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## NEW SHYFT FUNDING ANNOUNCED

Monday 27 January was day of celebration at the SHYFT house when the Provincial Minister of Community Services, Joanne Bernard, arrived to announce \$350,000 annual funding for SHYFT, beginning in April. This will enable us to re-open the house as a 7 bed residence for at-risk youth in the tri-county area. Her words were greeted with loud cheers and extended applause by the overflow crowd.



**Photo:** Minister, Joanne Bernard, announcing the new annual funding for SHYFT.



**Photo:** Nicole and Minister Joanne, cut the special celebration cake together.

Bernadette MacDonald, Chair SHYFT Youth Services' Society, expressed appreciation, "We are so pleased that our plea has been heard and the strain of meeting this service need has been lifted."

Several youth were present for the announcement and one of them, Nicole Sandford, spoke eloquently of how SHYFT has made a very positive impact on her life.

"People in this area saw at-risk and homeless young people struggling and stepped up to find a solution," she said. "This long-term funding commitment will make sure their energy is used where it belongs, helping young people in need, and not worrying about keeping the doors open."

## WELCOME DANIELLE

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Monday 27 January was also the first work day for Danielle Mossman who has replaced Nicky Hill as the SHYFT Project Manager of the current day programme. Originally from Riverport, N.S., Danielle has a B.A. degree in Sociology and Psychology and is in the final stages of a Social Work degree programme at Dalhousie.

In addition, she has experience as a case worker for Sir Sanford Fleming House; a half-way house in Halifax. Welcome on board, Dani !



**Photo:** Danielle Mossman

## CHRISTMAS AT SHYFT



**Photo:** SHYFT dinner guests included, from back left: Krista, Holly, Jerrica, Renee, Ashley, Michaela , Grace + Vaida and Kyla.

The festive season was in full swing when approximately 20 youth were treated to a delicious dinner, with all the trimmings and desserts, prepared by our staff and various "helping hands."

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