

Connecting women
in need with
technology through
mentoring

iSisters Technology Mentoring Inc.

Fall 2005
Newsletter



Annual Fundraiser — a Great Success!

Many thanks to everyone who participated in and supported our annual **Hike and Picnic in the Park!**



We raised over **\$6,000** which will support our mentoring programs at the Youville Centre and Tun-gasuvvingat Inuit.

The hikers enjoyed a nature walk through beautiful Gatineau Park and a delicious picnic lunch sponsored by **The Table** restaurant. There was a terrific silent auction, a presentation about our recent activities, and a colouring contest of the iSisters logo for the kids. Check out their creativity on page two.

A special thank you to all of the volunteers, silent auction donors, and our major sponsors.

Hike Sponsors



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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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Appreciation Reception and Annual General Meeting - Everyone is Invited!

Date: Thurs, Nov. 3, 2005

Time: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Location: Youville Centre
150 Mann Ave., Ottawa

Refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP
info@isisters.org

It's been an exciting year and we want to thank you for helping make it possible!

Join us for a reception and tour of Youville's technology learning centre. Hear first-hand from Robyn, one of our dedicated students, about her experience in the iSisters program.

5:30 pm - 6:00 pm: Reception and Tour

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm: Annual General Meeting and special presentations from Robyn and our team

Youville Update

This fall marks the beginning of our exciting new **Alumni Program** at the Youville Centre.

This program targets learners, graduates, and women who have used the services of Youville who would benefit from further support. The focus of the program is on employability and is based on our successful Employment Learning Program at Tungasuvvingat Inuit.

The Alumni Program, offered one afternoon a week, over 12 weeks, allows young moms to have onsite childcare, while upgrading their employability and work readiness skills.

iTeachnology

We are pleased to announce the official launch of **iTeachnology**, our online learning environment.

Online learning will allow students to progress at their own pace and supports the sustainability of our learning programs. The Employment Support Module includes an introduction to technology, career exploration and planning, plus job searching.

iTeachnology is a critical step supporting sustainability and growth for iSisters. To learn more, contact Judy (jpuritt@isisters.org) or see a demo at the AGM in November.



Youville Learner "Pink"

Graduation at Tungasuvvingat Inuit



We have finished another **Employment Support Program** at Tungasuvvingat Inuit (TI).

The women successfully completed the 8-week program and celebrated with graduation ceremonies on September 6th.

They were incredibly determined to succeed. In addition to their scheduled classes, they took every opportunity to access the computer lab and resources available at TI.

All graduates have completed career plans and are working towards realizing their goals.

New Supporters

We are pleased to announce that we have received new funding from **The City of Ottawa** and **Adobe**. Their generous contributions will enable us to start our new Alumni program at Youville.



Pictured above (l-r), Adobe Manager of Communications Eileen Foley presents a grant to iSisters Executive Director Cathy Reid at the **Adobe Action Grant Recipient Recognition Breakfast**.

A Special Thank You

We are very grateful to **Rick and Arlene Carpenter** for their generous personal donation.

How can you help?

Ask if your workplace has an employee donation or matching program. **Suncor** donated \$2000 this September because iSisters' volunteer and Suncor retiree Dyanna Lewis signed up for the company's donor program. Thank you Suncor.



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Hike Colouring Contest

Thank you to all of the young artists who participated in the iSisters logo colouring contest at the Hike & Picnic in the Park.

