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Message from the President and Executive Director

The development and growth of the Laval Youth Center Foundation continued in 2024. As you will see in this report, even more children and youth benefited from the foundation's direct support, thanks to our loyal and committed partners and donors, as well as new partnerships established in 2024. Among these, we would like to mention the Tim Hortons in the Laval region with the "Holiday Smile Cookies" campaign. A brand new program, "Ready for Back-to-School," was launched, providing hundreds of backpacks filled with school supplies. Additionally, a partnership with the organization "A Gift for a Smile" and Charles-Perreault School resulted in 300 Christmas gifts being given to youth in care. This collaboration was a huge success.

Throughout 2024, the foundation's permanent staff continued to grow and bring in new talent while keeping administrative costs in check. In this way, the foundation team was able to better serve the clients while ensuring a stronger and complementary presence alongside youth protection services, including the shelter environment.

In the same spirit, in 2025, we plan to further structure volunteer efforts within the foundation. The addition of this valuable resource will allow us to better realize our important mission by engaging the community even more with these children and youth who are in great need!

Finally, the year 2025 will also mark a new step in our continuous improvement process, as we begin developing our strategic and operational objectives for 2025-2028. All of our partners will be involved in this important exercise, led under the governance of the foundation's board of directors.

Enjoy your reading !



Nadine Pagé
Executive Director



Danièle Dulude
President

The members of our board of directors

In order to meet the many challenges faced by the Foundation, support its ongoing growth, and harness the increasing mobilization of the Laval community for the cause championed by our Foundation, we can now rely on 11 seasoned board members. Our board members are all deeply committed and dedicated to the cause of children and youth in difficulty. Here they are:



Danièle Dulude

President

Consultant in Strategic Management

Christine Chartrand

1st Vice-President

President at Rafale Sélection Contact



Guy Boucher

2nd Vice-President

Retired from Clover Leaf Seafoods

William Ducasse

Secretary-Treasurer

Audit Director at KPMG Canada



The members of our board of directors



Claude Bernier

Board Member

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



Alain De Blois

Board Member

President of Ubi2 Company



Sandra Desmeules

Board Member

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



France Cloutier

Board Member

Psychoeducator who worked as a manager at a youth center

The members of our board of directors

Anick Deslongchamps

Board Member

Director of the Youth Program
at CISSS de Laval



Josée Dufour

Administrator

President and co-founder at
Groupe Axiomatech Inc.



Alexis Turcotte

Board Member

Account Director at Univar Solutions and in
the process of starting his own business



Our team members



Nadine Pagé

Executive Director

Multitasker and a compassionate manager, deeply committed to the cause championed by our Foundation



Emilie Rémillard

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 tracking grant applications for our youth.



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 2024 report produced by the Laval Youth Protection Department:

5,368 reports handled, including:

- 1,934 reports retained, including:
- 551 for physical abuse issues;
- 442 for neglect issues;
- 469 for exposure to domestic violence;
- 121 for psychological maltreatment issues;
- 220 for sexual abuse issues;
- 126 for behavioral disorder issues;
- 5 for abandonment issues.

It should be noted that, of this total, more than 1,811 youth and their families received specialized services for the implementation of measures. More than half of these youth received services while remaining in their family environment, while the others were placed in foster care or rehabilitation centers (group homes, resources aimed at fostering youth autonomy, or life units).

During the year 2024, 514 youth received services under the juvenile justice system.



Our Engaging Grant Projects for Youth

In total, in 2024, more than 2 200 youth received a positive response to their request for financial support or assistance from the Foundation and/or benefited from the "Little Delights" initiative. The impact of our foundation's actions reached a child or family more than once during the year.

« I persevere and succeed in school »

As part of this project, 151 youth received a Méritas Scholarship, including 115 for their academic perseverance, 18 for their transition to secondary school, and 18 for successfully graduating high school.

For the first time this year, the Foundation distributed 270 backpacks with school supplies for our non-housed youth, as well as 123 lunch boxes for our housed youth, in order to combat the stigma they face at school.



« I succeed in my transition to independent adulthood »

As part of this project, 12 young adults were supported by the Foundation, whether through financial assistance, receiving furniture, appliances, or other items, or through a "helping hand" basket with a \$200 gift card, as well as a \$500 check to address various needs upon their departure.

A sub-project, " Behind the wheel of my grocery cart " was launched in June 2022, thanks to our collaboration with Mercedes Benz of Laval. This project addresses a fundamental need - access to food - but goes much further by providing these youth with valuable learning on how to create a budget related to food and how to cook on a small budget. In 2024, a total of 8 young adults received the necessary resources to meet these needs.

« Supporting the Family Environment to Prevent »

Over \$3,200 were provided to families to meet their basic needs.





« Supporting the Overall Development of Children and Youth »

Several children benefited in 2024 from a grant totaling over \$3,900 from the Foundation to engage in sports, cultural, or artistic activities.

8 children received dental services in Laval, amounting to \$8,922.

« *Drawing my future* »

This project was launched in the fall of 2021. It is the result of close collaboration between managers and practitioners from the Youth Program at CISSS de Laval, the Laval Youth Employment Center, and the Foundation.

