

Annual Report



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Message from the President and the Executive Director

The year 2025 was notably marked by the end of the Foundation's last strategic planning cycle, namely the one covering 2023 to 2025, and by the review of the achievements accomplished as part of this important roadmap. This review was developed with the contribution of the Foundation's permanent staff, members of the Board of Directors, as well as key partners. This exercise allowed us to see where the Foundation stands in its development, but above all it constituted a concrete starting point to begin a new strategic planning cycle. Thus, significant work was carried out throughout 2025 in order to develop and adopt, on December 10, 2025, the Fondation du Centre jeunesse de Laval's new 2025–2028 strategic plan. This important document reflects the vision we have for the next three years, as well as the ambition that drives us to better help the young people we must and want to support.

As you will notice when reading this Report, the year 2025 saw a very significant increase in the number of young people helped by the Foundation. This upward trend has been observed particularly over the last three years but rose very sharply in 2025. It should also be noted that the Foundation's Executive Management demonstrated great flexibility and openness in response to emerging needs among the clientele and was able to adapt its programming in order to help address them. The quality of the ongoing collaboration and exchanges with the staff and managers of the Direction de la protection de la jeunesse, who since 2025 have been responsible for all youth protection services, young offender services and residential care settings, greatly facilitates the relevance of the actions carried out and proposed by the Foundation.

Furthermore, in 2025 the Foundation also invested in larger-scale structuring projects that make it possible to reach several young people at once. This Report reflects the Foundation's contribution in this regard. We are very proud of the Foundation's contribution, particularly in improving the living environments where our young people are housed and in the establishment of a basketball court and the equipment required for the participating youth.

Our relationships with important and loyal partners of the Foundation evolved significantly in 2025, and community-based residential projects are gradually emerging thanks to their vision and their willingness to help our young people even more concretely. In the near future, these projects could affect the youngest by offering them a living environment better adapted to their reality and needs, as well as those who leave the youth centre as they approach adulthood. These projects will be evaluated as part of our 2025–2028 strategic planning.

Always concerned with recognizing the contribution of our partners and donors at their true value, the Foundation launched in 2025 a recognition tradition intended for them that will be repeated annually.

The Foundation's Executive Management also began very constructive discussions in 2025 with partners from the Laval region as well as with community organizations in the region that work in complementarity with the mission of our Foundation, in order to identify bases for collaboration with them.

In a spirit of sound governance and with a concern for great rigor, the members of the Board of Directors adopted in 2025 a policy on the management of donations received as well as a policy that frames the working and salary conditions of the Foundation's executive staff.

The Foundation continues to invest very actively as a member of the Regroupement des fondations pour la protection de la jeunesse du Québec. In May 2025, while remaining President of the Fondation du Centre jeunesse de Laval, I accepted to take on the role of Chair of the Board of Directors of this important collaborative movement.

Finally, as Executive Director and President of our Foundation, we would like to thank the members of the Board of Directors, the permanent staff, all our volunteers, but above all our valuable partners and donors, without whom we would not be able to accomplish our mission and respond to the many needs of our young people.

Enjoy the reading!



Nadine Pagé
Directrice générale



Danièle Dulude
Présidente

Members of our Board of Directors

To address the many challenges faced by the Foundation, support the growth it is experiencing, and respond to the increasing engagement of the Laval community in the cause championed by our Foundation, it can now rely on 11 experienced board members. All of our board members are highly committed and dedicated to the cause of children and youth in difficulty.

They are:



Danièle Dulude

President

Strategic Management Consultant

Christine Chartrand

Vice President

President at Rafale Sélection Contact



William Ducasse

Secretary-Treasurer

Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA)



Members of our Board of Directors



Me Claude Bernier

Board Member

Director of Legal Affairs and Human Resources Hub at the Union of Quebec Municipalities (UMQ)



Alain De Blois

Board Member

President of Ubi2



Sandra Desmeules

Board Member

City Councillor and Member of the Executive Committee for the City of Laval



France Cloutier

Board Member

Psychoeducator who has worked as a manager in a youth centre

Members of our Board of Directors

Jean-François Payette

Board Member
Director of Youth Protection at
CISSS de Laval



Josée Dufour

Board Member
President and Co-Founder of
Groupe Axiomatech Inc.



Alexis Turcotte

Board Member
Account Director at Univar Solutions and
starting his own business



François Beauregard

Board Member
Estate and Family Business Planning
Advisor at Scotia Wealth Management



Members of Our Team



Nadine Pagé

Executive Director

Multitasker as well as a caring manager deeply committed to the cause championed by our Foundation



Émilie Rémillard

Events and Operations Coordinator

Responsible for supporting the team in communications, events, and various administrative tasks



Nancy Ouellet

Liaison Officer

Responsible for managing grant requests for our youth



Julie Giroux

Graphic Designer

Responsible for our visual presence on social media and our website

Profile of Youth Served by Youth Protection in Laval and Under the Youth Criminal Justice Act

According to the 2025 report produced by the Laval Youth Protection Directorate:

5,411 reports processed, including:

- 1865 reports retained, including:
- 547 for physical abuse issues;
- 431 for neglect issues;
- 449 for exposure to domestic violence;
- 115 for psychological maltreatment
- 199 for sexual abuse;
- 119 for behavioral disorder issues;
- 5 for abandonment issues.

