

LOCAL ENTREPRENEUR HEIDY WAGER, HYSTAR FAMILY SERVICES

By Heather M. Brown



Heidy Wager is presently living in Montreal but hopes to move to Deux Montagnes. She has recently won a prestigious Entrepreneur's award, First Place for Service, for South West Montreal. Heidy graduated from Vanier College as a Special Care Counselor in 1999. After that she began taking courses on how to start and run a business. She had an STA grant from the C.L.D. to give her a minimum wage salary while establishing herself as a businesswoman. Based on her business plan, it was determined that her idea was feasible.

The name of her business is Hystar Family Services. The name is a combination of the names Heidy and Star who was a former partner. It also evokes the idea of looking up to a higher purpose – a star; and having a positive effect on the people she deals with. The mission statement is “to provide families with a network of services and resources. It is their sole purpose to cultivate and fortify the family nucleus. They provide exceptional services that are specialized, prompt and based on the exclusive needs of the individual, family or community organization.” This being the case Hystar provides a unique and flexible range of possibilities to deal with kids with ADD and ADHD and other learning disabilities.

Heidy's first paid employee is Vanessa Millington,

who was born and raised in Deux Montagnes and is studying at McGill University in her 4th year in the Faculty of Education. She runs the academic portions of the Back to Basics program, which was a means of getting the children used to a routine, and reintegrating them into the school environment after a summer of fun, rest and relaxation. It was a time of turning back to reading, writing, and arithmetic. Heidy works with the students on their social skills, organization, and concentration.

This program had two sessions, from August 13th until August 18th and August 20th until August 25th.

Heidy would like to acknowledge the help she received from Valerie Glover-Drolet and Jackie Power at the CEDEC LLL office and from Panda, who have encouraged her, hired her on contract, and indicated that she should start an English Day Camp in Deux Montagnes. They helped her to find a space at the All Saints Church to have her Day Camp since there was no Bible Camp at that location this summer.

The Hystar Day Camp held a fund raising Spaghetti Supper on July 25th at 5:00 p.m. It showcased the activities the children had participated in over the summer, and you could buy a t-shirt, a bag, or a mouse pad to support the camp.

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