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NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN PREVENTING AND REDUCING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF OUR BOARD AND OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**With your support,
dear friends and donors,
2022 was a good year
for Dans la rue.
Thank you!**

You are the reason we can uphold our commitment to working toward better solutions for preventing and reducing youth homelessness. Throughout the year, we rolled out new initiatives in this regard while we continued to build on our established foundations.

As pandemic restrictions subsided during the year, most of our services resumed, including our music room, activities, community liaison services, and

support and employability programs. Among the tasks undertaken with passion and conviction by Marie-Noëlle L'Espérance, our new Director, Prevention, Intervention and Clinical Programs, were getting our mental health support services back up and running, and contributing to the RIPAJ network of partners in this field.

In keeping with the stated goals of our 2021–2025 strategic plan, the year saw us stepping up our efforts to end homelessness. We are rethinking how we interact with youth in order to focus on a swift and decisive course of action. We are putting a trauma-sensitive approach in place, since this is the unfortunate reality faced by many of the youth we serve. We have made significant progress in setting up a record-keeping system for youth to ensure the services they receive are more personalized and consistent.

And we have obtained grants for two new programs that will allow youth to access community housing with a rent supplement. Lastly, we continued to support Coalition Jeunes+, whose new collaborative action plan was released in the summer of 2022.

Dans la rue continues to be a front-line player in every sphere affecting vulnerable and marginalized youth.

In response to labour shortage challenges, we have worked hard to cover vacant positions, while striving to provide job flexibility and advancement opportunities, and foster the engagement of the amazing team we have rebuilt.

Our 11-member Board of Directors is as committed as ever to our mission. Paul J. Setlakwe has stepped down after seven wonderful years as Chairman. We are all grateful for his ongoing dedication and for his belief in the work we do. Our heartfelt thanks go out to him for having supported **Dans la rue** with such vision and tenacity and for helping us secure the future of our organization.

Thank you all for continuing to be there for us, year in and year out. We look forward to making a difference in even more young lives with your support.

Mark Pathy, Chairman of the Board

Cécile Arbaud, Executive Director

MISSION

FOUNDED BY FATHER EMMETT “POPS” JOHNS IN 1988, DANS LA RUE VIENT HELPS HOMELESS AND AT-RISK YOUTH.

With dedication, empathy and respect, and with the support of the community, **Dans la rue** cares for their immediate needs and helps them acquire the skills and resources needed to lead more autonomous and rewarding lives.



FATHER EMMETT “POPS” JOHNS (1928–2018)