It should be added that, of this number, more than 2,026 youth and their families received specialized services related to the implementation of measures. More than half of these youth receive services while remaining in their family environment, while the others are placed in foster homes or rehabilitation centres (group homes, youth autonomy resources, or residential units).

During 2025, 575 youth received services under the Youth Criminal Justice system.



A Year of Impact

2025: A Year Where Every Action Mattered

In 2025, the Fondation du Centre jeunesse de Laval demonstrated, more than ever, that solidarity can change life paths. Behind every number, there is a young person, a family, a pivotal moment where concrete support made all the difference.

2,755 youth supported. Thousands of lives touched.

Over the course of the year, 2,755 young people were supported by the Foundation. Many of them—or their families—benefited from our assistance more than once, reflecting continuous, personalized, and compassionate support.

A Remarkable Growth in Our Impact

Through our **four flagship programs**—School Perseverance, Transition to Adulthood, I Shape My Future, and Health and Well-Being—the Foundation's impact experienced remarkable growth:

- **+56% more youth reached by our programs:**
 - 602 youth in 2024
 - 943 youth in 2025
- **+275% in family support to prevent placement:**
 - \$3,200 in 2024
 - \$12,000 in 2025

Total value of resources redistributed to youth in 2025, both monetary and non-monetary: \$316,512
(estimated, unaudited value)

These figures reflect a clear commitment: to intervene earlier, more often, and more effectively to support the stability, dignity, and future of youth.



Little Treats 2025: Offering Much More Than a Gift

During the Holiday Season

- **321 youth in residential care** received Lindt chocolates and gift bags filled with surprises.
- Each of these youth was sponsored by a donor to receive a **Christmas gift valued at \$50**.
- **More than 75 families** experiencing poverty received beautiful Christmas baskets from Suzie, in partnership with the Montérégie Youth Centre Foundation.
- **376 children and youth** were reached through the gift collection organized by Julio and Pascal from **Borsellino Chimienti & Associates**.

Experiences That Nourish the Heart

- **200 youth** attended a Montreal Alouettes game.
- **32 youth experienced a magical moment** in a suite at the Place Bell during the Disney on Ice show.
- Nearly 40 youth attended a **Laval Rocket game**.
- **300 youth** received movie tickets.
- **160 youth** explored the Cosmodome in Laval.
- **42 youth** participated in Festillum.

Nourish, Learn, and Celebrate

- From January to July, the 7 group homes benefited from a monthly meal provided by **Rôtisseries St-Hubert in Laval**.
- **17 youth** participated in a cooking workshop led by a chef from **La Tablee des Chefs**, in the outdoor kitchen of the Harvests of Happiness residential setting.
- **88 youth celebrated their birthdays** at Magic Cave, each choosing a new gift valued at \$50.
- **8 youth turning 18 received \$100** to mark this important transition to adulthood.

Supporting Academic Success

Each year, the Foundation honors the efforts and determination of its youth during the highly anticipated Méritas Gala. This event brings together elementary and high school students who stand out throughout the school year for their perseverance, commitment, and courage.

In a festive and welcoming atmosphere, the celebrated youth are treated as true guests of honor. A colorful candy bar delights the eyes and taste buds, while special snacks add a gourmet touch to the evening.

Numerous door prizes also punctuate the evening, generating excitement and enthusiasm. But beyond the material rewards, it is above all the recognition of the journey traveled that gives true meaning to this celebration. The Méritas Gala thus becomes much more than a simple event: it is a vibrant tribute to the perseverance, effort, and success of these inspiring youth.

Our Youth Grant Engagement Projects

“I Persevere and Succeed at School”

As part of this project, 182 youth received a Méritas Scholarship, including 147 for their academic perseverance, 22 children for their transition to high school, and 13 graduates who successfully completed Secondary V. Eleven youth received monetary grants totaling \$2,224 to help them persevere in school, whether for school supplies, fees, or field trips.

For the second edition of our sub-project “Ready for Back-to-School,” the Foundation distributed 390 backpacks with school supplies to our non-residential youth, as well as 107 lunch boxes to our youth in residential care, helping to reduce stigma at school.



“I Succeed in My Transition to Adulthood and Independence”

As part of this project, 12 youth were supported by the Foundation, either through financial assistance, receiving furniture, appliances, or other items, or through a starter kit valued at \$550, which included a “My First Grocery Shopping” gift card worth \$200, as well as a \$500 check to meet various needs at the time of leaving.

