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Message from the President and Executive Director

The year 2023 was marked by many achievements and creative innovations at the Laval Youth Center Foundation. As Chairman of the Board and Executive Director, we would like to share with you, in this traditional annual review of the Foundation's activities, the highlights of this year.

A very significant partnership was forged between the Foundation and the Beauce School of Entrepreneurship. This partnership enabled dynamic and committed entrepreneurs, the C23, to build and bring to fruition, with the very significant contribution of the Foundation's permanent staff and the Laval CISSS, a collective garden project for the benefit of young people housed and not housed on the Youth Center site. The realization of this vast project, thanks to the sustained and exceptional efforts of these entrepreneurs, will take place in June 2024 with the official opening of the Garden.

The year 2023 also saw significant growth in direct assistance to children and young people, both in terms of goods and services provided directly to them, and in terms of financial contributions.

The year was also marked by the updating of concrete actions identified in the 2023-2025 Strategic Plan. A focus was placed on stimulating the commitment and contribution of Board members to the Foundation's mission, notably by consolidating the Board's standing committees: Finance, Governance and Human Resources, Youth Grant Allocation and Strategic Planning. In the area of finance, more effective and structuring tools were developed and implemented to ensure more rigorous budget tracking, and more accurate projection towards the future and the Foundation's growth. Finally, an Administrator's Guide was drawn up and distributed to Board members.

Good reading!



Nadine Pagé
Executive Director



Danièle Dulude
President

Our Board of Directors

In order to meet the many challenges facing the Foundation, to support its growth and the growing mobilization of the Laval community for the cause supported by our Foundation, the Foundation can now count on 11 experienced directors. Our directors are all highly committed and dedicated to the cause of children and young people in difficulty. They are as follows:



Danièle Dulude

President

Strategic Management Consultant

Christine Chartrand

1st Vice-President

President, Rafale Sélection Contact



Guy Boucher

2nd Vice-President

retired from Produits de la Mer Clover Leaf

Guillaume Boucher

Secretary-Treasurer

Wealth Management Advisor



Our Board of Directors



Me Claude Bernier

Director

Director of Legal Affairs and Human Resources, Union des Municipalités du Québec (UMQ)



Alain De Blois

Director

President of Ubi2



Sandra Desmeules

Director

City Councillor and Executive Committee Member, Ville de Laval



France Cloutier

Director

Psychoeducator who has worked as a youth center manager

Our Board of Directors

Anick Deslongchamps

Director

Director, Youth Program, CISSS de Laval



Position to be filled

Administrator



Alexis Turcotte

Director

Account Manager at Univar Solutions
and start-up entrepreneur



Our team members



Nadine Pagé

Executive Director

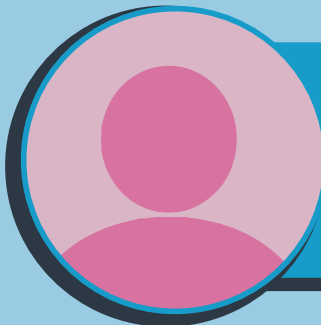
Woman-orchestrator as well as caring manager, deeply committed to our Foundation's cause



Christine Henley

Events Coordinator and Operations Support

Supports the Executive Director. Organizes, coordinates and oversees the regular, ongoing operation of the Foundation's administrative services



Ginette Moreau

Liaison Officer

Responsible for follow-up on grant applications for our young people



Lucie Boulet

Administrative Technician

In charge of accounting



Julie Giroux

Graphic designer

Responsible for our image on social networks and our website

Portrait of youths in care

A portrait of youths under youth protection in Laval and the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

According to the 2023 report produced by the Laval Youth Protection Service:

5259 reports processed, including;
1920 reports retained, including;
581 for physical abuse;
464 for neglect;
297 for exposure to domestic violence;
231 for psychological abuse;
192 for sexual abuse;
150 for behavioral problems;
5 for abandonment.

In addition, over 1,474 young people and their families received specialized services during the application of the measures. More than half of these young people receive services while remaining in their family environment, while the others are accommodated in a foster family or rehabilitation center (group home, youth autonomy resources or living unit).

Over the course of 2023, 286 youth received services under the youth criminal justice system.



Engaging grant projects for young people

In 2023, more than 1,900 young people received a favorable response to their request for financial support or assistance from the Foundation and/or benefited from the " little sweets " initiative. The impact of our Foundation's actions may have touched a young person or a family more than once during the year.

« *I persevere and succeed at school* »

As part of this project, a total of 107 young people received a Meritas Bursary, including 91 for staying in school, 7 children for their transition to high school and 9 graduates who successfully completed Secondary V.

Once again this year, we received a donation of 25 backpacks with school supplies from the community service team of the Laval West Adventist Church, which we gave to our young people.



« *A successful transition to independent adulthood* »

Within the frame of this project, 18 young people have been helped by the Foundation, whether by receiving financial support, furniture, appliances or other items, or a " Helping Hand " basket with a gift card, " I make my first grocery ", valued at \$200 each, as well as a cheque for \$500 to meet various needs at the time of departure.