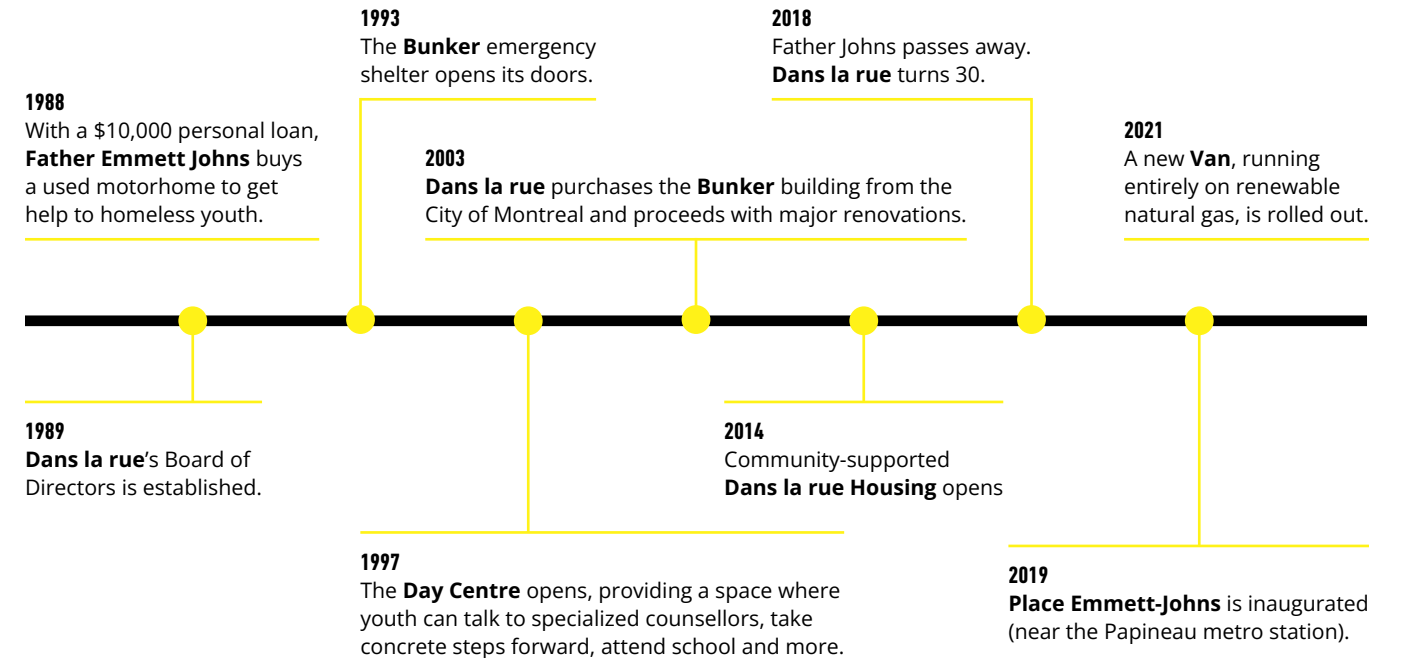
At age 60, after 40 years of serving as a priest in various local parishes, Pops decided to follow his heart and minister to the needs of homeless youth. As he reached out to the young and vulnerable, he brought words of comfort and a sympathetic ear: “Don’t worry. Forget about the past. Focus on the now. After all, today is the first day of the rest of your life.”

In 1988, Pops took out a personal loan for \$10,000 to buy a second-hand motorhome, which he dubbed “**Le bon Dieu dans la rue.**” He would drive the Van up and down the streets of downtown Montreal, from 9:30 p.m. until the wee hours of the night, bringing food and solace to the city’s homeless and at-risk youth.

During his lifetime, Pops received a number of awards honouring his outstanding dedication to Montreal youth. In 2018, the Quebec government posthumously created the Emmett Johns Award, in recognition of everything he did and everything he was for the young people he helped.

“It’s hard to establish that first contact with youth on the street. There are two secrets that helped me make friends with them. First, like everyone else, they like to eat. Once they start coming for the food, even when it’s something as simple as a hot dog, they warm up to you. The other secret lies in creating an environment where they feel they can trust you. We’ve always reached out to them without getting into any of the details about their past or what they were involved in before they got here. We never judge.”

— Father Emmett “Pops” Johns



HISTORY

In 1988, Father Emmett “Pops” Johns decided to reach out with love and without judgment to help youth living on the street. He asked them a simple question: “What can I do to help you?” Thus was born **Dans la rue.**

For 34 years, **Dans la rue** has been a driving force in preventing youth homelessness through five services: the **Van**, the **Bunker** emergency shelter, the **Day Centre**, **Family Services** and **Housing.** In addition

to helping vulnerable youth meet their basic needs, **Dans la rue** provides an array of programs to help them transition away from homelessness and build a better future for themselves.

Over the years, the community has embraced **Dans la rue’s** mission, which the organization continues to honour with the same determination as Pops, backed by the essential support of numerous volunteers, dedicated donors and skilled professionals alike.

TEAM

The **Dans la rue** team consists of 82 employees working in the administrative offices as well as in the Van, the Bunker, the Day Centre, Family Services and Housing. Each team member makes a real difference, contributing expert insight and a listening ear to support homeless and at-risk youth and helping **Dans la rue’s** services and programs run smoothly.

In these challenging times, **Dans la rue** continues to be on the lookout for talented, energetic people who share our values of kindness, empathy and respect.

