

THE NEWSLETTER

VALERO EMPLOYEES' ENERGY AT THE SERVICE OF THE COMMUNITY



ÉDUCAIDE-VALERO ENERGY: TESTIMONY FROM A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Valero Energy is continuing its partnership with Éducaide for the 2015-16 school year and will sponsor 40 students, including 20 new scholarship holders currently in the third year of secondary school. The Éducaide Persévéra scholarships truly make a difference in the lives of these students. The following is a personal testimony from a new scholarship recipient.

THANK YOU To the Valero Foundation through École Pointe-Lévy

I wish to thank you for the Valero scholarship of \$500 per year for my three years of secondary school. I am very honoured to have been chosen from so many applicants. I am the second of a blended family of six children. With so many people in the house, it is not always easy to stand out. Since I am one of the oldest, many responsibilities have fallen to us such as sharing, being reasonable and setting an example. I will soon be 16, and until now, a driver's licence was beyond my reach, due to my parents' financial obligations. I am so glad to tell you now that I will be able to take my course, as the scholarship will help pay my school expenses for the next few years. I will also be able to buy an evening dress for my fifth year of secondary school. Those were wishes I had that were unthinkable up until now.

In general, I am rather good and I don't ask my parents for much, because both are truckers. It's great that we have our own house, even though our incomes are on the small side. We decided as a family that we'd all stay together under our own roof. I earn my own money from my babysitting and tutoring work, but it would not have been enough to give me what I want. I stuck to the basics, aside from the financial aspect. I am very glad to have been chosen, and I would not change who I am. I love my family, despite the difficulties and the odd looks we get from people (6 children), but that has helped make me who I am, and I am very proud of it.

I hope that one day I will serve as a model to my young sister and young brothers. Receiving this scholarship confirms to me that being there for our loved ones is the most important thing, because they too are there for you. Even though my biological father abandoned us, I am fulfilled and happy, and I want to become a truck driver so that I can drive all over North America like my mother and stepfather. I want to see the world, while at the same time remaining unassuming, natural and good-hearted. ☺ I have tears in my eyes as I write this thank you note for this distinction. It confirms that I want to remain who I am and do even better in the future and that our dreams sometimes materialize from some unexpected assistance ☺



POINTE-LÉVY HIGH SCHOOL INAUGURATION OF THE MUSIC HALL



A plaque inaugurating the *Salle de musique Valero* (Valero Music Hall) was unveiled. Julie Cusson and Chantal Forges appear on the photo along with Principal Luc Lévesque and President of Lévis construction, Mr. André Marois, and Mr. Bertin Fillion Assistant Executive Director of the CSDN.

Last November 20, École Pointe-Lévy in Lévis officially inaugurated its new music hall, which was completely redesigned and revamped thanks to a \$25,000 contribution from the Valero Energy Foundation. The facilities were painted and extensive renovations were done on the ceilings, the entrance, ventilation, lighting, an area to clean instruments and a classroom. Students studying music and the teaching staff can now enjoy a spanking new music hall where several new talents will emerge and flourish. To mark the inauguration, musicians at the school put on an enjoyable presentation by performing a piece from their repertoire, much to the satisfaction of guests in attendance.





IMPLICATION COMMUNAUTAIRE



A MOST SPECIAL HOCKEY GAME!



The CN Employees' and Pensioners' Community Fund organized the eleventh edition of the CN Challenge featuring former players from the Montreal Canadiens, and what a success it was. A friendly game between a team made up of CN employees and former Canadiens' players, which is the Fund's largest fund-raising activity, took place last November 7 and brought in \$435,000, raising the total to almost \$3 million since the first edition back in 2002. Valero Energy is very pleased to have contributed \$2,000 to the total that will be redistributed to some benefit organizations such as the Breakfast Club of Canada.

ENCOURAGING AMATEUR SPORT

From November 10 to 14, Collège Champlain Saint-Lambert welcomed athletes from all over Canada to the Canadian Men's Soccer Championship, headed up by the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association. The Collège, which is known for its energetic approach, had hosted a national championship previously and approached Valero Energy for financial support to cover some expenses, including the meals of the young athletes. The organizing committee received a \$1000 contribution and staged an exceptional event that the players will remember for many years to come!



LAUGHING FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Lise Dion showcased her talents at a benefit evening for the La Dauphinelle women's shelter that provides refuge to women victimized by spousal violence and to their children. Valero Energy attended the event, since we had purchased tickets to contribute to the shelter that provides not only a safe haven but also psychological support services and aid to help victims regain control of their lives.



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