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Letter of the day

Metro flexes its mighty heart muscles

To The Editor:

Wow; what a difference a week makes in Moncton, and what a week it was when the story of the Maeng family emerged!

It has been said that it is impossible for a community to mobilize a provincial and federal government into action in six days. We guess no one told the citizens of Moncton that. This has been an experience we will never forget and it is good to know that when our Canadian values are compromised we stand up together, not as Liberals, NDPs or Conservatives, but as Canadians and boy, oh boy, we proved that we are a force to be reckoned with.

Before the huge list of 'thank-yous,' there is just one thing to say: Welcome home Maeng family, welcome home!

In hopes we don't leave anyone out, thanks to: Lisa

Middleton and Marlene Crandlemire for your hard work in collecting donations and being such a huge help; Maeng lawyers Nicole Druckman, Jack Haller and Janet Thompson-Price; Erin Pauline Leis (Sung-Joo's support worker) and the citizens of Moncton.

Thanks also to news media; Eric Lewis of the Times & Transcript for breaking the story and staying on top of it and to Global, CTV, CBC Radio and TV for spreading the word and making this an international story.

Thanks to Moncton Mayor George LeBlanc, Moncton-Riverview-Dieppe MP Robert Goguen, provincial Minister of Social Development Sue Stultz, MLA Chris Collins, Michael Murphy, and Harrison Trimble High School's student council and students who manned our raffle table

and donated and ran the PA system for us. You kids are the best.

Also, thanks to our friends Rik Sullivan, Chris Plimmer, Chad Edmunds and Rachel Keays and Rachel's son Justin for doing a great job running the barbecues; Mary's daughter Ciara and her friends Marin and Eyrn who ran their butts off making sure everyone had food and drinks, Ray Cormier from Ray's Trucking who brought all the donated food in his refrigerated truck and even pitched in at the BBQ, and Nick Lee from TRA Atlantic who donated the water, napkins and condiments.

Thanks also to Rudy DeRuyter from TRA Atlantic who drove all the TRA donations to Moncton from Nova Scotia, Jason Woodman at Taylor Auto Village who donated the truck we needed to transport the

BBQs and Kelly Simpson from Maple Leaf Foods who donated all the hamburgers, hot dogs and buns.

Thanks also to George LeBlanc from Maritime Fireplaces who donated three BBQs and to Sarah Bourque who came in to work on Sunday morning after her birthday; Phil Chiasson and Andy Thibodeau from Broken Coast who donated the wonderful banner and hung it up for us, Coca Cola, Sears Insurance, Better Buy Sports, Bob's Sports Service, Lyons Country Store, Consolvo Bikes, Moncton School of Music, G. Bourque Home Hardware, Mountain Road Home Depot and Kent Building Supplies (Trinity Drive).

Your generosity and community support will never be forgotten.

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