HIGHLIGHTS

LAUNCH OF DANS LA RUE'S NEW VAN

Dans la rue celebrated the media launch of the new Van presented by CN and Sun Life in the heart of Place Emmett-Johns on May 18, 2022. The event was emceed by Jean-Marie Lapointe. Journalists, elected officials, partners, volunteers and youth served by **Dans la rue** gathered together for the occasion to usher in this new chapter in the organization's history. Thanks to the generous support of the business community, \$200,000 was raised to help homeless youth, prevent them from being entrenched in street life and pave the way to a brighter future.



Caption: Jean-Marie Lapointe, emcee; Msgr. Christian Lépine, Archbishop of Montreal; Josefina Blanco, City Councillor, Member of the Executive Committee responsible for Diversity, Social Inclusion, Homelessness, Universal Accessibility, Women, Youth and Seniors; Bernd Beyer, Vice President and Treasurer, CN and member of the Dans la rue Board of Directors; Cécile Arbaud, Executive Director, Dans la rue; Robert Dumas, President and Chief Executive Officer, Sun Life Québec and member of the Dans la rue Board of Directors; Frédéric Krikorian, Vice President, Sustainability, Public and Government Affairs, Énergir.

A NEW CHAIR FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mark Pathy has been a member of the **Dans la rue** Board of Directors since 2007 and Vice-Chair since 2015, providing unique insights into our work. He completed his MBA at INSEAD in France after attending the University of Toronto. Currently, he is the Chairman & CEO of Mavrik Corp. Mark has made remarkable philanthropic contributions, supporting institutions such as the Jewish General Hospital and the Montreal Children's Hospital. He is also passionate about space exploration and recently participated in a mission to the International Space Station, conducting scientific experiments in collaboration with the Montreal Children's Hospital, the Canadian Space Agency and Canadian universities. Mark's diverse interests and extensive experience make him a valuable asset to our organization.

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION FORUM

The Coalition Jeunes+ Youth Homelessness Prevention Forum, an initiative sponsored by **Dans la rue**, took place on November 18 and 19, 2021, in a hybrid format. More than 150 people from across Quebec, including 50 youth aged 18 to 30, participated in the forum. They took part in a range of virtual consultation workshops where they were able to interact with the 12 elected officials in attendance.

2022 PRIX LEVIERS

At the 12th annual Prix Leviers awards ceremony, Geneviève Caron, Mélodie Cordeau, Nicolas Leclair, Yami Forignio and Tommy Proulx-Roy were honoured for their outstanding contributions to the Comité Jeunes+. The event took place in Quebec City on May 10, 2022. Congratulations, everyone!



KUDOS FOR OUR 2021 ANNUAL APPEAL

Dans la rue's 2021 annual appeal, developed by Publicis in collaboration with illustrator Maxime Prévost, earned top honours in the Public Service/Charity category at the 2022 Applied Arts Awards.



NOVAE AWARD

On May 4, 2022, **Dans la rue** received a Novae award in the social impact category for the Van, which is powered entirely by renewable natural gas (RNG). This honour is a testament to the innovative nature of this solution to reduce the carbon footprint of our operations. By using a vehicle fuelled by RNG instead of diesel, we will be shrinking our greenhouse gas emissions by 20%, or 2 tonnes per year.



CAROLINE DUFOUR CELEBRATES 25 YEARS AT DANS LA RUE

Caroline has held a number of front-line and administrative positions at **Dans la rue** over the years. She is currently the Director, Strategy and Social Impact, a role she has occupied since 2018. She is also the co-creator and coordinator of Coalition Jeunes+, which strives to bring together key players in this field to work constructively toward prevention solutions. Caroline has drawn on the expertise she has honed at **Dans la rue** to help improve best practices, legislation and action plans designed to prevent youth homelessness and curb poverty. She is the first person ever to reach this level of seniority within our organization. Congratulations, Caroline!

OUR APPROACH

Like every young person, homeless and at-risk youth have a full spectrum of needs. At **Dans la rue**, they can find a multifaceted approach that addresses all aspects of their lives to help them get off the street and permanently transition away from high-risk situations.

