



FONDATION
DE L'AUTISME

ANNUAL REPORT

2015

« VIVRE L'AUTISME
AUTREMENT »

1/68

ESTIMATED PREVALENCE
OF ASD IN CANADA INCLUDING
CHILDREN AND ADULTS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

In 2015, the Fondation de l'autisme got a makeover.

First we changed our name to the Fondation de l'autisme. As we offer respite to families across Quebec through our program "Famille et compagnie en vacances", we felt that our previous label, Fondation Autisme Montréal, did not correspond to our service offering.

At the dawn of our 25th anniversary, we have completely changed our image: new name, new logo and new website. Although we are very proud to have refreshed our visual identity, our revival is not just visual. In pursuit of the projects implemented during the strategic planning, the Board decided to undertake the necessary steps to comply with the standard of governance of the Bureau de normalisation du Québec (BNQ9700-340). Delicate and perilous exercise if any, we move slowly but surely in the installation of the recommended governance rules.

We also developed a new approach to donor strategy. This thinking is already bearing fruit and it is very encouraging to realize the interest in the services we offer.



Throughout the year, we received the support of dedicated and generous volunteers without whom we could not have achieved such beautiful work. Thank you very much to all; creators, entertainers, comedians and organizers. You invest your time and energy in the service of our cause to ensure a well-deserved respite to those affected with ASD and their families.

Thank you to Marielle Patry, Executive Director and her assistant Murielle Monette who slaughter each year a colossal amount of work with a constantly renewed energy.

Also thank you to all members of the Board for the efforts in pursuing the projects implemented following the strategic planning.

New image, revisited governance, new donors, in 2016 we are ready to celebrate our 25th anniversary and to undertake the next 25 years.

Follow us, it promises!

Johanne Desrochers



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Fondation de l'autisme ended the year 2015 with the feeling of accomplished duty. Throughout the year, we organized several profit activities to which our loyal friends responded positively. Other generous donors have raised funds through events to our benefit. These actions have allowed more than five hundred (500) people with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and their families to enjoy a respite.

The year 2015 was also punctuated by major changes to the Fondation: new name, new logo, new website and a newsletter distributed every three months. In addition, we have developed new partnerships with the Cosmodôme of Laval, the Club LaCité and the Résidence les Marronniers. Jacques Nadeau, photojournalist at the newspaper *Le Devoir*, has partnered with the Fondation and set up the exhibition of thirty photographs of people with ASD entitled "*Voir l'autisme autrement*".

In conclusion, I wish to thank the team members, administrators, volunteers, donors, participants in our activities and the partners who have ensured the success of the actions undertaken by the Fondation in 2015. Thank you very much and good luck in her new challenges to Mrs Elisa Belhache who left the Fondation Board. Together, we allow the Fondation to grow.

Marielle Patry

WHO ARE WE?

We held our annual general meeting on May 11th, 2015 and the Board of Directors met eight (8) times.

Here is the list of members of the Board of Directors:

Johanne Desrochers
president

Martin Prévost
vice-president

Julie Couture
secretary-treasurer

Élisa Belhache
administrator

Mohamed Noredine Mimoun
administrator

Simon Prévost
administrator

Marc Tremblay
administrator
et founding-member

Richard Yelle
administrator

A DYNAMIC TEAM

Permanent members

Marielle Patry
executive director

Murielle Monette
assistant to the director

In support to our activities

Dominick P.-Tremblay
replacement of the assistant to the Director during the summer season

Sylvain Tremblay
accountant

Kim Thuy
godmother of the «*Famille et compagnie en vacances*» project

Horélya
graphic designer

Icône Solutions Créatives
communications

EFFICIENT COMMITTEES

Benefit brunch and Exhibition
Voir l'autisme autrement

Johanne Desrochers
president

Richard Yelle

Marielle Patry

Strategic planning

Simon Prévost, president and person responsible for bringing both projects together

Development process
Committee

Martin Prévost
president

Marielle Patry

Comedy show
Drôle de Monde

Julie Couture
president

Élisa Belhache

Gabriel Darveau

Samuel Deslongchamps

Johanne Desrochers

Marielle Patry

Approach from donors Committee

Simon Prévost
president

Johanne Desrochers

Marielle Patry

Denis Sauvé

OUR VOLUNTEERS

For all of our activities, more than twenty volunteers have generously offered their time and energy. This valuable and so appreciated, three hundred sixty-eight hours (368) hours, allowed the completion of work at various levels of all of our activities.

A special THANK YOU to Icône Solutions Créatives, the comedians participating in the comedy show “*Drôle de monde*” and Édith Cochrane, host of the comedy show.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

2013-2016

As part of the implementation of the three year plan, two committees were formed. Here's a third assessment of the actions carried out and planned during these three years.

