

PREVENT, WELCOME AND SUPPORT

The mission of the Maison du Père is to prevent homelessness and to put in place the necessary support to get out of it. Thank you for standing with us to enable these people to maintain or regain their dignity within the community.

A NEW DIRECTOR FOR OUR FOUNDATION

On July 31, the Maison du Père Foundation team was proud to welcome its new Executive Director, Ms. Lizette Flores.

A passionate manager with over 15 years' experience, Lizette has dedicated her career to the advancement of social justice within various community and public organizations. Supported by committed teams, she has helped to mobilize the community to deliver concrete results based on innovative initiatives to foster inclusion and equity. She holds a bachelor's degree in political science and public administration from the Autonomous University of Querétaro, Mexico, as well as a master's degree in public administration from the National School of Public Administration.

As Executive Director of the Foundation, Lizette Flores will oversee the development and outreach of Maison du Père's work with its donors and strategic partners in all sectors, in close collaboration with the President and Executive Director of Maison du Père, Jaëlle Begarin, and the entire team.

«Dear Maison du Père's community,

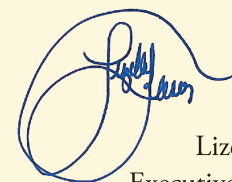
Like many of you, I joined this cause because I'm convinced that empathy and dignity are rights that belong to all of us. Homelessness is a very special issue, and those who find themselves in this situation are people like you and me: children, parents or grandparents.

I know that as a donor, volunteer, or friend of our organization, you feel happiness when you get to help those seeking support. It's very gratifying to see how a small gesture of solidarity can encourage someone to act for their own good, and thus reconnect with themselves, their family and their society.

At the Maison du Père Foundation, we are here to rally the efforts of our donors and ensure that we create the greatest possible impact, by financially supporting the diverse actions carried out at the Maison du Père.

I thank this community for the trust it has placed in my team. Rest assured that we will continue to honour your efforts and wishes, and work harder to mobilize

more sectors, raise the profile of our cause, meet growing financial needs and become the Foundation of choice for Montrealers. Imagine the impact we'll have on an entire society as we grow our community!



Lizette Flores
Executive Director,
Maison du Père's Foundation

THE PAVILLON ROBERT LEMAIRE, A PROJECT FOR THE FUTURE...



From left to right: Isabel Laliberté (SHDM), Sylvain Beauchamps (SHDM), André Leroux (MdP), Nancy Shoiry (SHDM), Jaëlle Bégarin (MdP), Lizette Flores (MdP), Mohamed Foufa (SHDM), Deo Lukyamuzi (MdP), Marie-Claude Cantin (SHDM), Line Guevremont et son conjoint.

Writing your last will and testament is a gesture that requires a great deal of thought. It's the moment when you tell the people around you what you want for the end of your life; what a dignified departure means to you.

It's also the time to decide to whom you will bequeath your possessions, and who will be able to ensure that they are used to support forward-looking projects when you're gone.

This is what Mr. Robert Lemaire did when he learned that he had very little time left to live. He transmitted his last wishes to his notary: to make the Maison du Père his universal legatee, as its mission was close to his heart. As the sum involved was considerable, he also appointed a friend to ensure that his wishes and his bequest were respected.

After discussions between those in charge of the estate and the management team of the Maison du Père Fondation, it was agreed that Mr. Lemaire's bequest would be used, in large part, to develop the Maison du Père's housing and social support projects.

The Pavillon Robert Lemaire will open its doors shortly. It will house 54 independent people aged 50 and over who, for a variety of reasons, have become homeless. The building is owned by the SHDM. The Robert Lemaire estate was responsible, among other things, for the complete fitting-out of the studios and common rooms.

A forward-looking project of which Mr. Lemaire would be proud!

«A few years before his death, my friend Robert Lemaire told me about his visit to the Maison du Père (MDP). He told me how impressed he had been with all the help and services offered by the Maison du Père team, and how perfectly organized and directed everything seemed to him.

Sadly, Robert passed away in 2019. In his last will and testament, Robert left most of his money to the Maison du Père and asked me to ensure that his legacy would be used to improve the living conditions of the organization's clients.

To do this, I worked with the MDP management team. It didn't take me long to realize that I was working with a formidable team in every respect. They understood Robert's desire very well, and our collaboration was always marked by mutual respect, openness and honesty. Individually, I met people who were committed, generous, rigorous and, above all, open and friendly. After many meetings, visits and discussions over the last few years, I have been able to see the exceptional achievements made possible by Robert's money, and I am very happy to say that his wishes have been fully respected and his legacy has been used to provide maximum benefit to those he wanted to help.

Thank you Robert and thank you to the fantastic team at MDP».

Line Guevremont, friend, representative of the Robert Lemaire estate

LOOKING FORWARD TO A NEW HOME



Even before he became homeless, Mr. Louis Diabo decided to go to the Maison du Père. At that time in his life, he was going through a period of homelessness and didn't have a place to live in Montreal. He knew that going through a period of homelessness would only worsen his situation. So he quickly joined a program at the Maison du Père.

At first, Mr. Louis did various tasks in the kitchen and laundry, which enabled him to reserve a place in the emergency shelter and regain some

stability. After a few months, the Maison du Père team offered him a place at the Maison Wolfe. In this building managed by the Maison du Père, he could benefit from a low-cost

private room to pursue his social reintegration efforts.

After living at Maison Wolfe for four years, Mr. Louis had a strong desire for a more independent lifestyle. Today, he has been selected to be one of the future residents of the new Robert Lemaire Pavillion. This project on Rue Atateken features 54 studios with full kitchens and bathrooms for vulnerable people at risk of homelessness.

«I'm honored to have been offered this.» For Mr. Louis, moving to Pavil-

lon Robert Lemaire will enable him to achieve total independence. He will be able to cook his own meals in a beautiful kitchen and take care of his own bathroom. «Cleanliness is very important. Mr Diabo is also looking forward to community life. As a former owner of the three restaurants, he would like to use his experience to participate in activities such as collective cooking



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PLANNED GIVING

The bequest is a significant source of income for the Fondation de la Maison du Père. More and more donors are choosing to bequeath a fixed amount, a percentage or the residue of their assets.

Through this gesture of solidarity, they immortalize their support for the work she does with the homeless, without affecting their personal financial situation

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STUDENTS : GET INVOLVE !

Camille has been a volunteer at the Maison du Père for the past year. She decided to get involved with the organization because it allows her to familiarize herself with a clientele that is generally a little older.

For Camille, volunteering is an opportunity to be in contact not only with men experiencing homelessness, but also with other volunteers who come from very diverse backgrounds. By working in the cafeteria, Camille has had



the opportunity to rub shoulders with participants from the emergency shelter and social reintegration services who come to help with the chores: «It allows me to have privileged discussions with them».

Thanks to the volunteer structure, Camille has been able to choose a time of day to volunteer that fits in with her university course schedule. This aspect kept her motivated.

On a personal level, volunteering has helped Camille discover herself: «I've discovered aspects of my personality that I didn't know before». She has also forged links with people with whom she didn't think she had any affinity.

Thanks to her experience at the Maison du Père, Camille has had the opportunity to do a bit of networking. By working in the cafeteria, she has acquired skills that will come in handy in unexpected circumstances. «I encourage all young people who are studying full-time to volunteer at the same time. It's something that's very good for your future self.»



WANT TO GIVE A LITTLE OF YOUR TIME ?

Help is needed in many of the Maison's departments: meal service, cloakroom, laundry, thrift store, reception, medical accompaniment, recreation, etc.

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