ESSENTIAL
NEEDS

PERSONAL GROWTH
AND DEVELOPMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE
AND LEGAL AID

PARENTING
SUPPORT

SHELTER AND
HOUSING

MENTAL AND
PHYSICAL HEALTH

EDUCATION

JOB
READINESS

OUR IMPACT

18,700
servings of hot dogs at the Van

12,600
visits to the Day Centre

3,800
counselling
sessions

1,060
efforts by Day Centre counsellors
to support mental and physical health

1,040
showers taken
at the Day Centre

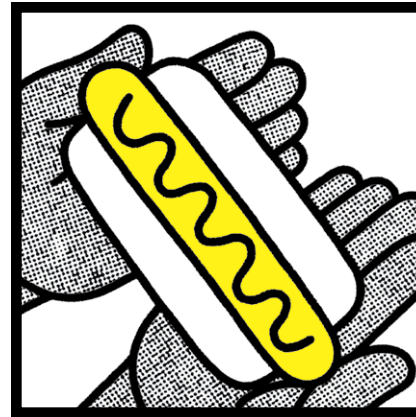
700
housing
enquiries

74
young parents supported
by Family Services

23,000
loyal
donors

125
volunteers

OUR SERVICES



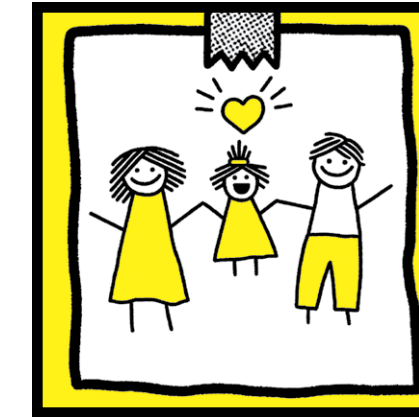
THE VAN is a mobile outreach service that is often a youth's first contact with **Dans la rue** and the work we do. The Van's volunteers are there to listen, provide support, and hand out food, refreshments and basic necessities.



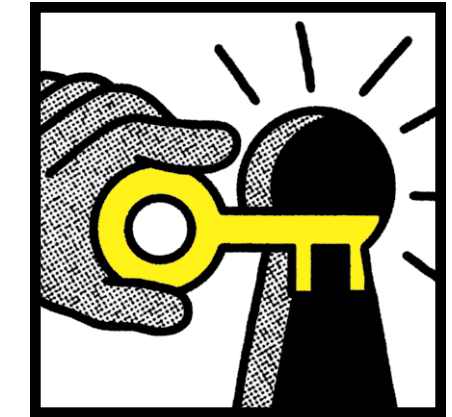
THE BUNKER emergency overnight shelter, staffed by a team of specialized counsellors, can accommodate a mixed group of at-risk youth aged 12 to 21 and offer them basic services. Special attention is paid to young runaways.



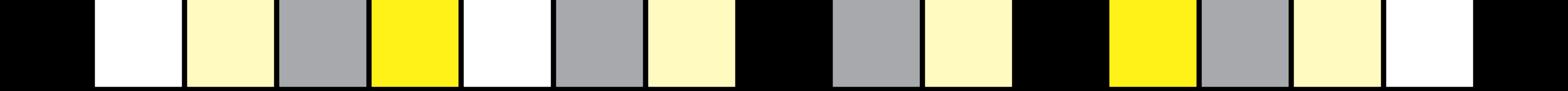
THE DAY CENTRE is where youth can fulfil their essential needs. There are counsellors available to listen and guide them on a one-on-one basis. On-site legal and administrative aid is also available, as are an array of programs and services.



FAMILY SERVICES provides assistance to the young parents in the **Dans la rue** community. Counsellors connect with them through home visits to foster good parenting skills, put them on the path to greater self-sufficiency and ensure they have access to decent housing.



DANS LA RUE HOUSING is a 17-unit complex opened in 2014 to provide an affordable housing solution, complete with psychosocial support, to 15 young people and two families who currently use **Dans la rue's** resources or have done so in the past. The on-site counsellors strive to encourage youth to take advantage of the stable living environment to take concrete steps toward a better future.



100
servings of hot dogs
on average per night

3,635
volunteer hours
in the Van

“The young people I’ve met at the Van have taught me a lot about surviving on the street, the difficulties they have gone through and how hard they have to fight every day to keep going. I’ve seen a lot of youth come and go, but I’ve always made sure to treat each one of them with respect.”

