

# Men's pool group makes donation is support of volunteer centre youth program



## THE SCOOP

MABLE HASTINGS

On Thursday, Dec. 14, the drop-in men's pool group that meets weekly in the basement of the Mansonville Catholic Church stopped by the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre to leave a donation in support of the CABMN youth program. The group members contribute a small amount each week to a pot and each year, the amount accumulated is donated in support of the youth. This year a whopping \$512 dollars was donated!

The impromptu gathering of

pool enthusiasts gives the men an opportunity to come together to partake in an activity that they all enjoy and to get a bit of visiting time in as well. The fact that the group generates a few dollars each week may seem insignificant but to the youth, this is a huge donation in support of its programs and activities held weekly for the youth at no cost to the families.

The pool tables were donated by the Club des Retraites retiree group of the Mansonville Catholic Church. Two tables are available for the men to use and the space now provided by the Municipality of Potton is perfect to meet the needs of the group. The clatter as the balls connect mixed with the exchange of conversation and laughter brings a warm ambiance to those who come and go.

After hearing about the donation, CABMN Youth Coordinator, Ethan Ball had this to say regarding the kindness show by the group.

"The group used to meet at the Youth Centre where there was a lot happening each week. When the basement space became available providing a little less chaos, they started meeting there," explained Ball. "It is a real gesture on the part of



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Members of the Men's Pool Group: Barkley Woodard, Yves Hamelin, Guy Déry, Royal Lamothe, Viateur Rodrigue, Roméo Thomas, Thomas Colgan, Pierre Théorêt

these men to continue to donate their collective weekly contributions to our youth programs," he concluded.

For the pool group, it is all good fun and if this donation helps the kids, all

the better! The group certainly chose a wonderful time of year to present such a gift warming the hearts of the children and staff in the kind and caring gesture made.

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