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Chelsea Foundation Celebrates Valentines Day

This year “Valentines Day” in Chelsea was not just schmoozing with your loved one(s), it was also a big love-in at the future site of the Meredith Community Centre. With a beautiful sunny day as a backdrop, a lively afternoon of activities laid on by the Chelsea Foundation and its many volunteers showed what an exciting place the Centre will become for our community.

After the short and sweet speechifying by our political folks, Stephanie Vallée and Mayor Jean Perras, encouraging words of support from former Mayor Judy Grant, the Honourary Fundraising Chairperson, were passed on by Meriel Bradford. Mark Peacock, whose family Foundation has made a significant contribution to the project, then spoke of the imminent fundraising challenge to realise the dream. Jennifer Warren-Part of Les Fourgères closed with an impromptu, eloquent and passionate account of the many benefits a Centre would have on everyone's lives as well as in the building of a strong and united community. Her eloquent remarks were met with a loud round of applause from the hundred or so enthusiastic listeners assembled near the stage.

I say those “assembled near the stage” fully realizing that there were even more families and children scattered over the site: enjoying the sleigh rides, skiing, playing basketball and rugby, tossing frisbees, socialising and meeting new friends. Some were even fencing – you know the point thing kind! Instead of enjoying these fun activities, the main stage group were being warmed up with a fitness break led by Rick Childs of A Step Up. The Junkyard Symphony banged their way into everyone's hearts while Christiane Claude had a mime group snaking through the crowd. Local writer and singer Phil Jenkins wrapped up with a fun set of everyone's favourite tunes.

To ward off any chills, a roaring camp fire was supplemented by a fantastic chilli by Rugby Chelsea. This complemented the amazing soup from Rendez Vous Chelsea and cakes and pastries from the Chelsea Cooperative Nursery School. A good time was had by all!

This was an event that should make us proud to be living in a community blessed with such creative, forward-thinking, positive and generous people. Thank you to all those that contributed and attended.

Let the love continue. Let's get on with building the Centre. To do your part, contact <http://www.fondationchelseafoundation.com/>.