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We are pleased to announce that SHYFT Youth Services are now available once more to Tri-County youth. Our new hours of operation are Monday to Friday, from 8 am to 8 pm. In partnership with other community and government services, staff will provide support and intervention services to the at-risk and homeless youth. Youth may drop-in during these hours to speak with staff, use the laundry, kitchen and bathroom facilities and to participate in the regular programs. Programming will include, but not be limited to: meal preparation and sharing, movie nights every second Friday, GED preparation, First Aid training, Healthy Relationships and Creating Personal Space, Youth Leadership, Budgeting, Finding and Maintaining Housing, Mental Health/Addictions Counselling.

Funding Announcement

This daytime service is made possible by a one year grant from the Housing Partnership Strategy of the federal government. The full details of this funding will be announced by Greg Kerr, Member of Parliament for West Nova, at 2.30 pm, on Tuesday 31 July 2012, at the SHYFT House, 6, Trinity Place/Argyle Street, Yarmouth. SHYFT is most grateful for this support for our area's youth and we would encourage everyone to join us for this special event. Refreshments will be served.

Overnight Challenge

SHYFT provided a safe home for 34 youth in a 14 month period up to March 2012. Youth are still at risk and looking for a secure and empowering home environment. The beds are still here but not the funds to hire the necessary staff. The SHYFT Board appeals to the whole community of the Tri-County area to step forward and help make this happen. To donate, please make cheques payable to SHYFT and drop off or mail to the Tri-County Women's Centre, 12 Cumberland Street, Yarmouth, B5A 3K3. Receipts for tax purposes will be issued for donations of \$ 20 or more.

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Toll Free Phone Number
1-855-781-3111

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Donate on line at SHYFT.CA
and receive your receipt
immediately.

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Meet Our Staff

Karen's education includes a Bachelor of Social Work Degree and she has been employed within various domains of the human services over the past 15 years. Through work and volunteer experiences she has gained an understanding and knowledge of the services and supports designed to assist youth at risk and developed a positive working relationship with many community members, organizations and agencies within the Tri-Counties.

Lisa grew up in Yarmouth, knows the local scene intimately and has been involved in youth work here since 2006.



Above: Karen Belliveau, (r) (Project Manager) and Lisa Dulong (Youth Worker) enjoy the summer flowers of the SHYFT garden.

She joined the SHYFT staff in May 2011 and continues her education in the Human Services Programme of the Nova Scotia Community College, presently working on Youth and Supportive Services.



Above: Stephen Sollows

Special Thanks

When the SHYFT House was empty for three months, SHYFT Society member and House Committee member, Stephen Sollows, did a maintenance and security check throughout the property several times per week. We appreciate his diligence. Thanks, Stephen.

Fresh Vegetables Anyone?

South End Kids Community Garden (at SHYFT House) is "Open For Business" and is now selling vegetables. Contact Chuck Smith at 742-7464.

In-Kind Donations call 881-3111
or toll free 1-855-781-3111

SHYFT accepts non-perishable food items, personal hygiene products (shampoo, conditioner, soap, tampons, pads), socks, slippers, blankets, books, gently used youth appropriate clothing and DVDs.

Needed: Window Installer

The SHYFT house has new windows which need to be installed before fall. Do you know of anyone with suitable experience who might be willing to do this work? We have willing "helpers" but need a skilled person. Contact SHYFT at 881-3111, or reply to this email.

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