

A successful silent auction fundraiser For Potton's Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CAB)



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On Saturday, Feb. 22 the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CAB) held its sixth silent auction fundraiser to benefit the organization's many programs. Prior to the silent auction the Ken Jones Centre Respite Care group held a chili supper with profits benefiting the respite and activity program for adults with intellectual disabilities. The event was held at the Mansonville Elementary school.

The silent auction portion of the evening was hosted by volunteer, Jennifer Sherrer, who was once a member of the CAB's youth program and who now has children of her own attending the groups. Jennifer welcomed the crowd, explained how the auction and evening would proceed and then she handed the microphone over to Jason Forget (long-time youth program member and an active force on the Former Youth Involvement (FYI) committee and his dad, Real Forget who together volunteered to be the auctioneers for the "live" auction portion of the night.

Jason and Real enthusiastically amused the crowd while presenting live auction items that included: a painting by artist Marie Andree Leblond, a ski package from Mont Sutton and the Horizon Hotel, ten piece bedding set from CS Brooks in Magog, wine baskets, mystery items and dvd box sets. The live auction raised close to \$1,000.

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Jennifer Sherrer (hostess), Real Forget and Jason Forget (volunteer auctioneers) encouraging bids at the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre silent auction fundraiser last Saturday night in Potton.

The silent auction boasted over 150 items up for bid including: art/paintings, gift certificates, baking, dishes, home décor items, furniture, a snow blower and much much more. Not all items were sold but in total, between the live and silent auctions, over \$4,000 was raised!

"We would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for their continued support," said Alison Hannan who is the Executive Director at the CAB.

"At this time, we have a number of

items that were not purchased," she explained. "We are offering to sell the remaining items at half their original value. This is a wonderful opportunity to get that deal that you missed out on!"

Sales will close on Monday, March 17, at 4:30 p.m. To buy an item or gift certificate, you must call the CAB at 450-292-3114 (extension 101) during regular business hours. Sales will be on a first-come, first-serve basis, so be sure to get your order in quickly. You have until March 24 to pick up your purchases. To

see the list of available items for sale, refer to this list on the website: <http://goo.gl/AWuE42>

Again, the CAB Missisquoi North organization extends its gratitude to the many businesses, artisans, individuals and volunteers who donated items or volunteered for the event; also, a big thank you to all who purchased items and attended the event.

For more information about the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CAB), visit the website at www.cabmn.org