundraise for our Children's Mental Health Programs servicing Durham Region. Statistics show that 1 in 5 kids in Ontario struggles with their mental health. Research has proven that early intervention is critical to providing a hopeful and healthy future for those kids.

Frontenac will be hosting a "Friends of Frontenac" Gala evening on March 28, 2014 at the Jubliee Pavillion in Oshawa., It will include a dinner, Spring Fashion Show sponsored by the Oshawa Centre as well as a live and silent auction.

If you have any questions or wish to purchase a ticket or a table please call 905-579-1551 ext. 223 or e-mail betty@frontenacyouthservices.org .

#### **ACCREDITATION**

Frontenac is currently working towards a site review for Accreditation in October 2014 through the Canadian Centre for Accreditation. The CCA accredits a wide range of community-based organizations with a modular, tailored program that promotes excellence and quality.

\*CCA accredits organizations that work in child and youth mental health services, child welfare, credit counselling, community-based primary health care, family services, community mental health and addiction (in development) and community support (in development).\*

Progress updates will appear in our next newsletter.

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We are currently working on revamping our web site for a launch date in April/May 2014. Watch our newsletter for Updates.

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#### FRONTENAC RESIDENCE

#### Happy New Year!

With the new school semester upon us, we have some changes in clientele, we wish those moving on all the best in their future endeavors. Keep up the good work!

Frontenac Residence is undergoing several structural changes thanks to a Ministry budget review and funding provided for upgrades. The kitchen has undergone a 'facelift' with newly refurbished cupboards, a new countertop, sink and backsplash. Due to an electrical fire in the stove, we have purchased a new stove as well. The three bathrooms are being renovated with new plumbing, tubs, toilets and sinks. The upstairs bathroom has been completed with floor to ceiling ceramics, so awesome!! The final project will be the installation of new floors including the stairwell, main floor and upstairs area. We are looking good!!

Thanks to all our youth for their patience and flexibility with regards to their routines being interrupted by the coming and going of contractors.

We welcome parents and staff to tour the residence upon completion of all the work (take your boots off at the door please).

Wendy Rechanicz Program Manager



#### WATERSDOWN RESIDENCE

Watersdown Residence has had an extremely busy holiday/winter season. The clients and staff would like to THANK all who came out and supported our Annual Open House. Your support helped raise over \$800.00 for programming for the youth.

The youth enjoyed a two week break from school over the holidays and participated in many fun activities. March Break is fast approaching and the staff have started planning activities for the youth.

The residence will be under renovations again, this time, up-dating two bathrooms.

There will be a few clients moving on from Watersdown in the next couple of months. We wish them all the best!

Sarah Dixon Program Manager

#### PROGRAM EVALUATION

I am pleased to report that we have successfully completed all the requirements for our second program evaluation grant from the Ontario Centre of Excellence for Child and Youth Mental Health. We evaluated seven of the day treatment programs and provided feedback to staff and the Board of Directors during the fall. We submitted a final report to the Centre and received very positive feedback on our project.

Our grant was extended until the end of January in order to utilize the remainder of our grant funds and to further develop our program evaluation capacity. We have recently analyzed information gathered on our outpatient programs and will be scheduling meetings with the staff to present this information and review the programs for potential improvements and future directions.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Melanie Procunier, Day Treatment Manager and all of the day treatment youth workers and teachers who supported us with this project. A special thank you goes out to the students and families who completed questionnaires and provided very valuable feedback which was essential to the evaluation. This was definitely a team effort and I would like to acknowledge the program evaluation working group: Karna, Bola, Sheila, Brenda, Richard D.(contract), Jessica R. (Contract), Jerry H.(UOIT student) and the Co -lead for the project, Joanna.

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