A sub-project, “At the Wheel of My Grocery Basket,” was launched in June 2022 thanks to our collaboration with Mercedes-Benz Laval. This project addresses a fundamental need—food—but goes much further by providing these youth with a full learning experience on budgeting for food and how to cook on a small budget. In 2025, a total of 14 youth received the necessary resources, including \$100 per week in grocery gift cards, to meet these needs.



“Supporting the Family Environment to Prevent Placement”

Over \$12,000 was provided to families to meet basic needs.





“Health and Well-Being”

This project, created in January 2025, aims to support youth under youth protection by providing them with tools and resources that promote their well-being and physical and mental health through sports, cultural, and artistic activities, as well as mental health services and vision care. In 2025, more than 60 youth benefited from grants totaling nearly \$13,400.



The sub-project, “My Backpack: My Tools for Feeling Better,” addresses urgent needs for children and youth struggling with mental health issues who are not in residential care. The Foundation provided 9 children and youth with backpacks containing tools and materials tailored to their needs, with a total value of over \$900 in 2025.



Thanks to our valuable partnership with Espace dentaire MD, 22 youth received dental care in Laval, totaling \$22,339.

“I Shape My Future”

The “I Shape My Future” project aims to help youth receive academic support and the necessary tools to succeed in high school, as well as access to specialized courses and professional or semi-professional training leading to better employment opportunities.

This year, 9 youth benefited from this valuable support to continue their studies and shape a brighter future for themselves. In 2025, more than \$6,000 was provided.



“Key Project”

The Foundation is very proud to be associated with the Key Project, in close collaboration with CISSS de Laval and the Fondation Cité de la santé. In 2025, 18 youth were enrolled in this important project for their future. Our Foundation recruited 4 new mentors to guide these youth in their academic journey. We also provided direct financial assistance to meet specific needs for some of them. A summer celebration was organized in June, as well as an evening event last December, to recognize their efforts and perseverance.



Our Activities in 2025



On April 1, the first edition of our Recognition Evening took place. Our most significant partners and contributors were invited to the Place Bell for a beautiful presentation, inspiring words from the Foundation's Executive Director, and the presentation of appreciation plaques. Each guest also received a heartfelt letter from youth who had been supported by the Foundation. The evening concluded in a suite to watch a professional women's hockey league game between the Montreal Victory and the New York Sirens.

On May 1, we experienced a memorable evening in excellent company. This was the traditional dinner-show held to benefit the Foundation. Kind-hearted, dedicated, and engaged individuals, all committed to a better future for these children and youth, came together for the cause. It was a magical and emotional evening! Nearly \$81,000 was raised during this event.



On September 11, Automobile En Direct hosted an exceptional day during the golf tournament at Club de golf Le Parcours du Cerf, benefiting five local foundations and organizations, including the Fondation du Centre jeunesse de Laval. It was a beautiful day of golf followed by a memorable evening. A total of \$140,000 was raised, including \$28,000 for our Foundation.



On October 4, our annual fundraising walk, "Walking Together for the Future of Our Youth," took place. More than 150 walkers participated, and we raised \$15,669.32.



From November 17 to 23, we had the honor of being the selected organization for Laval as part of Tim Hortons' Holiday Smile Cookie initiative. Thanks to the generosity of Tim Hortons and all their customers, \$31,445.50 was donated to the Laval Youth Centre Foundation.



Our Valued Partners and Donors:

Throughout 2025, numerous major partners, contributors, and donors of the Foundation responded generously and with direct, tangible involvement with the children and youth. It is essential to recognize their contributions, without which the Foundation could not carry out its mission!

Our Major Partners:

Lapointe Ouellette Foundation
Goupil-Bergeron Family Foundation
Montoni Foundation
Tim Hortons Laval
Automobile En Direct
Espace dentaire MD
Beauregard Family Charity Fund
Scotia Wealth Management
Desjardins Caisse de l'Ouest de Laval
Mercedes-Benz Laval
Progesys
National Bank Financial
Sig-nature
St-Hubert Foundation
Le Groupe Renfort inc.

Partenaires :

Enclav, Place Bell
Laval Police Service
Groupe Lauzon
Collège Letendre
Réal Demers
Boston Pizza
Michel Najm et Marc Rabbat, Brunet
Croesus
Lafond, notaires inc.
Optoplus Laval
Les aliments Morehouse/ Le Grec
Autobus Galland
BFL Canada

Our Key Contributors:

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École Charles-Perrault
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Cosmodôme Foundation
Tablée des chefs
Montreal Alouettes
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Lesters
Couche-Tard Inc.
Palace de Laval
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Pâtisserie St-Martin
Confiserie Mondoux
Hamster Le Plateau

And of course, our quiet donors, who are always there to help youth!