

# SHYFTING TIMES

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## Security Cameras Installed

Thanks to generous donations from local groups, SHYFT has purchased and installed additional security cameras. These are motion activated and record images throughout the house and even outdoors. Police have already re-

trieved outdoor video footage to identify a suspect. Our special thanks to Yarmouth Town and County Crime Prevention Association (Y.T.C.C.P.A.) for a \$ 1,500 donation and the Masonic Lodge/Betterment Society for a \$ 500

cheque. Helen Paquette, SHYFT Project Manager, received cheques from Bob Williams, Co-Chair, Y.T.C.C.P.A., and Ken Hatfield, Chair, Masonic Lodge. See photos below.



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## Funding Crisis Looming

The Department of Community Services has been in consultation with SHYFT and other community stakeholders to try to find a resolution that will provide SHYFT with funding after March 31, 2012.

To date, no solution has been

found but the SHYFT Board of Directors are working to try and find a way for SHYFT to continue to provide a supportive home for homeless and at risk youth. All we can say is, "Watch this space" for further updates.

## Christmas Generosity

Residents of the SHYFT Home were not forgotten over the festive season with many well-wishers bringing delicious baked goods and useful gifts to enjoy. This culminated in a Christmas celebration and fun evening for staff and residents together. Many thanks to all who donated in this way.

### Y.A.R.C. Christmas Carollers

Dressed in period costume, this cheerful vocal ensemble entertained at various venues in the weeks before Christmas and chose to donate one half of their proceeds to SHYFT: \$ 436.86. A wonderful gesture, thank you.

### Raising the Roof

Once again, SHYFT participated in this annual campaign selling colourful toques to support the national campaign to fight youth homelessness, with 80 % of our sales going to SHYFT. Many thanks to all our volunteers, especially to those who staffed the BBQ at R.B.C., Yarmouth branch. Toques are still available at the SHYFT House at 6, Trinity Place or The Tri-County Women's Centre, 12, Cumberland Street. Our toque model this year in the photograph to the right is Andrew Smith.



### House News

Since our opening in January 2011, 32 youth, from all three counties, have stayed at the SHYFT House, showing the high need for this service. Activities for residents continue to be very varied: conflict resolution, house discussion, therapeutic creative art, handling stress, healthy sexuality STD's / STI's, movie marathon night, ice cream "Sunday", board games and homemade pretzels. Coming soon: money management.

### Editor's Note

Where can SHYFT find more financial support to keep our doors open? We welcome your ideas.

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