



## WHAT'S NEW

### • LIVE-line

Welcome to the first edition of LIVE-line, *Youth LIVE's* quarterly newsletter. We've created it especially for you, our key stakeholders, to keep you up to date on what's happening with *Youth LIVE*. We want to know what you'd like to hear about. Send your comments to Kate Reynolds at reynolk@halifax.ca

### • New Faces & New Roles

Over the past year, Mary Halley, Manager of Business Operations/*Youth LIVE*; Sarah MacKeigan, Community Bridging Coordinator; and Helen Beaver, Program Generalist; left to pursue new opportunities. We thank them for their contributions and wish them well. As hard as it is to say goodbye to special friends, the upside for *Youth LIVE* is a revamped and revitalized Community Bridging section.

Introducing our new line-up:

**Kelly Hunt**, Manager of Business Operations/*Youth LIVE* - Kelly has held a number of positions in the six years she's been with our parent organization, Community Projects. We're fortunate to have the benefit of her leadership, enthusiasm and fresh perspective.

**Kate Reynolds**, Community Bridging Coordinator - Kate has been with *Youth LIVE* as a Program Generalist for over eight years. She brings a wealth of experience, passion and dedication to this position. Recruitment, participant development and administration of *Youth LIVE* business initiatives fall within her purview. Community Bridging's two Program Generalists report to Kate.

Program Generalists work directly with *Youth LIVE* participants and are responsible for the hiring of program participants, development and delivery of job/life skills modules, creation of training and development plans and administrative support to *Youth LIVE* business initiatives.

**Darryl Spurr**, Program Generalist - Darryl is our senior staff member, having been with *Youth LIVE* for over 10 years. To gain a greater appreciation for the administrative and developmental side of things, Darryl moved from his position of Operations Coordinator to Program Generalist. Darryl "walks the walk" by modelling our core values on a daily basis.

**Courtney Matheson**, Program Generalist - Courtney is the new kid on the block. New to *Youth LIVE* but not new to the youth service industry. Courtney comes to us from HRM Fire Services where she coordinated the Emergency Services Achievement Program (ESAP). Her energy and commitment to helping youth make Courtney a definite asset.

## CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS

The following are departing comments given by participants in their exit interview:

*"I'm healthier physically and mentally. I've learned to stay on task, and I've gained some independence. My happiest moment was buying my first meal."*

*"I Learned a lot of stuff about myself. I have had a bad attitude and thankfully because this is a program, you guys gave me feedback to help me improve. It helped me be more professional."*

## PERFORMANCE SNAPSHOT

The cool thing about *Youth LIVE* is it creates opportunities for youth by providing services that benefit our community and the environment.

From **January 1 - June 30, 2007**, *Youth LIVE* has:

- diverted **2.5 million beverage containers** from the landfill;
- diverted **122, 890 kg of paper** from the landfill;
- delivered, removed or repaired **1,617 green carts**;
- performed **105 By-Law remedies**.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### • Be Our Guest

Seeing is believing. We understand you might want to witness *Youth LIVE* in action before recommending the program to a client. Come and tour our Enviro Depot or sit in on a life skills module. Contact **Kate at 490-4456** if you're interested in a first hand look at what we do and how we do it.