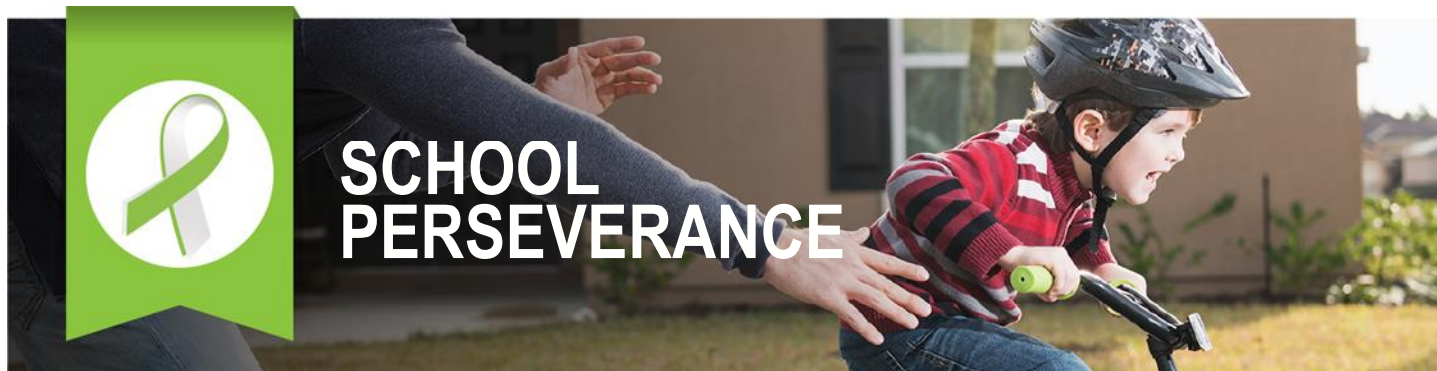


THE NEWSLETTER

VALERO EMPLOYEES' ENERGY AT THE SERVICE OF THE COMMUNITY



SCHOOL PERSEVERANCE



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ÉCOLE PIERRE-DUPUY STANDS OUT AT THE QUEBEC FIRST ROBOTICS COMPETITION

The Mécani Wolf team of école Pierre-Dupuy recently took part in the provincial final of the 5th Quebec Robotics Festival. Unfortunately, their robot experienced some mechanical problems, but the team nonetheless was surprised to win the Prix Image 2016. This is awarded to the team that stands out due to the visual quality of the stand, the robot and the elements identifying the team members.

"You made 19 young people happy and proud! It was the first time our team has won an award. I would like to offer you my sincere thanks for making a difference to these young people who, unfortunately, enjoy little success. They already have ideas for next year! I hope we will be able to include you with our partners."

Josée Péloquin, Principal
Pierre-Dupuy High School

Valero Energy contributed \$2,000 that the team used to improve the visual aspect of the stand and the robot transportation cart. We will definitely be there next year!



ROBOTIQUE FIRST QUÉBEC

- ✓ An international robotics competition for teenagers between 14 and 18
- ✓ A constant challenge to design a robot capable of playing a sport
- ✓ A 6-week delay and an international rules manual to follow
- ✓ Young people play and learn with experts
- ✓ A concrete challenge that mirrors the reality of companies

LE SHOW DE LA RÉUSSITE – CONCRETE ACTION TO ENCOURAGE SCHOOL PERSEVERANCE

The goal of the program is to give students additional motivation to earn their diploma. Throughout the year, young people learn music, singing and visual arts to be able to take part in a show alongside professionals, while they successfully go about getting their education. The show de la Réussite recognizes the efforts of the young participants.



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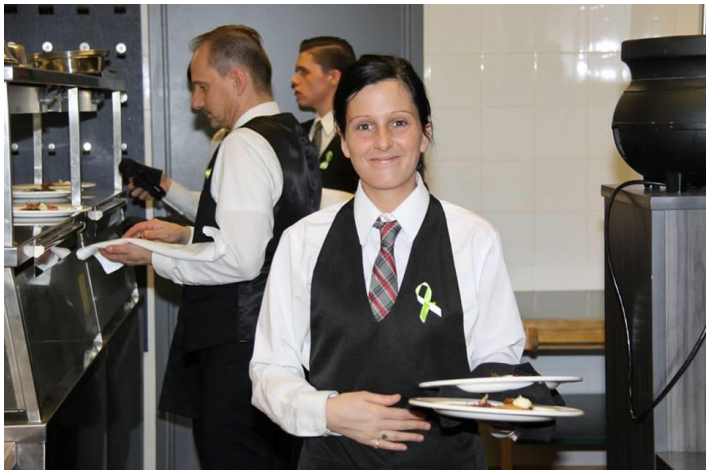
Funded by the Arts-Études Foundation, this musical activity and visual arts program provide young people with a reason to set their sights on their future. Valero Energy is proud to have contributed \$10,000 and wishes the young artists well at the show at Place des Arts next May 4!



CHECK OUT THIS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, AND IF YOU HAVE SOME IDEAS OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET INVOLVED TO SUPPORT SCHOOL PERSEVERANCE, CONTACT US AT affairespubliques@valero.com

THE CULINARY TALENTS OF THE YOUNG HOTEL STAND-INS BENEFIT THE POINTE-DE-L'ÎLE FOUNDATION

The fifth gastronomic dinner of the Pointe-de-l'Île School Board (PISB) to benefit the Pointe-de-l'Île Foundation brought in a total of **\$56,435** during its recent edition. The dinner was prepared and served to 165 guests by students of the Calixa-Lavallée hotel school under the supervision of chefs and teachers for the purpose of collecting funds to support and encourage academic success and school perseverance.