8 children benefited from this valuable support to continue their studies. A total of over \$4,700 was awarded in 2024.



« *My backpack : tools for feeling better* »

This is a new project that emerged to address urgent needs for our children and youth facing mental health challenges and who are not in care.

The Foundation provided 25 children and youth with backpacks containing tools and materials tailored to their needs to help them experience greater calm.

This project was developed in close collaboration with mental health professionals specializing in youth services at CISSS de Laval.

A total value of over \$2,500 was provided in 2024.



« Projet Clé »

The Foundation is very proud to be associated with the Projet Clé, in close collaboration with CISSS de Laval and the Fondation Cité de la Santé. In 2024, 18 youth are enrolled in this important project for their future. Our Foundation recruited 7 new mentors to guide these youth in their academic journey. We also provided concrete financial assistance to address specific needs for some of them. For the second year, we organized an event last December to celebrate their efforts and perseverance.



Petites douceurs : "Little Delights Initiative"

This section encompasses a range of donations received and treats offered by the Foundation that were distributed throughout 2024 to youth and families:

- During the holiday season, more than 300 youth housed in various shelter services received Lindt chocolates and surprise boxes containing beauty and body care products. Additionally, through the organization "Un cadeau pour un sourire," each child received a Christmas gift valued at \$50, with each gift being sponsored by a donor.
- More than 40 families in poverty once again received beautiful Christmas baskets from Suzie this year, in partnership with the Foundation of the Youth Center of Montérégie.
- Nearly 100 youth received tickets to support the Montreal Alouettes.
- 220 youth received movie tickets.
- 100 youth received tickets to experience a virtual mission at the Cosmodome in Laval.
- 344 youth received tickets to the Armand-Frappier Museum.
- Our 7 group homes receive a meal from St-Hubert Rotisseries in Laval on the last Wednesday of each month.
- 40 youth experienced a magical moment in a box at Place Bell for the Disney on Ice show.
- 16 youth experienced the magical Bfly experience.
- 12 youth were invited to a signing session with Samuel Piette, captain of CF Montreal, thanks to Telus.



Our activities in 2024

On May 2nd, we had the privilege of experiencing a memorable evening in excellent company. It was our traditional dinner-show in support of the Foundation. This event was an opportunity to give a heartfelt THANK YOU to our key partners and donors. People with big hearts, dedicated and committed to creating a brighter future for these children and youth, gathered together for the cause. It was a magical evening, filled with emotion! Over \$55,000 was raised during the event.



On June 12th, we celebrated the inauguration of our wonderful project, created in collaboration with Cohort 23 of the Beauce School of Entrepreneurship and the technical services of CISSS de Laval. More than just a simple garden, we created an outdoor living space—an inviting environment to experience NORMAL moments: gathering around a fire with friends, watching outdoor movie screenings, sharing a meal at a large table prepared using the outdoor kitchen, and relaxing in a green and peaceful setting.



On September 12th, Automobile En Direct hosted an exceptional day during the golf tournament at Le Parcours du Cerf Golf Club, in support of five local foundations and organizations, including the Fondation du Centre jeunesse de Laval. It was a wonderful day of golf followed by a memorable evening. A total of \$100,000 was raised, with \$20,000 going to our Foundation.



On October 5th, we held the third edition of our annual walk, "Walking Together for the Future of Our Youth". Nearly 130 walkers participated, and we raised over \$12,000.



To conclude, from November 18th to 24th, we had the honor of being the chosen organization for Laval as part of Tim Hortons' "Holiday Smile Cookies" initiative. Thanks to the generosity of Tim Hortons and its customers, over \$25,000 was donated to the Fondation du Centre jeunesse de Laval.



Our Valued Partners and Donors

Throughout 2024, numerous key partners, contributors, and donors stepped forward with their generosity and direct involvement to support the children and youth we serve. It is essential to highlight their invaluable contributions, without which the Foundation could not continue its mission!

Our Major Partners :

Fondation Lise Lapointe
Tim Hortons Laval
Automobile en Direct
Fondation Montoni
Sig-Nature
Audit Lauzon
Mercedes Benz Laval
Progesys
Financière Banque Nationale
Fondation St-Hubert
Clinique dentaire Thibault, Delisle et associé
Jean Marchand

Our Partners :

Groupe Axiomatech
Lafond, notaires inc.
Trudel Studios
Michel Najm et Marc Rabbat, Brunet
Croesus
Optoplus Laval
Les aliments Morehouse
Boston Pizza Laval

Our Key Contributors :

Un cadeau pour un sourire
École Charles Perreault
Sports Experts Laval
Alouettes de Montréal
La Fondation Cosmodôme
Enclav, Place Bell
Embassy Plaza
Marché Métro plus Dépatie inc.
Rôtisseries St-Hubert Laval
Escompte André Lachapelle inc.
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Pâtisserie Saint-Martin
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J-Sax
Revlon Laval
Rosa Trentadue

Our donors :

Julio Borsellino
Pascal Chimienti

And of course our discreet donors, who always respond to help our youth !