



“Building Healthier Communities”

CENTRE DU JOUR CHRISTMAS PARTY AT FOSTER HOME

On December 10, 2009, the *Centre du Jour* coordinator hosted a Christmas party at the Foster Home in Grosse Ile in collaboration with the 50 plus Club and CAMI. The afternoon began with a Christmas service lead by Sister Amabellis Deveau, with a prayer from our Anglican Priests, Rev. Brian & Wilma Woods, followed by various social activities and musical entertainment that was provided by Mr. Tony Déraspe and Mr. Albini Cyr. A wonderful assortment of desserts were also provided.

The Foster Home received a gift from the 50 Plus Club, a collage with photos of past and current residents of the home with extra space for future residents as well. They also received 14 picture frames, two for each bedroom door of the occupant's room. A big thank-you goes out to everyone who participated or helped in any way with this party.

The Centre de Jour program will be offered in Grosse Ile once a month, every second Thursday. The next *Centre du Jour* will be held on February 11, 2010. Seniors in need of transportation can contact the CAMI office at 985-2116 ext. 4.



Fonds d'Entraide de Grande-Entrée

Le Fonds d'Entraide de Grande-Entrée is an organization that intervenes in the east sector of the islands; Grande-Entrée and Grosse Ile. The organization can offer immediate financial assistance to those persons in need of their support.

With assistance from *Centraide GIM* (Gaspé-Iles -de-la-Madeleine) these funds can be distributed directly to individuals with low income to aid in nutritional needs, medications, medical items, electricity, furnace oil and others.

Le Fonds d'Entraide de Grande-Entrée can also help defray the cost of transportation and lodging for medical purposes off-island. It can also provide assistance to parents in need of financial assistance for school supplies and transportation to school.

For more information contact Lorendo Blais, treasurer (418-985-2228) or the east-end CLSC (418-985-2572).

In order to help raise funds for Centraide, the Municipality of Grosse Ile, CAMI and local volunteers are planning a "Bazaar" in March. We are asking for your support for this fundraiser. Additional information will be distributed to the community later in February.

Community Health Promotion & Disease Prevention Steering Committee

On January 13, 2010, the first steering committee meeting was held at the Grosse Ile Community Center. Mr. Alain Bourgeois, CSSS des Iles chief of administration programs as well as Hélène Caron, CLSC nurse for Chronic Illnesses & Disease Prevention were both present. The main objective of this first initial meeting was to introduce the project and discuss a survey that will be distributed to the English-speaking population of the Magdalen Islands in order to identify the current health needs.



In photo: H el ene Caron, Alain Bourgeois, Helena Burke, Kathy Burke, Hugh Wood, Rachel Rankin, Candace Aitkens & Lisa Craig

We are asking for everyone's participation by responding to the survey in order for us to better serve the Anglophone community.