

THE NEWSLETTER

VALERO EMPLOYEES' ENERGY AT THE SERVICE OF THE COMMUNITY



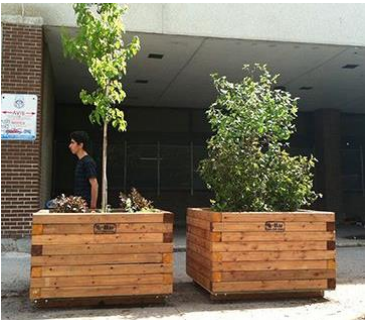
BRANDON'S STORY

The Henri Bourassa high school strives to provide a healthy and safe environment for students and developed a unique way of incorporating this objective into some of its study programs. Valero Energy was thrilled to take part and made a \$10,000 donation.

Intent on creating safe and pleasant outdoor spaces, the school turned to its students in the professional training initiation program for assistance. The students, who were supervised by their teachers, designed and made huge flower boxes and picnic tables. Their interest was such that some of them even came to school on off-days to continue their work.



This leads us to a student named Brandon. He rarely attended school and showed no interest in his courses. With the guidance of a teacher, he finally got involved in the project last spring...and he began going to school on a regular basis. He was on hand last June 5 when around fifty students, teachers, friends and collaborators began redesigning the outdoor spaces with support provided by Soverdi, a local organization. Brandon showed so much enthusiasm and motivation that Soverdi offered him an internship. Brandon is now committed to his schooling and is planning on completing his training in the field of landscaping. We wish him every success and hope to hear many other stories like Brandon's.



ALLÔ PROF CELEBRATES ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY!

The organization took advantage of the benefit evening last April 13 to celebrate its 20th anniversary. Allô prof raised \$105,730, which will go to support the expansion of services offered to Quebec students and contribute to the objective of tripling the number of annual requests processed by the organization by 2020.

- Every night of the week, teachers answer questions on all subjects from primary and secondary school students.
- The team is made up of about 40 teachers from Montreal and Quebec City.
- Allô prof answers 16 million requests from students each year.

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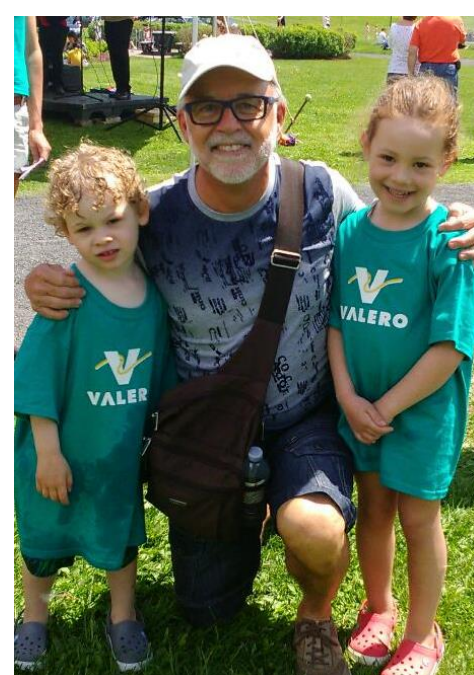


EVERYONE PITCHES IN TO CLEAN UP THE SHORES OF THE ST. LAWRENCE

Valero Energy again combined its efforts with the *Regroupement pour la mise en valeur du secteur de la rue Saint-Laurent* and the Town of Lévis last June 4 as part of the annual cleanup of the shores of the St. Lawrence. Several employees from the Jean Gaulin Refinery attended the event that is a family activity aimed at creating awareness of the importance of conserving the beauty of the entire river. The *Regroupement* also points out that the activity is also intended to convey the message that shoreline residents and users are also responsible for preserving the river, not just governments and companies.



Bags, buckets, gloves and tools, if necessary, were provided on site to volunteers. In all, 11 kilometres of shoreline were cleaned up.



The event wrapped up on a festive note, as participants were offered a meal free of charge, and draws were held for door prizes. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to what proved to be a successful activity!

CELEBRATING THE JOY OF FAMILY LIVING

Valero Energy once again took part in the 26th edition of the Montreal East/Pointe-aux-Trembles Family Day on Saturday, May 21 at Daniel-Johnson park. This neighbourhood party provides an opportunity to celebrate families. Inflatable structures, street performers, make-up artists, balloon sculptures, performances and various animation booths were offered by local organizations. Valero Energy contributed \$1,000 to the organization of the day.

