



John Molson Competition Committee
Volet Contribution – Elizabeth House

Dear *CO des jeux 2011* ,

This year, for volet contribution, JMSB wanted to undertake a project that would involve its entire delegation. Our goal was simple: To make a tactical difference in our community while involving our student in a memorable experience that would bring them closer amongst each other.

As such, we got in touch with the Elizabeth House which is an establishment that welcomes single teenage mothers as well as their children when they have no other option in life. They currently house 9 mothers, some pregnant and some who have children, and they all live within the same roof under the supervision of social workers.

Located in Westmount, the charity is very well to the community as well as other local businesses who each contribute every year in their own way. Nevertheless, the building is getting old and was in need of brand new painting job. It did not take too long for the charity to accept our proposal and we soon found ourselves with the challenging task of repainting their main floor.

In order to finance the project, we sought sponsorship from various hardware stores and were able to find a donation of \$200 from a Reno Depot located LaSalle. In addition, our school donated 30 gallons of white paint which we then adjusted to the desired colours by the charity. Our school also lent us several brushes and other pieces of equipment for us to complete the task. Finally, the remaining necessary funding was raised through different initiatives like bake sales and donations collected around the school.





Hence, on Friday October 8th, our students showed up ready to paint seven rooms and hallways. In order to accommodate everyone's busy schedule, we had two shifts where we first set up the operation and primed the walls during the morning and painted the walls as well as cleaned the floors during the afternoon. However, in order to involve our entire delegation as much as possible, we looked further than the task at hand and proposed to schedule additional activities. Consequently, we also had our MIS team coming in to fix their computer systems and servers, hosted activities with the mothers, dedicated girls to babysit the kids, and for the students who were not available for that day, we made them responsible to organize fundraising activities and to collect toys and clothes for the mothers.

The mother activities were our finest touch since the goal here was to *"let them be teenagers once again"*. Therefore, while their kids were being babysitted by a group of students, other students organized an arts & craft activity and built flower vases with the mothers during the morning. Then, during the afternoon, another group of students took the mothers out for a movie while we finished the job.

The students who spent time with the mothers were the most touched by their situation as single mothers and they quickly shared their experiences with everyone else amongst our delegation when we all met afterwards to share drinks. Still, these activities all occurred under the same roof and brought our delegation closer to one another by making a real difference in these mothers' lives.

We had a great time organizing this contribution project and our students are very proud to have had the opportunity to make a real difference. We invite you to watch our video which outlines the key events of the project we look forward to seeing you at the games!

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Yours sincerely,

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