Primary objectives

- Optimization of internal process management and fundraising;
- Better communication with donors and recipients;
- More visibility for the Fondation and for autism allowing financial growth of the Fondation in order to support the increasing demands for financial assistance.

Mandate of the committee: Development process

	Adoption of a code of ethics		Investment policy
	Settlement on conflicts of interest		Human resources policy
	Analyze the required standard BNQ 9700-340 (Governance and best management practices) and adjustment of construction "Development process", if necessary.		

Mandate of the committee: Approach from donors

In order to provide the Fondation with practices and tools to expand the pool of donors and to reach higher potential donors, the committee has a mandate to analyze current practices and make recommendations for:

Training and documentation on the subject of philanthropy to enhance the level of knowledge of the Fondation in this chapter;	to collect and record information on current and potential donors and identify ways to communicate effectively with them in order to solicitate and obtain recognition.		
	New name for the Fondation		Holding a benefit brunch
	Developing an investment policy		Updating our visual image
	Improving the profitability of our benefit events		Photography exhibition of people with autism spectrum disorders

The 2016 objectives

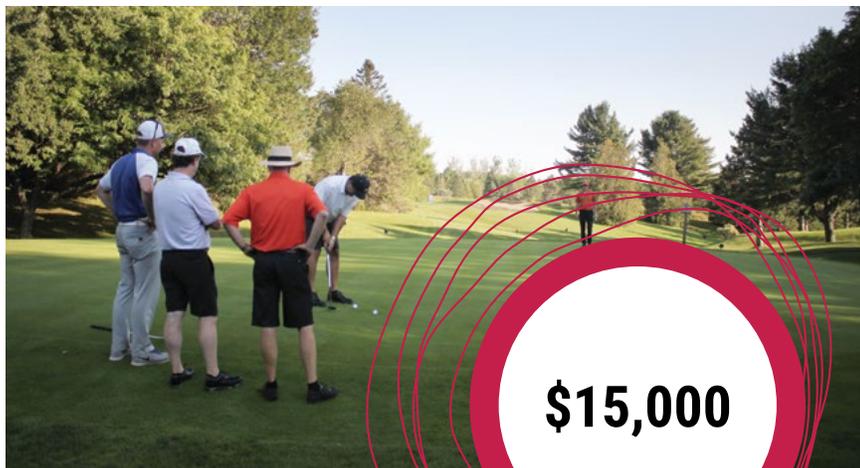
	Banquet at the <i>ITHQ</i> highlighting the 25 th anniversary of the Fondation;		Developing a long term strategy with major donors
	Participation as a philanthropic partner at the Montreal Marathon;		Implementation of this strategy

 Completed

 In process

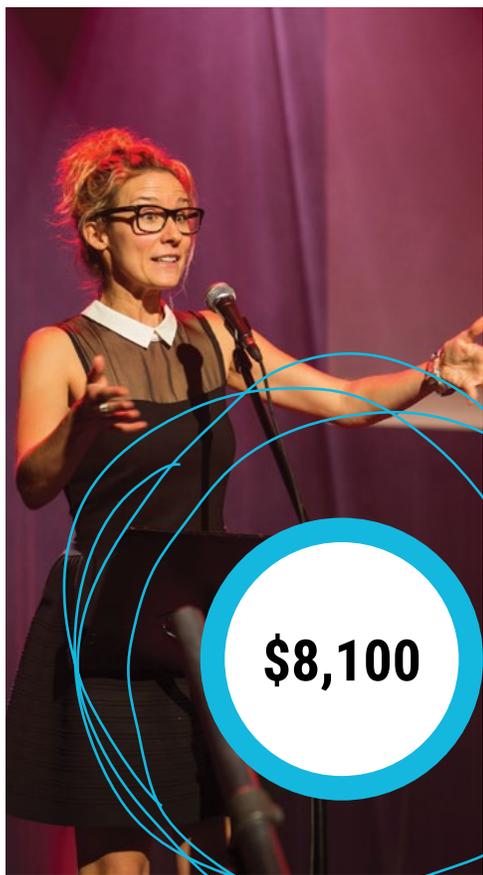
SUMMARY OF EVENTS

18th GOLF TOURNAMENT OF THE FONDATION DE L'AUTISME



\$15,000

Our 18th golf tournament under the honorary presidency of Marc Tremblay, President and founding-member of the Fondation de l'autisme and father of a young adult with autism, was held Tuesday, September 15th at the Val-des-Lacs golf club in Sainte-Sophie. Our guests greatly enjoyed the contests, the meal and the speeches from Jean Perron, Claude Raymond and Johanne Desrochers, president of the Fondation. With a score of 59/71, the quartet formed by François Labrecque, Yves Larivière, Serge Paiement and Roland Vaillancourt won the Papineau-Moreau cup trophy highlighting the performance of the participants.



