

Running Room hosts founder

By RALPH THOMPSON

The Running Room's store in Westmount hosted its founder and CEO John Stanton the evening of August 27.

Store manager Chris Ochia said, "This is a great opportunity to meet John and promote our 'Night Race,' [which takes place] September 11 in the Old Port. It's a 5-km/10km-run/walk to support the Starlight Children's Foundation and handicapped children."

Two other special guests showed up in-

cluding David Ali Simoneau, a Starlight representative with cerebral palsy, and Ghyslain Gagne, under the guise of "Captain Starlight," who works as children's activities coordinator for the foundation.

Simoneau, who travels three hours to attend a special adapted school, gave a moving presentation describing how his family has been involved with the foundation for 14 years and how it "helps us do fantastic activities, such as sugar shacks, visits to Jay Peak, adapted skiing, dream trips to Dis- *continued on p. 16*



From left: John Stanton, founder and CEO of The Running Room, speaks at its Westmount branch as store manager Chris Ochia and his daughter Samantha look on, along with "Captain Starlight" alias Ghyslain Gagne (top right) and David Ali Simoneau.

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