

**Event:** Justin Trudeau will visit the youth at St. Alban's Boys and Girls Club

**Date:** Monday November 9<sup>th</sup> 2009 – 5-6:30pm

**Location:** 843 Palmerston Avenue Toronto

In celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Alban's, Club youth will be visited by Justin Trudeau on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Together, they will discuss issues affecting the youth of today.

Elected on October 14th 2008 as Member of Parliament for Papineau, Justin Trudeau is passionate about engaging young Canadians in politics. Capturing the attention of students from elementary school through to university, he champions liberal values, defending the causes that are dear to his heart, such as the environment and youth empowerment. During the summer of 2006, he chaired the youth task force of the Liberal Party Renewal Commission, generating ideas about how to engage more youth politically.

St. Alban's Boys' Sports Club was founded by Toronto Police Inspector W.H. (Bill) Bolton in 1949. His vision was to provide a structured environment for youth through recreation and extracurricular learning. The Club began with 25 boys in the basement of St. Alban's Parish Hall. During the late fifties, the Club's membership expanded to 300 boys and kept growing. The board, members and staff contributed substantially towards the cost of a new building and, with land donated by the City of Toronto, the construction began. On October 17, 1961, George Vanier, the Governor General of Canada at the time, officially opened the new club at 843 Palmerston Avenue. That same year, St. Alban's was accepted as a member agency of the United Way of Greater Toronto.

St. Alban's Boys and Girls Club, now serving 2000 members a year, provides a number of innovative programs and services to meet diverse community needs including daycare, early years programs, children and youth after school programs, sports and skill development, computer skills, arts programs, youth leadership programs, prevention and education, tutoring, mentoring, summer and leadership camps, aquatic lessons and community programs, a homeless shelter, and outreach services to 10 satellite Clubs.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada is a leading provider of programs to children and youth that support the healthy physical, educational and social development of more than 150,000 young people and their families each year. Through an association of clubs in 700 community locations across Canada, dedicated, trained staff and volunteers offer after-school programs in physical recreation, technology, the arts, personal growth and more. Many clubs also provide meals, family support programs, emergency shelter and other supports to children and youth at risk. Each club creates a safe, supportive environment where children and youth experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, build positive relationships and develop confidence and skills for life. Boys and Girls Clubs have been helping young Canadians to discover, develop and achieve their potential, for over 100 years.

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