




YOUTH MATTER
*A Newsletter for Those Committed to
 Supporting Youth from
 Canadian Forces Families*
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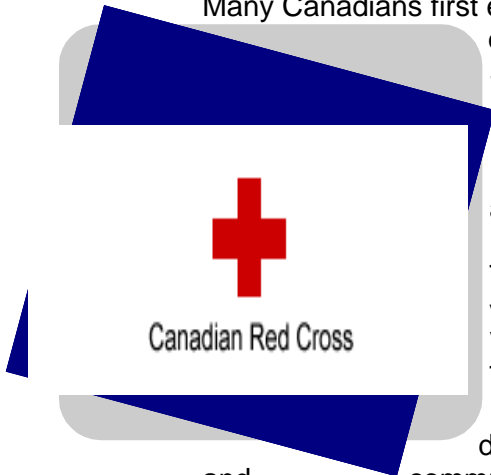
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**CANADIAN RED CROSS !...
 SPOTLIGHT ON OUR PARTNERS**

This issue of the newsletter will introduce another of the organizations who are members of the National Youth Model Advisory Committee...in this issue we focus on the Canadian Red Cross.

Many Canadians first encountered the Canadian Red Cross at their local beach or swimming pool. Thanks to the work of Water Safety Services, more than 27 million Canadians have learned how to swim and safely enjoy water activities since 1946. Drowning fatalities in Canada have been significantly reduced from a high of almost eight per 100,000 (50 years ago) to today's rate of 2.5 per 100,000.

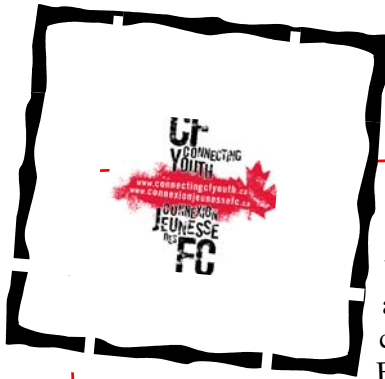


The Canadian Red Cross is also heavily involved in violence and abuse prevention through their Respected: Violence and Abuse Prevention program.

This program has been helping promote healthier relationships and safer communities since 1984. Built on decades of Red Cross experience in prevention education and community-based safety programs, this award-winning service has helped more than one million Canadian youth and adults understand abuse, harassment and interpersonal violence issues. The Red Cross believes this education is vital to stopping the tragic cycle of abuse and violence in our society.

For more information on the Canadian Red Cross and its initiatives please visit www.redcross.ca

Coming soon to a theatre near you...
 Did you know that during the summer of 2005 the CFPSA produced a youth movie trailer? With the assistance of MFRC and PSP staff at several Maritime and Quebec locations, youth from the CF community were given the opportunity to let the world know what makes youth from CF families tick. The trailer will be distributed to Base/Wing theatres in the coming months.



Connecting CF Youth Website News

We are pleased to announce the addition of a new interactive element to the www.connectingcfyouth.ca

Beginning in December, visitors to the site will be able to engage in a series of four game-type elements designed to help youth to cope with the challenges of relocation. While fun and interactive, these games also provide simple strategies to help ease the transition and reinforce the positive messages around family relocation .

Check this exciting initiative out at :

http://www.connectingcfyouth.ca/en/Moving/MovingIntro_e.asp

We are also pleased to announce a new partnership initiative between the www.connectingcfyouth.ca website and Centrepointe (the MFSP online community for CF families living abroad). In the coming months www.connectingcfyouth.ca and Centrepointe will be working collaboratively on the development of a relocation piece which addresses the unique challenges facing families who are relocating abroad. Once complete, the project will sit as complimentary pieces on both websites.

Stay tuned.

Have a question for the Youth Matters Newsletter?
Send it along to Lara Rooke, National Recreation and Youth Services Coordinator at rooke.lara@cfpsa.com and we will print it along with the answer in the next edition of this newsletter.

Youth Funding Q&A

In November 2005, the National Youth Model funding allocations were announced.

The funds, which may be used to support new and existing youth initiatives, were approved in accordance with applications submitted from CF community locations with PSP and/or MFRC representation.

The Nation Youth Project Team is eager to watch as programs are implemented and youth services grow. We recognize that there may be many questions related to the usage and reporting of the funds.

Please direct all queries to Laurie Ogilvie, NRYSM at (613)995-7802 or ogilvie.la@forces.gc.ca or your DMFS FOM.

The National Youth Project Team will respond to your query and will publish questions and answers in this forum for the benefit of all youth service providers.



CF Community Youth Model Project Team welcomes new team member

In the summer of 2005, the National Youth Project Team Welcomed a new member. Dean

McCuaig has recently joined us as the Policy and Development Manager for DMFS. Dean comes to us as the former Executive Director of the NCR MFRC. He can be reached at (613)996-5328 or mccuaig.d3@forces.gc.ca. Please help us as we welcome him aboard.