



Montreal ASSAULT PREVENTION CENTRE

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AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

It was with great pride and satisfaction that the Montreal Assault Prevention Centre was handed the Award of Excellence in the category "Prevention, promotion and the protection of health and welfare" from Minister Bolduc and Mme Dominique Vien at a ceremony in the Red Room of the Parliament building in Quebec City. The Award of Excellence is offered by the Ministry of Health and Social Services. Our project was selected from more than 100 candidates and seven finalists. Photos and video of the ceremony are available at the web site of MHSS: www.msss.gouv.qc/reseau/prix_excellence



From left to right : Mr. Yves Bolduc, Mr. David Levine, Ms Virginie Le Galès (CAP instructor), Dr. Jean-Yves Frappier (President-Board of Directors), Ms Sofia Rodriguez (ACTION Co-ordinator), Ms Dominique Vien.



A FRUITFUL HARVEST FOR 2011-2012

Following reductions in funding from many of our donors the Centre was required to focus its energy and resources on the search for new funding. The survival of the Centre depended on it. In their own way each employee contributed to the effort to ensure the proper functioning of the organization: reduction of their work time, increase in volunteer activity, development of new programming, writing of different types of grant applications. Happily, donors, members and employees came together for our annual financial campaign. In the course of the year we were all able to learn much about ourselves and the Centre. However, when the office closed last June we had very little certainty about our future. Fortunately summer came with good news; our efforts had been rewarded with several positive responses to our various submissions. After this bountiful harvest the Centre now has a number of project to fulfill and many workshops to give. There is now enough work to keep the team working full time for the coming year. On the reverse side you will see the fruition of our hard year of work.

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THE HARVEST

For the first time, the **Health and Social Service Agency** financed the MAPC to offer our services in a under privileged neighbourhood, Point St. Charles. We were able to present CAP workshops in the Spring of 2011 to school personnel, student and their parents at école primaire Jeanne LeBer as well as students at la Passerelle a school for pre-school age children with a slight physical disability. An evening information session on prevention and security for children was present to young mothers at Famille en Action a community organisation also in Point St. Charles. Finally, with this financing the MAPC is in the process of re-designing the CAP pamphlet. Luc Mikelsons, a former CAP instructor and now a web designer and graphic artist is helping with the work.

A rare harvest occurred last year when the Centre received funds from three different Ministries. They are as follows: **Robert Dutil** Minister for Public Safety, **Clement Gignac** Minister for Economic Development, Innovation and Exportation and **Kathleen Weil**, Minister for Immigration and Cultural Communities.

The **Foundation of Greater Montreal** will be financing a project, *CAP the Violence*. This will allow us to offer in February 2012, free of charge, the CAP program to students, parents and teachers of a Montreal North school, Saint-Vincent-Marie.

Status of Women Canada has agreed to finance for two years a project which will offer an adapted one day Action workshop for Women's Shelters and Emergency Shelter. **Leona Heillig**, a former Action instructor and trainer is completing a collection of testimonies and success stories for publication from women who have been involved with Action.

The **Epiderma Foundation** will be financing the project "Women Living in Crisis". Twelve workshops will be specifically directed to immigrant women, single parents and visible minorities. A lunch and day care will be provided free of charge for this one day course.

The **Canadian Women's Foundation** will be funding the project "Awareness and Violence Prevention for Women with a physical disability". Six Workshops will be offered over the course of the year to women with various physical disabilities.

The MAPC warmly and sincerely thanks all of our contributors and the greater community of Montreal !

CAP IN THE FALL

The CAP team will begin the year at *l'école Henri Beaulieu*, a school we have visited previously. It is a challenging beginning as the school has over 600 children and 31 classes. Next, we are off to *Contact*, a school which offers training for intellectually challenged adults then we finish the year at two schools in Laval, *Monseigneur-Laval* and *Quatre-Vents*.

ACTION TRAINING! The MAPC will be training new self-defense instructors!

Action will be offering training for new self-defense instructors in February and March of 2012. As can be seen from the number of projects we have in the coming year these new recruits will have no shortage of courses in which to begin their careers with the Centre.

Next ACTION courses: In French, November 26 and December 3rd 2011 and January 28 and February 4th 2012 - In English, November 13th and 20th 2011.

Annual General Assembly: The MAPC will be holding its AGM on the 21st of November from 6:30pm-8:00pm at our office located at 4617 Saint-Denis Street. Members are required to have paid their fees by November 7th 2011 to be eligible to vote at the AGM. An Information Session, preceding the AGM and open to the public (5pm-6:30pm), will explain how we use the funds we receive.