

As we begin the summer season, the projects of Maison du Père are blooming in the sun! We are proud to present this edition of Info-Maison which highlights some of these projects, giving an overview of our ongoing work with homeless men. Together, employees, volunteers, donors and partners, we can help more people find an exit out of the streets!

## MAJOR RENOVATIONS CARRIED OUT THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF DONORS

Maison du Père makes sure to meet, on a daily basis, the basic needs of the men it supports. Enabling those men to have access to sanitary facilities for their hygiene care, in a healthy and clean environment are among the commitments our organization has made so that they can regain and maintain their dignity.

It is in this spirit that major work has been undertaken at Maison du Père, including the total renovation of the shared bathrooms of our residence for seniors as well as the shower room of our emergency accommodation service.

Renovations were completed in the emergency accommodation service last May. This work had become unavoidable, given the obsolescence of the facilities. This situation was to be expected, considering

the hundreds of daily showers that have been taken in this room over the past forty years, without major work being carried out. The shower room has been completely redone: ceramic tiles, partitions, shower fittings as well as the installation of an effective ventilation system to avoid possible mold problems. These renovations will provide service of a superior quality to these men because they will allow better control of the temperature of the water, standardization of the water pressure and more space. Accessibility to two showers for people with reduced mobility has been maintained.

At the level of the Seniors' Residence, work is in progress. For this service, it is the renovation of the two shared bathrooms that will be carried

out. No renovations had been made there since the construction of the residence in 2004.

This work was mainly carried out to make the sanitary facilities more accessible to our aging residents, many of whom are struggling with serious handicaps often caused by their past way of life. The shared bathrooms of our residence will now comply with the latest standards of the Quebec Construction Code, namely: baths with doors, non-slip floors, larger showers with space to fit an adapted chair, grab bars, more distanced sinks, higher toilets, etc.

The completion of this work was made possible thanks to the support of two major donors: the **Grace Dart Foundation**, for the work done at the Residence, and the **Robert Lemaire Estate**, for major work related to the emergency accommodation service, the costs of which were very high. The Robert Lemaire Estate is involved in several Maison du Père projects. Indeed, a complex of 54 studios will be inaugurated by the end of this year. It will bear the name of Robert Lemaire, in recognition of his immense generosity towards Maison du Père.

This is just one example of the incredible projects that can be realized thanks to the generosity of our donors.



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*La Maison du Père has created a specific fund for the Robert Lemaire Estate in order to report, in complete transparency, on the fluctuations of the investment and the disbursements made for the realization of the various projects, previously approved by the person appointed by Mr. Lemaire to supervise the management of his estate.*

## RUN FOR MAISON DU PÈRE!

Coming out of homelessness is like running a marathon. It requires good preparation, both physically and mentally. It doesn't happen overnight. Even if the strength lies within ourselves, sometimes it takes the help of someone else to successfully achieve

our goal. We don't always succeed the first time; we can hurt ourselves on the course, slow down, and hesitate. Not everyone has the same pace, and each small victory achieved along the way is worth highlighting and celebrating.



**Participate in the Montreal Marathon and run in the name of Maison du Père!**

The Montreal Marathon will be back from September 23 to 25, 2022. This year, participants will have the opportunity to run in support of a non-profit organization. The Maison du Père team invites you to register for the Marathon and support our cause.

By participating in the Montreal Marathon, you contribute to the fundraising efforts of our organization. The funds raised will be used to buy winter clothes for the men of the different programs of Maison du Père.

You can contribute by making a donation on the Montreal Marathon platform or by participating as a runner.

For more information, visit: [maisondupere.org/marathon](https://maisondupere.org/marathon)

## SUBSCRIBE TO OUR SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS!

### FACEBOOK

On our Facebook page, we share the latest news from Maison du Père, as well as announcements and requests for donations. You can share our posts to show your friends the activities that are held in our organization that you already support!

[FACEBOOK.COM/MAISONDUPERE](https://facebook.com/maisondupere)

### INSTAGRAM

Take part in our quizzes and polls in our Instagram Stories. This is an opportunity to test your knowledge related to people experiencing homelessness. Feel free to share these with your family and friends who might also be interested!

[INSTAGRAM.COM/MAISONDUPERE](https://instagram.com/maisondupere)

### TIKTOK

On the Maison du Père TikTok account, we publish content that is a bit lighter and fun, but also informative. You can share our videos on all your networks!

