

# From our Honorary Patron, Glenn Stanford...



On November 10, 2021, eighty-five (85) community and corporate leaders met at Comfort Hotel to launch the 2nd Annual *Inspiring Lives* Appeal which ran until December 10, 2022.

It was evident from the vibe in the room and from conversation that people were pleased to gather together for two reasons:

- 1. Covid 19 had prevented such gatherings for a long time and there was a lot of catching up to do.
- 2. People had come to learn more about the work of Murphy Centre Inc., and to determine how they might assist this critical work.

The **Murphy Centre** has been quietly at work in our community for the past **35 years**. It has been a place of "second chances" and thousands of young adults have benefited greatly from that opportunity.

The 2021 Appeal is officially over but the need still exists! We are grateful to report that contributions totaling close to \$53,000 have been received or pledged. This total was assisted greatly by a pledge from CLANMAC Family Foundation and the Growlers Give Foundation to provide \$100,000 over the next 3 years to support the much needed Readiness Program. This program assesses the learning gaps and needs of participants before setting them up to achieve their goals.

If you have not yet gotten around to making your donation, I invite you to visit www.murphycentre.ca and **DONATE ONLINE**.

We are better as a society when our vulnerable are provided with opportunities to improve. Please consider assisting Murphy Centre Inc.

Glenn



## **Successful Inspiring Lives Annual Appeal .... CLANMAC & NL Growlers support Readiness Program**

Tracy MacDonald, Chair of the **Clanmac Family Foundation** and the **Growlers Give Foundation** presents a cheque to Murphy Centre Director, Tim Turner. This \$100,000 contribution over the next 3 years is designated support for the Readiness Program. This is a baseline program which identifies gaps in learning or learning challenges a participant may present with and prescribes a learning plan designed to help the participant catch up. Once this work is complete the participant can begin to meet their academic goals.



A highlight of the Inspiring Lives Annual Appeal launch was the testimonial given by two alumni of the Centre. Nicole Button and her husband Anthony Brenton (seen above) represented thousands of participants who have gone on to create solid lives and make meaningful contributions to our society. Murphy Centre Inc. continues to make inroad in creating community awareness of the work we do each day. Thank you for your support!

### **Local Companies Provide Stalwart Support**

The Production Company (Rob Dawe at camera below) has, for 2 years, provided incredible media support to Murphy Centre Inc. Well known for quality work in industry and tourism, TPG has become a valued corporate partner producing top notch promotional footage for use by Murphy Centre Inc. We look forward to future collaborations! Thanks Rob.



#### **Inspiring Lives "Live Chats":**

We have renamed the previously billed "Inspiring Lives Coffee Breaks" initiative to avoid confusion with another community initiative. We are waiting for the COVID 19 restrictions to be lifted before proceeding with those who have already indicated a willingness to host this event.

There is lots of opportunity to become involved in this grassroots way of sharing the mission and work of Murphy Centre Inc. Please call Derrick or Tony at your earliest to book a session.

#### **Quick Links**

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Thomas J. Power Financial has also been a solid supporter of Murphy Centre initiatives over the past 2 years. Along with some other business associates, Tom recently sponsored the Inspiring Lives Annual Appeal Breakfast shown below. This kind of support helps us to raise awareness of the work done at Murphy Centre Inc. Thanks Tom!





The S.O.A.R. project is designed to support skilled trades people in achieving their goals. This is accomplished through career consultation, counselling and tutoring. In collaboration with Trades NL, NLCA, CNA, and ABTEC, S.O.A.R. provides services needed in the industry. Relationships have also been forged with community groups such as

Choices for Youth, Stella's Circle, and the Association for New Canadians. Here S.O.A.R. can provide counselling and tutoring. A new initiative this quarter will see S.O.A.R. engage in collecting data from skilled trades workers thereby ensuring that our services directly meet the demands of their lives. Our online survey will be available on social media in February.

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