— Eddie, a volunteer on the Van for 19 years

VAN

RELATED APPROACH: ESSENTIAL NEEDS

An enduring symbol of everything **Dans la rue** stands for and the love Pops, our founder, had in his heart, the Van plays a major front-line role in reaching out to individuals in unstable living conditions.

Staffed by volunteers who are there to listen to youth, support them and refer them to the appropriate resources, our latest iteration of the Van, fuelled entirely by renewable natural gas (RNG), continues to do its rounds in the central neighbourhoods of Montreal and lend a helping hand to those who are struggling — only now it does it with a smaller carbon footprint.

The media launch for the new Van took place on May 18, 2022. Place Emmett-Johns, inaugurated in 2019 by the City of Montreal to honour Pops’ memory and

pay tribute to this legendary Montrealer, was the ideal location for celebrating the new vehicle.

Powered by the ALDO Group, Énergir and the Marcelle and Jean Coutu Foundation, and backed by the support of numerous partners, the Van will continue to address the social issue of homelessness with this new low-emission vehicle that will contribute to the 2030 decarbonization targets for the transportation sector.

Five nights a week, the **Dans la rue** Van takes to the streets of Montreal

to reach out to homeless youth and other vulnerable individuals. It makes four stops in the downtown, Centre-Sud, Plateau-Mont-Royal and Hochelaga-Maisonneuve neighbourhoods.

The RNG-powered Van has now been operational for over a year and, as of July 14, 2022, authorized to let youth aboard again, which both they and the volunteers appreciate enormously. The upgraded interior has been designed with a larger capacity to better meet the specific needs of those it serves.

DANS LA RUE THANKS
Marcelle and Jean Coutu Foundation
Énergir





“The Bunker was special. When I created it, there were no shelters in Montreal that would let youth keep their pets with them during their stay. So they would come to us because we were there, we could help them and we accepted their animals.”

— Father Emmett Johns

BUNKER

RELATED APPROACHES: ESSENTIAL NEEDS | SHELTER AND HOUSING

The Dans la rue emergency overnight shelter, or the “Bunker” as most people refer to it, can accommodate a mixed group of up to 17 youth aged 12 to 21 on any given night.

The Bunker gives them access to a range of essential services (a bed, a warm meal, showers and laundry facilities), as well as a team of specialized counsellors who are there to listen, support and provide referrals, accompaniment and other services. It is a safe place that represents a much-needed break from the dangers and stresses of street life. Counsellors also pay special attention to youth who have run away from home or who express suicidal thoughts.

The Bunker caters to the needs of marginalized and homeless youth. Some may be struggling with mental health and addiction issues or be victims of discrimination

or social exclusion. Others may not have finished their high school education or have gainful employment. Still others may be members the 2SLGBTQI+, refugee or Indigenous communities. And several among them are young parents.

Since the start of the pandemic, we have observed some significant changes in the profiles of those who approach the Bunker for help. A larger percentage come to us with complex and multiple issues, making their journey to self-sufficiency lengthier and more challenging. As a result, we have rethought our approach and stepped up our early intervention and transition efforts.

The main goal of the Bunker is to connect with youth so we can make a difference early in their homeless experience and act quickly to stabilize their situation to reduce the likelihood of subsequent episodes on the street.

This proactive approach to addressing the needs of high-risk youth empowers the Bunker’s counsellors to put a stop to repeat or chronic homelessness. Moreover, the living environment at the Bunker helps to greatly reduce the intensity, duration and recurrence of emergency services.

DANS LA RUE THANKS

The Home Depot Canada Foundation

Sutton – Quebec, its franchisees and brokers

Hockey Helps the Homeless

Canada Post Community Foundation

During the year, the Bunker was temporarily closed due to a shortage of staff. The maximum capacity for the Bunker also remained limited to nine youth per night instead of 17.

Dans la rue offers an inclusive, judgment-free environment to all youth. Our Bunker emergency shelter is the only facility in Montreal with a gender-neutral room for transitioning, non-binary or transgender youth. In 2018, the cut-off age for transgender youth was extended from 21 to 26, in response to the difficulties many face in finding adequate resources.



