

Big fundraising weekend for Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre in Potton



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The Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CAB), a non-profit charitable organization in Potton was a busy place this past weekend in Mansonville. On Saturday, Oct. 26 the Volunteer Centre's Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) and Former Youth Involvement (FYI) committees; two programs operating through the Youth Centre (282 Main Street), held their Annual Rock-a-thon fundraiser receiving donations while rocking for four consecutive hours in rocking chairs.

Fifteen youth and adult volunteers came out to rock and the combined effort brought in more than \$2,400. The success of this annual fundraiser relies largely on the kindness of family, friends, the community, organizations and businesses not only in Potton but in surrounding towns as well.

The money raised helps SADD and FYI to continue to organize events, contribute positively to the community and to build their skills in leadership and teamwork. SADD and FYI organize a variety of events each year including an annual haunted house, information sessions with the Quebec Provincial Police, a Family Fun Winterfest Day and much more...

The Rock-a-thon is a fun way to come together and raise funds at the same time. The youth in the SADD and FYI programs extend their warm thank you to all who donated and continue to support and recognize their efforts.

Following the Rock-a-thon which ran from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the evening, the CAB Volunteer Centre held its Annual Halloween Party/Dance Fundraiser at the Town Hall in Mansonville. Some seventy plus people showed up; most in costume, to dance to the music provided by Jason Ball who deejays and spearheads the event each year.

An on-site bar ran by FYI members Jessie Johnson and Sarah Jersey as well as a wonderful buffet of food organized by two of CAB board members: June Pea-



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Some of the SADD and FYI committee members who rocked in the Rock-a-thon fundraiser held at the Youth Centre in Mansonville this past Saturday.



It's a family affair for these party attendees who joined over 70 people at the CAB's Halloween Party on October 26.

cock and Norma Clifford, with donations from other board members and volunteers, only added to the successful evening.

A variety of door prizes were donated and winning costumes for the night went to: 1st place: June Peacock who arrived as a set dinner table, 2nd place was a tie between two couples: Starr Dostie and Jason Forget who went as Lego pieces as well as Gwynne Basen and Doug Ernst who dressed as a devil and angel combo. 3rd place was awarded to Roland Jersey who was a cool clown. The CAB estimates the event to bring in a profit of over \$1,000 after expenses.

"It is the enthusiasm of the community and those who dress up and attend this event that makes it a success," said Jason Ball. "Halloween is my favourite time of year and I truly believe that it is a fun opportunity to express your creative spirit! That is what many Potton residents did on Saturday night and helping the Volunteer Centre was just a



Gwynne Basen and Doug Ernst one of the couples to take second place at the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre's annual Halloween Party Fundraiser

bonus."

For more information about the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre and any of its programs, including those for youth, visit the website at www.cabmn.org or call the CAB at 450-292-3114 or the Youth Centre at 450-292-4886.