



ALLAN PRESENTS A CHEQUE TO MONICA BIGGAR, PRINCIPAL OF ÉCOLE DUGALD SCHOOL, IN SUPPORT OF THE SCHOOL'S MARCHING BAND PROGRAM. ALLAN'S WIFE, DENISE, ALSO VOLUNTEERS AT THE SCHOOL.



## ALLAN BUKOWSKI COACHING KIDS TO HAVE FUN

For three years, Allan and his wife, Denise, have coached their daughter's middle school basketball team in Dugald, MB.

"Some couples go on dates on Friday nights; we're on the court making memories," says Allan, a Senior Engineering Clerk who joined CN 35 years ago. "Denise focuses on basketball fundamentals, and I help with conditioning and making sure everyone has fun."

Allan's winnings will be invested in the school's Marching Band program. "I'm so grateful and proud to work for a company that not only values what I do at work, but also what I do outside of work."

## COMMITTED TO THEIR COMMUNITIES

### How far can \$2,500 go?

Just ask these six CN employees who each won \$2,500 for their favourite charity in the *CN Railroaders in the Community* contest. The special donation is in addition to the grant CN had already provided to the organizations for the employees' valuable volunteer work.

by Wendy Helfenbaum

## LOUIS NADEAU EAGER TO HELP PLAYERS ON AND OFF THE ICE

Louis has volunteered hundreds of hours for the Hockey Mineur du Haut Madawaska in St-Francois de Madawaska, NB, coaching his son's hockey team since 2007.

"I believe that it's as important for children to play sports as it is to go to school," says Louis, a S&C Maintainer who hired on in 2009 and whose father, Alpha, was a Work Equipment Operator and Instructor. "They learn valuable life skills, like team work."

CN's donation will help train coaches and purchase safety cones, pucks and practice jerseys for the players.



LOUIS NADEAU (RIGHT) JOKES AROUND WITH DANY BEAULIEU, PRESIDENT OF THE HOCKEY MINEUR DU HAUT MADAWASKA, AS YOUNG NATHAN NADEAU LOOKS ON.

JEAN-FRANÇOIS (LEFT) AND BRIAN ROSCOE, PRESIDENT, DREAMS TAKE FLIGHT, WITH THE ORGANIZATION'S MASCOT, RICO.



JEAN-FRANÇOIS ROBITAILLE ON A RECENT TRIP TO DISNEY WITH STAFF AND CHILDREN FROM THE DREAMS TAKE FLIGHT ORGANIZATION.

## JEAN-FRANÇOIS ROBITAILLE MAKING DISNEY DREAMS COME TRUE

Since 2007, Jean-François, Senior Supply Agent, has volunteered for Dreams Take Flight, which takes physically, mentally and socio-economically challenged children to Disney World in Florida.

Every year, Montreal chapter volunteers raise more than \$100,000 to take up to 180 children on the trip. "Air Canada provides the plane, but we pay for everything else, including fuel," says Louis. "These kids are living through very difficult situations. When you see the pure joy in the children's eyes, it's worth all the effort. It's incredible that CN supports us."





CHARLES COX (RIGHT) WITH NEAL HEASLETT, MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS – YOUTH LEADERSHIP OF MEMPHIS.

## CHARLES COX BEING A POSITIVE ROLE MODEL FOR INNER-CITY BOYS

**CN** Electrician Charles Cox wakes up at 6:30 on Saturday mornings to help steer inner-city boys aged six and up away from street life and towards something positive. He volunteers for the Youth Leadership of Memphis.

“This program is about making boys into men – instilling a good work ethic and showing them there’s something more out there besides gangs,” says Charles, a third-generation railroader who joined CN in 1999. “I’ve never seen kids so excited to cut grass and rake leaves; it’s amazing.”

CN’s donation has helped pay the boys for their work and repair equipment.

## WONDA WARREN MAKING SURE EVERY CHILD HAS A CHANCE TO PLAY

**S**enior Administration Clerk Wonda Warren couldn’t play sports as a child because of the cost. Since 2005, she has spent hundreds of hours each year managing her children’s sports teams, including work with the Chilliwack Minor Lacrosse Association in B.C.

“Every kid deserves the right to play, and if we don’t have volunteers, they don’t get that chance,” says Wonda, who joined CN 16 years ago. The special CN donation will pay for player development and equipment. “Part of CN’s grant is going towards one boy in particular who wouldn’t have otherwise had the opportunity to play. He has a big smile on his face after every practice, so I’m just thrilled.”



ABOVE, LEFT TO RIGHT: MIKE ORTUTAY, PRESIDENT, CHILLIWACK, B.C. MINOR LACROSSE ASSOCIATION AND HIS TEAM ACCEPT A CHEQUE FROM WONDA WARREN AND JAMES ASTLEY, CN ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, MECHANICAL – B.C. SOUTH.



**GORDON WIHONGI**  
**SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN NEED**

Six years ago, when he dropped off his children at a food bank for a community service project for school, Gordon was asked to help. He's been there ever since.

The Hortonville Community Food Pantry in Dale, WI, distributes food, clothing, and household items to needy families. Gordon, a Locomotive Engineer, spends his day off each week unloading food trucks, organizing frozen and canned goods and distributing food to clients. "I see people in their 70s and 80s volunteering, so I'll do this as long as I can," says Gordon. His organization has purchased bread and other staples with the money they received from CN.



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