\$8,100

Comedy show *Drôle de Monde*

The 3rd edition of the Fondation's comedy show, "*Drôle de Monde*", was held Thursday, October 15th at the Plaza Theatre. The evening, hosted by Édith Cochrane, has allowed ten comedians to generously offer a performance to our benefit. More than 200 guests have benefited greatly from this evening.

« KNOW THAT SITTING HERE TONIGHT, YOU ALLOW HUNDREDS OF FAMILIES LIVING WITH AUTISM OTHERWISE. **VIVRE L'AUTISME AUTREMENT** EVERY PENNY RAISED TONIGHT ALLOWS FAMILIES ACROSS QUEBEC TO SAVOR THE WORD RESPITE AND THIS FOR A FEW HOURS TO A FEW DAYS!! »

- As written by Mrs. Julie Couture, president of the organizing committee, in the program



\$6,500

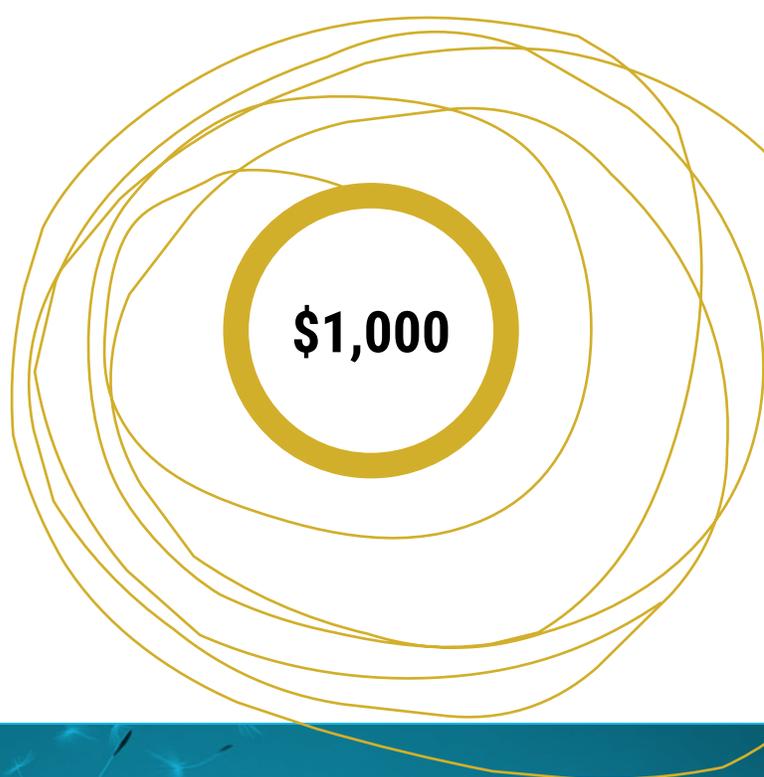
The residents of the Résidences les Marronniers and the Morzadec family

The Fondation de l'autisme was invited on October 15th at the Résidence les Marronniers to present its activities. The generous residents, with the support of the Morzadec family, gave us, to our surprise, a check to pursue the Fondation's mission.

Thank you very much to the Morzadec family and residents of Résidence les Marronniers!

Père-Marquette School

The team of interveners of TED classes and Père-Marquette school students raised money for the Fondation during a "uniform discharge" day. In addition to allowing the Fondation to finance its activities, this initiative helps educate young people to our cause.



\$1,000

Second *Salon de l'autisme TSA du Québec*

The Fondation de l'autisme is proud to have participated in the second edition of the *Salon de l'autisme TSA du Québec*, held in Laval on October 2nd, 3rd and 4th. During these three days, more than 125 exhibitors had a booth, and nearly 40 conferences were given.

It is with some pleasure that we met people with ASD, parents, stakeholders and professionals to talk about autism and present the work of the Fondation, its mission and projects. The exhibition was also an opportunity for us to discover new initiatives, projects and organizations and discuss the various services offered throughout Quebec.

CORPORATE AND PERSONAL DONATIONS

The Fondation de l'autisme can count on a number of corporate and personal donors. We want to stress their support for our cause for 2015.

