

Connecting
women in need
with technology
through
mentoring

iSisters Technology Mentoring Inc.

Please Mark Your Calendars!
Hike and Picnic in the Park Fundraiser
Saturday, June 11, 2005

February 2005
Newsletter



New Program Partnership Announcement!

February 2005, iSisters Technology Mentoring will begin teaching onsite at the **Youville Centre**.

The Youville Centre is an innovative Centre that motivates, educates and nurtures young parents and their children to become contributing members of society. The Centre is located downtown near Ottawa University.

Up to 48 young women who use the Centre will participate in a new onsite technology mentoring program by the end of June 2005. Topics covered will include media literacy and website design.

Thank you to **IBM** for donating 25 brand new high end computers that have updated the Centre to the 21st Century. Thank you to IBM for your ongoing support of our programs.

Thank you to **Nortel Learn IT** for supporting this program with online learning resources and required software.

We look forward to working with the students and staff at Youville Centre.



New computers from IBM have updated the entire Centre!
When delivered they piled high to the ceiling!

Thank you
IBM!

From Youville Executive Director Judith Sarginson: "After much waiting, planning and expectation, the time has finally come! Thanks to the mentorship of iSisters, our young mothers will be able to access computer technology which would otherwise be impossible for them to attain. We look forward to a positive and productive partnership for all concerned."

It is the goal of this partnership that the Youville is running customized iSisters Technology Mentoring programs independently by June 2006.

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Thank you to the Community Foundation and the WNB

iSisters are pleased to announce that the **Community Foundation of Ottawa** (CFO) renewed our TI funding for another year. Thank you to the CFO.

iSisters Executive Director Cathy Reid spoke about the TI program at the CFO Annual Celebration. Graduates from our program at TI, Sheena and Stephanie, wowed all in attendance with throat singing.



Stephanie and Sheena performing at the CFO Annual Celebration.

Our newest community supporter is the **Women's Network Breakfast** (WNB) who chose iSisters as their charity of choice for 2004. Proceeds from their December silent auction exceeded \$2000, all funds raised were donated to iSisters.

A special thank you to Caroline Midgley for helping make this connection and for Jennifer Spallin's tireless efforts organizing the auction. **Thank you very much to the WNB for your support.**

Our Mission:

- To provide access to technology
- To develop and deliver technology mentoring programs
- To enhance career opportunities through technological awareness

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Tungasuvvingat Inuit Program Update

Winter 2005 classes are up and running in the Employment Learning Centre. Three youth have been trained to run learning programs in the Centre, Naomie, Jonah and Jacqueline. Classes began end of January and there are 14 learners taking weekly classes.

Graduation for learners in the Winter session will be held on March 29. Later in 2005 TI will have access to our online learning environment, **iTeachnology**.



Naomie is hard at work preparing to teach in the Employment Learning Centre at Tungasuvvingat Inuit.

eLearning Update: Coming Soon, iTeachnology

Our eLearning team has been meeting bi-weekly since the fall and we are progressing well toward the launch of **iTeachnology**.

iTeachnology is an exciting and engaging online learning environment that will support our existing and future programs. This is a critical step toward helping our partners offer our programs independently.

Our first online course is being modeled after our award winning program at Tungasuvvingat Inuit. Once launched, instructors at TI can take learners online to access all elements of the program.

This online course covers computer basics, introduction to the Internet, surfing efficiently and safely, writing a resume, using email, career exploration online, and creating a career plan.

Offering our programs online will allow us to reach more learners in the Ottawa area and elsewhere. This is an exciting and important step for iSisters that has been in development for years.

Thank you to:

Algonguin College for donating the online tool, BlackBoard, where we are building iTeachnology...

And to our talented and committed eLearning team leaders **Michelle Hoffe, Paula Sauve, Louisa Lambregts** and **Cathy Reid**.

2nd Annual Hike and Picnic in the Park Fundraiser to be held on June 11th!

Mark your calendar!

Saturday June 11 is the iSisters "Hike and Picnic in the Park"

Do you enjoy the beauty of Gatineau Park? Summer picnics? Would you like to support iSisters? If yes, then mark your calendar for this great event!

When: Saturday, June 11

Where: Relais de Plein Air Chalet, Gatineau Park

Cost: \$5.00 per person

Length, duration and speed of hike up to you.

This is our annual fundraising event.

There are lots of ways you can help:

- Come to the event
- Raise pledges
- Donate an item for the silent auction
- Enter a team of friends, colleagues

Funds raised will be used to help iSisters build sustainable technology-mentoring programs for women in need who would otherwise be unable to access or afford them.

Any questions?

Email Sarah, sgray@isisters.org.

Hike. Help. Hope.

How to donate?

Mail your cheque to:

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Thank you!

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How can you help?

- ✓ Share this newsletter.
- ✓ Come to our Hike and Picnic in June!
- ✓ Organize a fundraiser at your office or in your neighbourhood and donate the proceeds to iSisters.
- ✓ Share the iSisters story.
- ✓ Become a monthly donor.
Email creid@isisters.org for details.

Upcoming Dates

First onsite class at Youville
February 14

Next Graduation @ TI
March 29

Annual General Meeting,
tba

iSisters 4th Anniversary
May 1

Hike and Picnic in the Park
June 11