[TIKTOK.COM/@LAMAISONDUPERE](https://tiktok.com/@lamaisondupere)

### LINKED IN

On the LinkedIn account, you will mainly find our various job offers, but also various information concerning the activities of Maison du Père.

[LINKEDIN.COM/COMPANY/MAISONDUPERE](https://linkedin.com/company/maisondupere)

### YOUTUBE

You will find on our Youtube channel various videos presenting the programs, the employees, the volunteers and all the services offered by Maison du Père. Do not hesitate to share them on your other networks, to make us better known!

[YOUTUBE.COM/MAISONDUPERE](https://youtube.com/maisondupere)

**YOU DO NOT HAVE AN ACCOUNT?  
INVITE YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS TO SUBSCRIBE!**

## ACCOMMODATION SOLUTIONS FOR CRIMINALIZED MEN

Most of the men we welcome have a painful past of violence, poverty and abandonment behind them. For some, it is a series of unfortunate events that makes them stumble. These kinds of factors can sometimes lead a person to take actions that are regrettable and punishable in the eyes of the law. Many of these offenses are directly related to meeting basic needs such as sleeping, eating and socializing.

When they leave institutions, these men are often destitute. They find themselves in a very precarious situation and risk being victims of discrimination or marginalization. If they are not properly referred, they can easily end up on the streets.

Maison du Père believes that emergency accommodation should remain a last resort solution. This is why Maison du Père did not hesitate to join forces with the **John Howard Society of Quebec (JHSQ)** by welcoming into its social reintegration programs people leaving prison, and determined to take back their place in society by respecting the laws of society.

The John Howard Society of Quebec is very sensitive to the protection of the dignity of incarcerated and criminalized people. This is one of the reasons why its services are guided by the principles of efficiency, justice and humanism. In order to meet an essential need not yet met by the community, the JHSQ has created the **Chez-Nous! Service**.



“It is important to mention that we do not want to duplicate existing services and that this service did not exist in Quebec. Since 2017, the JHSQ team has been working on creating accommodation for people coming out of detention and at risk of a form of homelessness,” says Samira Figuigui, Executive Director of the John Howard Society of Quebec.

“Given our limited resources, we have approached, among others, Maison du Père in order to support us in prevention and the avoidance of shelters, especially since the profile of people who have experienced incarceration is different from other homeless people, affected by post-traumatic shock, loss of self-confidence and self-esteem, distrust of others, etc. »



The **JHSQ** has therefore developed this support, monitoring and retention of housing project for people leaving detention in order to guide them, support them and help them in all aspects of life, through psychosocial interventions. This service serves the entire province of Quebec.

Thus, they are able to support the workers of Maison du Père while sharing the accommodation resources available to our organization.

**This partnership allows both Maison du Père and the John Howard Society of Quebec to contribute to the reduction of homelessness.**

# HOW TO SUPPORT MAISON DU PÈRE?

**Testamentary bequests**

**Matching donations  
with the employer**

**Shares donations**

**Crowdfunding**

**In-kind donations  
(clothes, food, etc.)**

**Fundraising on  
social networks**

**Donations for your birthday**

**Occasional donations**

**Recurring donations**

**Donation of a  
life insurance policy**

**RRSP or RRIF donations**

**Bank transfers**

**Paypal Giving Fund transferts**

**By mail**

550 René-Lévesque blvd. East  
Montreal, Quebec H2L 2L3

**By phone**

514 845-0168, ext. 316

**By text message**

Text the word «MAISON»  
to 20222 to make a  
\$10 donation

**Online**

maisondupere.org



Mr. Henri Soucy

## Life insurance donation

Did you know that you can register for a life insurance policy in the name of Maison du Père?

This is what one of our benefactors, Mr. Henri Soucy, did for twelve years. During these years, he was able to benefit from a tax receipt, for a charitable donation, of an amount equal to the value of the premiums he paid to his insurer.

Last January, Mr. Soucy unfortunately passed away. However, his support for our mission will continue for decades, since Maison du Père benefited from a major donation at his passing.

His name will also be engraved on our recognition board in memory of our donors.

To his family and friends, we take this opportunity to extend our deepest sympathy.



## For your birthday: donations to Maison du Père!

Most of us have everything we need to live a healthy and safe daily life. When our birthday arrives, we often have to think about what we are missing, what we would like to receive... because we already have everything, or rather, because we are missing nothing!

With this in mind, we suggest that you ask your family and friends, for your birthday, for donations to Maison du Père! Whether it is a collection of clothing, food or monetary donations; virtually or in person, we will be happy to honor **your** day by helping the men of our various programs.