TESTAMENTARY LEG

Succession
Denise Lefaivre

DONORS OF \$5,000 OR MORE

CN Employees
and pensioners
Community Fund

DONOR SINCE 2014

Résidence
Les Marronniers

The Sook Ching
Foundation

IMPORTANT DONOR SINCE 2006

DONORS AND SERVICES SPONSORS

Cosmodôme de Laval

École Père-Marquette

Icône Solutions Créatives

Imprimerie Lévesque

Imprimerie Typoscript

Théâtre Plaza

DONORS OF \$15,000 OR MORE

Fondation de la Fédération
des médecins spécialistes
du Québec (FFMSQ)

IMPORTANT DONOR SINCE 2012

DONORS OF \$500 TO \$2,500

The Montreal Automobile
Dealers Corporations
Foundation (MADC)

DONOR SINCE 2014

Fondation Denise
et Robert Gibeau

DONOR SINCE 2014

Fondation
François Bourgeois Ltée

LOYAL DONOR SINCE 2012

La Capitale Financial
Group Foundation

Industrial Alliance

Gustav Levinschi
Foundation

LOYAL DONOR SINCE 2005

The Jean Coutu
Group (PJC) Inc.

MAJOR DONOR SINCE 2005

Christine St-Pierre,
Member for L'Acadie
constituency

Lise Thériault,
Member for Anjou-Louis-Riel
constituency

Mrs Susie Sicotte

Gaétan Barrette,
Minister of Health
and Social Services

Niquette Rocheleau
Assurances Ltée

LOYAL DONOR SINCE 2011

DONORS OF \$2,500 TO \$5,000

Fondation
Entrepreneuriale
Chrétienne

MAJOR DONOR SINCE 2008

Fondation Italienne
St-Joseph

LOYAL DONOR SINCE 2009

Fondation
Paul A. Fournier

LOYAL DONOR SINCE 2010

Fondation Point de Repère

IN MEMORIAM DONATIONS

When a death occurs, some affected families prefer that donations be offered to the Fondation de l'autisme instead of receiving flowers.

Thanks to Lefebvre, Donfack, Forest and Bilodeau-Turgeon families for having, despite their grief, thought to allow respite for exhausted parents.

ORGANISMS AND PROJECTS FUNDED

The Fondation de l'autisme supported financially throughout 2015, services and activities in the amount of nearly

60 000 \$

The Fondation has helped more than

500

people with ASD and their families to enjoy a respite

30

caregivers enjoyed a respite paid for by the grant of the Fondation de la Fédération des médecins spécialistes du Québec (FFMSQ).

Since the inception of this project in 2011

143

caregivers and families benefited from respite and holidays in various parts of Quebec.

The Fondation has invested in

13

of Greater Montreal organizations that contribute to a better quality of life for people with autism and their families:

Adama

Autisme Montérégie

Autisme Montréal

École de l'Étincelle

École Fernard Gauthier

École Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes

École Père Marquette

École Saint-Ambroise

École Secondaire Édouard-Montpetit

La Gang à Rambrou

Les Amis du Jardin Botanique

Les Jardins du Méandre

Maï(g)wenn et les Orteils

The Fondation has offered

56

respites and holidays in the project "Famille et compagnie en vacances". This project aims to provide families and people with ASD the opportunity to take a vacation and allow themselves a break. The Fondation covers lodging costs for living expenses. The aid is granted priority to vulnerable families financially.

We also received a donation from The Group Jean Coutu (PJC) Inc. and the La Capitale Financial Group Foundation for the granting of 4 family respites.



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families have enjoyed a family respite

UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2016

For the past 25 years, the Fondation has had a mission of “*Vivre l'autisme autrement*”. With hindsight, we see that we have accomplished our mission by helping hundreds of people with ASD and their families. Year after year, we can do more with the support of our friends, our partners and our donors. Together, we allow the Fondation to grow.

TO MARK A NEW STAGE IN THE FONDATION'S LIFE, SEVERAL ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE AGENDA. ON THE PROGRAM:



a new partnership with the Club LaCité, resulting in projects “*Tous à l'eau pour l'autisme*”



our 19th annual golf tournament of the Fondation on a new course



a new partnership with the Club LaCité, resulting in projects “*Exhibition de tennis*”



first appearance at the Montreal Marathon



benefit dinner at the *Institut de tourisme et d'hôtellerie du Québec (ITHQ)*, highlighting the 25th anniversary of the Fondation animated by Sylvie Lauzon, formerly the spokesperson of the Fondation. You can admire the wonderful photographs taken by Jacques Nadeau, photojournalist at the newspaper *Le Devoir*, for the exhibition “*Voir l'autisme autrement*”



the 4th edition of the comedy show “*Drôle de Monde*”

We truly hope to have the chance to meet you this year to celebrate with you the small victories of the past 25 years and to prepare for the next 25.

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