Founded in 1990, the mission of the Pointe-de-l'Île Foundation is to contribute to the academic success of students of schools and professional training centres on the PISB territory so that they become full-fledged citizens and important actors in the development of society. **Valero contributed \$5,000 to the event.**



Sonia Léonard, a board member of the Foundation, appears in the photo.

THE ANTRE-JEUNES WINE AND CHEESE EVENING SELLS OUT!



The Mercier East Antre-Jeunes team, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary, was pleased to have sold out all of its tickets for the wine and cheese. The reception hall was packed last April 7, much to the delight of René Goupil, the chair of the Mercier East Antre-Jeunes board of directors.

"Thank you all for making young people your cause. By supporting us, you help us open doors for them in line with their inspirations and their dreams."

The organization's action plan on social problems in an urban environment consists of four objectives, one of which is to keep young people in school.

Valero presented the organization with a cheque for \$5,000 during the evening.



A group of young people helped sell items at a silent auction by preparing paintings with the support of contemporary artist Guy Hamelin. The 14th edition of the annual fundraiser was very successful, as the organization raised more than \$95,000, close to double last year's figure.

VERY POPULAR TRAINING SESSIONS

The Henri-Bourassa high school administration team has developed a special project to offer students the chance to experience various trades. Offered three times during the school year, these one week training sessions allow young students to explore various trades in visual arts, automobile mechanics, food services, hair dressing and cabinet making. What distinguishes this program is the fact that students experience their training in a real context. For example, for food services, a permanent kitchen was built at the school and the teachers' room was transformed into a real restaurant for the entire training period. Under the supervision of the teachers of the Calixa-Lavallée professional training centre, the students design the menus, plan the preparation of meals and even act as waiters. School personnel is invited to have lunch at the innovating restaurant to encourage the young students.

The school perseverance committee, which includes Marie-Elaine Labelle, Krystelle Courchesne, Alain Robidoux and Christina Dias, had the pleasure to have lunch at the restaurant and everyone really enjoyed the experience! But what about the students? Well, we're glad to report that the absence rate of students who participate in the training sessions is 0%! The commitment and motivation of students clearly demonstrate that this is a great way of helping to keep students in school!





COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



**DIFFUSION
CULTURELLE**
DE LÉVIS

A PARTNERSHIP RENEWED WITH DIFFUSION CULTURELLE DE LÉVIS FOR 2016-2017

This organization's mission, which is to promote visual and performing arts, will once again be able to count on Valero Energy's involvement as a major partner for its public programs for young people. Performances are held at l'Anglicane, a small performance hall seating 250, each year on school mornings. Programs are varied and propose performances intended for preschool to secondary school students.

Among the performances to take place, the Buzz brass winds band invites young people to take a trip in time and space in a search for the origins of music.



Last year, the Desgagnés Kayak Challenge was such a resounding success that the fundraising activity is back again in 2016. The challenge is to cover the stretch of the St. Lawrence River between Montreal and Quebec City in four days, which works out to 65 km a day.

Proceeds will be paid to the Young Musicians of the World, whose mission is to enable young people from at-risk areas to fully develop their capabilities and aspirations by offering them music courses, music expression activities and personalized accompaniment free of charge.

Valero made a \$2,000 sponsorship for the event.



**12TH EDITION OF
THE CHILDREN'S
WISH GOLF CLASSIC**

Since 2005, this major event has raised \$2.6 million and enabled hundreds of seriously ill children realize their dreams.

This tournament that is coming up next May 31 will be attended by close to 400 people, including a Valero foursome.

Valero made a \$2,200 donation.



Since 1952, the death rate attributable to heart disease and strokes has declined by more than 75%, mainly due to advances in research in the area of operations, pharmacotherapy and prevention.

Valero made a \$1,000 donation.



**HEART &
STROKE
FOUNDATION**

\$2,500\$ FOR CONCERT AGAINST CANCER



The ninth edition of the Concert against cancer treated 2,000 spectators to a performance by the great Ginette Reno accompanied by the Metropolitan Orchestra directed exceptionally by Pascal, her son. Since 2007, the event has raised \$4.5 million for the Montreal Cancer Institute.

Our Community Investment and Commitment Program



Developed to support the initiatives already in place at Valero and to encourage and facilitate both volunteer work and employee involvement.

Volunteer Committees Valero Energy

Two volunteer committees (Head Office/Marien and the refinery) to support and contribute to volunteer activities. The committees have a mandate to:

- Choose and plan volunteer activities (schedule)
- Look after coordination (logistics and equipment)
- Track and compile hours
- Prepare a report on activities

Volunteer work says it all: it's a voluntary act. Employees are encouraged to take an active part in activities proposed by Valero Energy and to get involved in personal volunteer work in their respective communities during their free time.

Volunteer activities

To be considered, the hours devoted to volunteer work must be for an activity organized by Valero (Benefit for children golf tournament, Centraide/United Way campaign) or involve an organization, group or association recognized by the Volunteer Committee.

- Must support a non-profit organization
- Must be compatible with Valero Energy's philanthropic mission and its commitment to the community
- Can take place anywhere (activities organized on Valero Energy's premises or in areas where employees live are accepted)

Examples of activities

Educational activities: reading club, educational outing - Accompaniment: serving meals to seniors - Community: fundraising, community garden Athletic events: walking, running, biking.

Eligible Hours

To facilitate everyone's involvement, management can exceptionally authorize certain employees to do volunteer work during their regular schedule.



Important: The employee must make a request to his supervisor and the volunteer work activity must first be authorized by management.

Stay tuned...once the committees are in place, you will be invited to participate. Thanks in advance!