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Share the Warmth officially thanked TELUS for its commitment and contribution to the Point St. Charles-based community organization in a ceremony Jan. 28 and unveiled a plaque in recognition of that support.

Since 2003, TELUS has donated more than \$300,000 to support the work of Share the Warmth: in 2005 it contributed toward the purchase of the Share the Warmth building, - an old church at the corner of Wellington St. and Fortune St.; it has helped support the school food program, which provides lunches and snacks to students in need; and a gift of \$15,000 this year will support the growth of the Share the Warmth youth programs.

TELUS team members have also generously given their time and expertise.

Share the Warmth's youth programs include a youth group, tutoring and mentoring program, music courses and scholarships.

The goal of Share the Warmth's tutoring and mentoring program is to assist young people having trouble in school and try to combat the dropout rate among high-school students in the southwest area of Montreal. The focus is on math, French and English and the program is in its second year.

Share the Warmth plans to expand the program to reach more young people, to provide close tracking for each child's progress, encourage them to stay in school and help them develop self-confidence.

"We are extremely grateful for TELUS's support over many years -not only in terms of money, but in terms of their personal involvement.

"The time they have spent volunteering, their creativity and passion are such that a true partnership has developed over the years," said Share the Warmth executive director Judy Stevens.

The mission of Share the Warmth is lofty: to awaken hopes and dreams by overcoming hunger and poverty. Its school programs, which provide food and school supplies, serve more than 10,000 students in 50 Montreal-area schools. Community programs include a food bank that distributes more than 11,000 food baskets a year and a second-hand shop where families can be outfitted economically.

Share the Warmth's youth programs serve more than 150 young people.