
Thank you, you Wonderful people!

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You are all Saints!

I wanted to share with you how exciting, heart warming, and gratifying today was with all of you who were not able to witness the miracle that happened at JQ this morning.

First of all a huge applause for Jenny Langley and Joyce Gillespie who led us to our miraculous finish. The work and organizing behind the scenes requires a lot of TIME, organization and energy. Thank you ladies! A special thank you to Martha Kertesz as well, who didn't need a loud horn to get us all working in productive harmony. Thank you to the many parent helpers, grade 6's and 7's, who came and organized, re-organized, packed, made sure each child had enough gifts, and food, and drove the hampers to Springhouse and Mt. Pleasant Schools. We were so efficient that we were leaving the school at 10:30am rather than the noon hour we projected. A first for JQ! Apologies to all of you who wanted to drive, but missed that opportunity because we were that organized and powerful! Thank you to Natalie who booked the gym, organized with Mt. Pleasant, and let us borrow the grade 6's and 7's to help.

I can assure you that Springhouse, Mt Pleasant, and our Syrian refugee family are all overwhelmed by your generosity. You have definitely created some holiday miracles for these families. Thank you for helping to make sure they aren't hungry. Thank you for giving them the joy of opening a gift just for them. Thank you for letting them know they matter and are important. Thank you for bringing us all together in one FANTASTIC, act of community that we can all be proud of. I hope this adds to your holiday joy as much as it has mine!

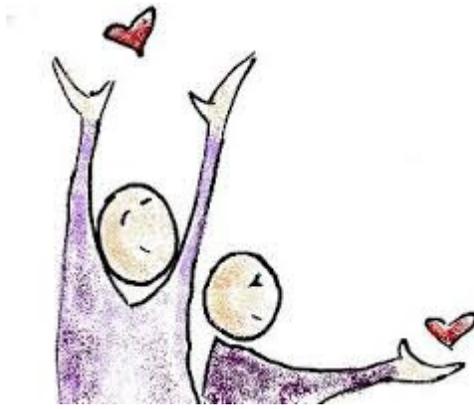
Here is a note from Springhouse Executive Director and JQ Parent:

*Dear JQ parents and staff... as well as being a parent to two grade 6 students at JQ, I'm also Executive Director of The Bloom Group, the not-for-profit social housing and community service agency that operates **Springhouse** women and children's emergency shelter and transitional housing program. I was at the Christmas gift hamper sorting and packing event this morning, and wanted to take a moment to thank you all (and your kids) for this wonderful initiative. It truly makes a difference to the lives of the families we help - and makes them feel like the community acknowledges their situation and cares.*

Women and children at Springhouse come to be homeless for a variety of reasons. While lack of financial resources is always a common denominator, physical and mental illness, abuse, and trauma are all too common. Our job is not just to provide a roof for a few nights - we help families find permanent housing and address the often many barriers to achieving this. In a typical year we welcome over 100 women and children to the shelter, and help over half of them find housing - quite the challenge in today's housing market!

Along the way, we try to make the shelter a home, not an institution. We help kids stay connected with their schools and take time to celebrate all the milestones we all know are important. This is where the support JQ provides is so meaningful. I can tell you that the holiday season at Springhouse is a time for hope, joy and community... something our team couldn't do without your help. Thank you, merci beaucoup, and best wishes for a peaceful and joyous holiday break.

Jonathan Oldman



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