

Maria Guzzo steps up to help make prom night special



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Fées Murraines is a non-profit organization dedicated to making prom night magical for all Greater Montreal area teens. The ultimate goal is to have a positive influence on those young teens by helping them to look and feel beautiful celebrating their accomplishments alongside their peers on prom night.

In order to accomplish this mission, the organization collects new and almost-new formal dresses, shoes and accessories, and provides them free of charge to the selected high school girls who are unable to purchase their own prom attire. Dresses and accessories were distributed during recent Boutique Days. The deserving young girls received individual assistance from a volunteer personal shopper as they looked through the inventory to find the dress of their dreams.

This year Maria Guzzo has offered to give six, \$500 bursaries to deserving young girls supported by Fées Murraines, who are willing to pursue their education. In order to celebrate

their accomplishments Maria has invited all the Fées Murraines girls to a special event which will be held on Sun. May 27 (10:30 am to 12:30 pm) at the St. Léonard Cinémas Guzzo location at 5940 des Grandes Prairies, to celebrate themselves. At this time they will have the opportunity to discuss with three women from three generations about how to find their own path to success. Maria is asking these young girls to come with a CV in hand in order to have the opportunity to apply for a job at one of the Cinémas Guzzo locations, which of course includes Laval. Sponsors will also make this event one to remember and gifts will be distributed.

Maria is vice-president of community affairs for Cinémas Guzzo, operated by her husband Vince, who will be one of the Dragons next fall on CBC's *The Dragon's Den*.

A few weeks ago Maria started working on her PhD. She speaks to students often about staying in school and mental health.

Log on to <http://www.feesmurraines.ca>.

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Maria and Vince Guzzo.