A sub-project was born in June 2022 thanks to our collaboration with Mercedes Benz de Laval. This project addresses the basic need for food, but goes much further to teach young people how to budget for food and cook on a budget. In 2023, a total of 6 young people received the necessary resources to meet these needs.



« *Supporting the family environment to avoid placement* »

Over \$880 was given to families, mainly in the form of grocery cards, to meet basic needs.





« Supporting the overall development of children and young people »

In 2023, several young people benefited from Foundation grants totalling more than \$6,300 to take part in sports, cultural or artistic activities.

11 young people received dental services in Laval, totalling \$14,716.

« I'm designing my future »

This project was launched in fall 2021. It is the result of close collaboration between managers and workers from the Youth Program Department of the CISSS de Laval, the Laval Carrefour jeunesse emploi and the Foundation.

We currently have 4 young people pursuing their studies thanks to this project. Over \$2,870.00 has been donated to this day.



« My backpack: my tools for getting better »

This is a new project that has emerged in response to a crying need for our children and young people with mental health problems who are not sheltered.

The Foundation provided 10 children and young people with backpacks containing tools and equipment adapted to their needs, to help them experience greater peace of mind. This project was designed in close collaboration with professionals specializing in youth mental health at the CISSS de Laval.

Over \$1,000 was donated in 2023.

« Key Project »

The Foundation is very proud to be associated with the Key Project, in close collaboration with the CISSS de Laval and the Cité de la santé Foundation. In 2023, 17 young people are enrolled in this important project for their future. Our Foundation has recruited 2 new mentors to guide these young people on their educational path. We also offered concrete financial assistance to meet the specific needs of some of them. For the second year, we organized an evening in June and another in December for a total of 5 Key Project graduates, in recognition of their efforts and perseverance.



« Little Sweets Initiatives »

This section groups together donations received and treats offered by the Foundation that were distributed to young people and families during 2023.

- During the holiday season, 300 young people staying at our various points of service received a visit from our Executive Director, who distributed Lindt chocolates to all.
- 123 young people received tickets to visit the Illumi light show again this year.
- 78 young people received tickets to cheer on our Montreal Alouettes.
- 250 young people received movie tickets.
- 150 young people received tickets to experience a virtual mission at the Cosmodôme in Laval.
- 12 young people experienced the Laval Rocket.
- 12 young people enjoyed a magical moment in a Bell Centre loge to watch a Montreal Canadiens game.
- Every last Wednesday of the month, our 7 group homes receive a meal from one of Laval's St-Hubert rotisseries.
- 6 young people received tickets to play at Putting Edge in Laval.
- 10 young people had the opportunity to enjoy a pleasant moment at Isaute in Laval.
- 20 young people experienced the magic of Bfly.
- 40 families living in poverty received magnificent Christmas baskets from Suzie once again this year, in partnership with the Montérégie Youth Center Foundation.



Our activities in 2023

On June 1st, we enjoyed a memorable evening in excellent company. It was the traditional dinner-show to benefit the Foundation. It was an opportunity to say a very special THANK YOU to our partners and donors. Dedicated, committed people with a heart for a brighter future for these children and young people came together for the cause. It was a magical, emotionally-charged evening! Over \$57,000 was raised during the evening.



September 7th saw the second Automobiles En Direct golf tournament. The 5 branches each chose an organization, and the Laval branch chose us again this year. It was a wonderful day of golf and a memorable evening. Several guests of honour were in attendance! A total of \$65,000 was raised, of which \$13,000 went to the Laval Youth Center Foundation.



On Saturday, October 21st, we held our second annual "Let's walk together for the future of our young people" walk. Nearly 30 walkers took part, and we raised over \$7,500.



Finally, on October 27th, Cohort 23 of the Beauce Entrepreneurship School organized a benefit party. Together, we celebrated their shared commitment to the Laval Youth Center Foundation during this exceptional evening. Thanks to the incredible generosity of 24 entrepreneurs from across Quebec, and the warm presence of 408 guests, they raised the remarkable sum of \$102,000.



Our valued partners and donors:

Over the course of 2023, many of the Foundation's major partners, contributors and donors have responded with their generosity and direct involvement with children and young people. It's essential to highlight their contribution, without which the Foundation could not pursue its mission!

Our major partners:

Fondation Lise Lapointe
Automobile En Direct
Mercedes Benz Laval
Automobiles E. Lauzon
Fondation D'Amours
Financière Banque Nationale
Fondation St-Hubert

Partners:

Groupe Montoni
Sig-Nature
Banque Toronto Dominion
Croesus
Pharmacie Brunet
Section Local 728 Unifor
Employé(e)s de l'UMQ
Sports Experts Laval
Optoplus Laval
Marché Métro Plus Dépatie Inc.
Automobiles Fréchette

Our main contributors:

Illumi
Alouettes
Cosmodôme
Rôtisseries St-Hubert
Centre Embassy Plaza
Boston Pizza Laval
IGA Laval-des-Rapides
Cinéma Guzzo
Confiserie Mondoux

And, of course, discreet donors who are always there to help young people!