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Young volunteers saluted in city

CAMPBELLTON ▶ With the North Shore already well-known for its volunteers, it came as no surprise March 22 when Jeunesse Restigouche Youth had special night to honour those volunteers who are of the younger persuasion with the number of young people on hand filling the convention room.

No fewer than 180 young men and women were saluted for their volunteer efforts in the last year or so. Volunteering it's Cool is a program that was launched last May in an effort get more young people out in the community volunteering for various causes. While volunteering is in itself a rewarding way to contribute to society, an added bonus in the form of bursaries was offered.

Three were in the amount of \$250, one for \$750 and one for \$1,500 for a total of \$3,000

with all five drawn at the banquet. Cara Cyr was the winner of \$1,500 grand prize.

Cyr spends a great deal of time at the Civic Centre pool

volunteering with the swimming programs there. She's currently in grade-12 at Sugarloaf Senior High School and plans on attending Mt. Allison University in the fall.

The other winners were Nathalie Chouinard (\$750), Melissa Drapeau (\$250), Karine

(with at least half in Restigouche County), 60 ended up volunteering for 100 hours, or more. Of the 181 participants, one was singled out for going above and beyond in her volunteering.

June Savoie of Balmoral has volunteered more than 937 hours at the Village Nursing Home in Campbellton in the last year. Comparatively, the average full-time worker works about 2,000 hours per year.

"I love it. I love being around the residents helping where I can, I've become very attached to some of the residents," said Savoie. "The employees consider me one of their own and the residents are happy to see me."

The Volunteering it's Cool started again for another season on Sunday and

will run through Feb. 28, 2008.

For more information, contact Jeunesse Restigouche Youth at 759-6699.



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Jeunesse Restigouche Youth held a meeting March 22 to acknowledge young volunteers in the region. Shown are Donna Cormier-Pitre (co-chair of JRY), Nicole Theriault (manager of JRY), Cara Cyr (winner of the \$1,500 bursary) and Samia Awad (co-chair of JRY).

Imbeault (\$250) and Anne-Renee Levesque (\$250).

Of the 181 participants who were required to volunteer at least 40 hours to qualify