

## International Development Project Gets One Step Closer To Reality with Craft Fair

On November 26th and 27th, the annual Craft Fair was hosted at the Hudson Community Centre bringing the IDP students one step closer to helping the people of Honduras develop their community. Various artisans gathered with their creations in hopes for Christmas holiday sales. This event, organized by Suzanne Donnelly and supported by a group of Westwood Senior students, helps to raise funds for the International Development Project.



This project consists of a group of twelve Secondary V students volunteering in the small rural community of Planes de Ikake in northern Honduras. These students will live with a local family, learn how to communicate when language is a barrier, work alongside the local people on a practical construction project and adapt to simpler living conditions. The goal of this project is for the students to be immersed in the local culture while volunteering their time. The students became involved with IDP in hopes to learn about developing nations and enrich their experience by providing support and some basic necessities to the village.

As the project is approaching, the students have been taking on many fundraisers, this being one of their last and most successful to date. The students taking part in this project would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to Suzanne Donnelly for organizing this event once again; and sincerely thank all of the sponsors who contributed such wonderful gifts that were offered in the fundraising raffle. Without their support, our students would have had a much more difficult time finding the necessary funds to carry out this inspiring and important project.

Our 2016 raffle donors were: Ace Matériaux, AIMIA (Aeroplan miles), David's Tea, Centre Decor, Nicole Pomothy, Le Look Coiffure, Village Hairstyle, Sauvé's, Penny Petz, Vivery Restaurant, Mon Village, Clarence & Cripps, Piscine & Spa Hudson, PC Grocery Store, Boston Pizza, McKibbons Pub, Ski Mont Rigaud, Global Pet Store, Tim Horton's, Hom Yoga Centre, 30 Minute Hit Fitness, Brunet Pharmacy, Chez Maurice, Tutti Gourmet and Mlle Clifford English Tea & Flower Emporium. We would also like to acknowledge and express our sincere appreciation for the donations from the parents and friends of the IDP students as well as the donations from local artisans present at the Craft Fair.

Thank you to all for contributing to changing the lives of many people in Planes de Ikake, Honduras, as well as the lives of twelve local high school students.

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