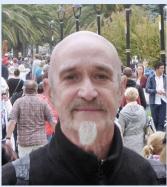


DOING GOOD, EVEN AFTER PASSING AWAY...

Mr. Robert Lemaire is a businessman who worked for over 30 years as a medical transportation coordinator at Air Canada. He passed away on January 23, 2019, surrounded by his closest friends.



A few weeks before his death, after careful consideration, he transmitted his last wishes to his notary: to make Maison du Père his universal legatee, because its mission was close to his heart, but also

because he had been impressed by its organization. and the dedication of its staff during a visit to the organization.

Maison du Père is known for its emergency shelter service, which provides food and accommodation for homeless men. Yet its action to counter homelessness is even more important. In addition to meeting the basic needs of the men from the streets, it helps them move towards autonomy, with compassion and respect, thanks to its many accommodation solutions. This is what he wanted to contribute after he left...

However, the sum given is quite important. He therefore asked a friend to ensure that his wishes are respected. "Our friend Robert was a generous being, both in his unfailing availability and in the good he did for those around him. What made him particularly different was his outlook on others: never a negative comment, always a positive thought to justify behaviors that would have bothered more than one."

It is therefore with honor that Maison du Père accepted this responsibility.

After some discussions between those in charge of the succession and the Maison du Père Foundation, it was understood that Mr. Lemaire's bequest will be used mainly for the development of housing and social support projects for Maison du Père. It will provide for the developpement of the premises and part of the cost of its operations, particularly in terms of support and intervention staff.

One of the accommodation complexes will have 54 studios for independent people aged 50 and over who have been homeless for various reasons. It will bear the name of Robert Lemaire, in his memory.



CHARITABLE BEQUEST

The testamentary donation constitutes a significant source of income for the Maison du Père Foundation. More and more donors are choosing to bequeath a fixed amount, a percentage or even their remaining property.

By this gesture of solidarity, they immortalize their support for the work Maison du Père does with the homeless, without affecting their personal financial situation.

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NEW INTERACTIVE PLATFORM

You may have noticed: Maison du Père has used, since the end of December, a new online platform for collecting donations. This platform is intended to be more intuitive, dynamic and pleasant. We are particularly enthusiastic about the "Crowdfunding" component, which allows you to create a campaign yourself to raise funds for our organization. Running, weight loss, quitting smoking: anything can be used as an excuse to get sponsored!



Go to fondation.maisondupere.org and choose « Financement participatif » to create you own campaing. For more informations, contact Geneviève Courchesne-Paré : 514 845-0168, ext. 232 or genevieve.courchesne-pare@maisondupere.org



Maison du Père has had to overcome many challenges in order to maintain its services and comply with government recommendations on hygiene and sanitation.

Nevertheless, the intervention and support services were able to continue their mission with kindness and rigor!

WOULD LIKE TO SEE BEHIND THE SCENE AT MAISON DU PÈRE?

In partnership with **Paradoxe Group**, the Maison du Père launched a short but striking video last month. We visit the many premises of the organization and discover the multitude of services offered.

Visit our website, **maisondupere.org**, to view it and learn more about our organization, which has been present in Montreal for over 50 years!

Because every street should have an exit...



Meals and snacks served 142,077 overnight stays & showers 53,573 clothing adapted to the season given 290,985

380 012

clothes and bedding washed

A GREAT MAN HAS LEFT US...

On December 9, 2020, it is with great sadness that Maison du Père learned of the death, at the age of 83, of Father Sylvio Michaud.

1 552

Different people

accompanied

(641 new faces)

188

Placed in

permanent housing or

transitory housing

141 398

Interventions

(psychosocial, medical care or hygiene care, budget)

2 4 4 8

Referrals to resources to

improve living conditions

(health, income, autonomy)

INTERVENTION

He was the Director General, and then Associate Director of Maison du Père, between 1984 and 2011, and devoted a large part of his life to supporting and defending the rights of homeless people. An active member of the *Réseau d'aide aux personnes seules et itinérantes de Montréal* (RAPSIM), he also sat on the board of directors of the Renaissance organization.

A man of ideas and projects, he was the co-founder of the J.A. DeSève Residence, which today looks after the well-being of 88 seniors who have experienced homelessness. It was also under his leadership, in 2004, that Maison du Père doubled its reception capacity in order to promote the social reintegration of men from the streets.

In 2010, he was granted the Order of Canada, the highest honorary decoration, to recognize the magnitude of his accomplishments, which have helped improve the lives of thousands of destitute people.

In recent years, he had been living in retirement in Granby at the *Maison de spiritualité des Trinitaires*, but his attachment to Maison du Père always remained strong.



Father Michaud, in the name of all the men who were able to take back control of their life after crossing your path, a big thank you.

SUPPORT

A HOLIDAY TIME OF SHARING & CARING !





Thank you to these three students from UQÀM who gave each of the men at the J.A. DeSève Residence a gift box of sweets that they prepared and wrapped themselves.



Thanks to Christine McGrath and Rational AG for the egg baking sheets that we use regularly and which provide exceptional results.



Thank you Pierre, a volunteer who collected a mountain of mittens, tuques, warm socks and others in order to give them to the men of Maison du Père and I the street.



Thank you Boustan for your mask donations and your delicious meals.

Thank you, above all, for your great loyalty!



Thank you to the ADGA Group and to Presidia for initiating a donation campaign to support the activities of Café du soldat.



Thanks to the White Wings Motorcycle Fraternity! As you wished, your donation will be dedicated to the well-being of our elders.

Thanks to Line St-Hilaire

who, for several years, has been collecting donations

so that the guys can enjoy

a more pleasant and



Thank you to our devoted Mrs. Tao who, again this year, prepared us tasty meals!

Thank you, Boulangerie Jarry, for these colorful and delicious Christmas logs.



(a good steak to celebrate New Year Eve!)



Thanks to Rubino who graciously gave us pairs of new shoes and boots for our gentlemen.

