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Weather



TODAY: MIX OF SUN AND CLOUD

HIGH OF 15 LOW OF 1



TUESDAY: **SUNNY**

HIGH OF 4 LOW OF -7



WEDNESDAY: SUNNY

HIGH OF 6 LOW OF 4



THURSDAY: **CLOUDY**

HIGH OF 13 LOW OF 7



FRIDAY: **40 PER CENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS** LOW OF 5

Montreal Canadiens Children's Foundation hosts Potton youth



THE SCOOP

Mable Hastings

't was a night to remember for some lucky youth from Potton this past Saturday evening as Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) Coordinator, Ethan Ball and nine youth as well as two parent volunteers were guests of the Montreal Canadiens Children's Foundation to experience a game between the Habs and the Vegas Golden Knights at the Bell Centre in Montreal.

Coordinated by Sylvie Nadeau, Senior Coordinator, Donations and Administration for the Foundation, the group received the royal treatment where upon arrival they were given access for the evening to a private lounge overlooking the ice and were served a delicious dinner of pizza, ceasar/chicken wraps, chicken fingers, veggies, desserts as well as beverages and snacks. Gift bags were an added surprise as each youth received a Montreal Canadiens baseball cap, a







pennant, a Youppi stressball...

"For many of us, myself included, this was our first live game and to experience it in this way, thanks to the Montreal Children's Foundation was beyond our wildest dreams," said Ethan Ball. "The visual of the kids faces as the Montreal Canadiens came onto the ice will forever be embedded in my mind." he added.

The Potton youth attending included members of the CABMN **Students Against Destructive Decisions** (SADD) group as well as youth who volunteered for the recent Halloween event animated by the Youth Centre. The group of 9 youth ranged in ages from ten to fourteen.

Exchanges began with Foundation following the arrival to the Potton community of part-time resident, retired Montreal Canadien defensemen, Stephane Quintal who suggested that the CABMN Director

make contact with the Foundation for funding support. The result was the funds that are enabling the CABMN to purchase new ice skates for youth in both local elementary schools; arriving in time for this year's skating season at Potton's new ice rink.

"You hear about the efforts of foundations and networks that do things for youth," said Ball, "But, until you experience it and see what an immense gift it is for kids, you don't realize the magnitude of the work done by people like Sylvie Nadeau."

According to the parent volunteers who drove the group, the ride home was abuzz with excitement and discussions about the memories made from the experience shared.

'Thank you doesn't seem adequate," said Ball. "The Canadiens may have lost the game but the youth of Potton won something amazing in an experience of

Ben by Daniel Shelton