1,040
showers taken at
the Day Centre

700
housing
enquiries

500
efforts to support
mental health

300
pay-by-the-day
program participants

103
new youth
welcomed

“Thank you for taking me to the gym. It makes me want to stop taking drugs and focus on getting fit.”

— Carl, a vulnerable youth who takes part in the activities offered through the Day Centre

DAY CENTRE

RELATED APPROACHES: ESSENTIAL NEEDS | SHELTER AND HOUSING | MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH | PERSONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT | EDUCATION | JOB READINESS | ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL AID | PARENTING SUPPORT

The Day Centre is the heart of Dans la rue’s operations aimed at helping homeless youth.

Better known as “Chez Pops,” the Day Centre is a safe place where the essential needs of vulnerable youth can be met and where they have access to various forms of support: social reintegration and employability programs, school, specialized intervention and psychosocial services, administrative and legal aid, and a wide range of activities.

The past year saw a 20% increase in the number of visits to the Day Centre, which rose to almost 12,600.

The Day Centre is part of a broader and comprehensive array of support services. Through it, youth can build up the energy they need to make progress with our counsellors and identify the actions and programs

that are best aligned with their individual circumstances.

By strengthening our ties with youth, facilitating their contact with outside resources and providing spaces where they can learn and grow, our counsellors are empowering them to find a way off the street and toward a more self-sufficient future.

DANS LA RUE THANKS

- Pathy Family Foundation
- Home Depot Canada Foundation
- Echo Foundation
- Medavie Foundation
- Marcelle and Jean Coutu Foundation
- Adler & Lipkus Foundation
- Paul Morimanno
- Lise Watier Foundation
- Fonds communautaire Bell Cause pour la cause
- TELUS Friendly Future Foundation
- Mealshare Aid Foundation
- Loyaltyone

ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE YEAR

- The veterinary clinic opened up again in September 2021 to strong demand, which speaks volumes about the need for this service.
- A peer helper from GIAP (Groupe d’intervention alternative par les pairs) was on site at the Day Centre three days a week.
- To mark International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31, 2022, youth and Day Centre counsellors gathered at Parc Émilie-Gamelin for a commemoration ceremony.
- Day Centre youth took part in numerous activities throughout the year, including visits to the gym, movie screenings, wall-climbing, hiking on Mont Saint-Hilaire, creative writing workshops, bowling, hockey and a summer cookout.



“The work done by Dans la rue benefits homeless youth and the entire community in so many ways. They do everything they can to prevent homelessness, and that’s exactly the kind of mission that the Pathy Family Foundation wishes to promote and elevate. We are proud to support Dans la rue’s efforts.”

— Layla Saad, Executive Director, Pathy Family Foundation

DAY CENTRE (CONTINUED)

CAFETERIA

Youth living on the street or in high-risk situations are often undernourished. This can affect their energy, their mental health and their behaviour. Every day, the Day Centre cafeteria serves close to 38,000 hot meals, complete with vegetables, fresh fruit, dairy products, protein foods and a vegetarian option to help youth build up their strength.

The cafeteria is an essential service where youth can meet up, learn and find the helping hand they need. It’s a first step toward the array of programs offered at **Dans la rue**, which allow homeless and at-risk youth to access the one-on-one support that can make all the difference.

EMMETT JOHNS SCHOOL

The Emmett Johns alternative school specializes in helping students develop cross-disciplinary skills through an adapted academic and social integration curriculum.

There were a number of stumbling blocks at the beginning of the school year, and many students lacked motivation to return to the classroom. Most of the students enrolled in the school had already worked hard to make

progress on the psychosocial front and stabilize their situation, thus making the process of going back to school easier. There were over 40 school-related enquiries during the year, which is more than we usually receive.

Dans la rue also encourages at-risk youth to pursue their studies at other institutions through a scholarship fund that supports their academic success and helps cover tuition, housing and other costs.

EMPLOYABILITY PROGRAMS

The employability programs and services at **Dans la rue** provide support to unemployed youth in order to foster their integration into the job market and help them get off the street for good. Some of the jobs under this program are internal, including several pay-by-the-day positions. Others are offered through partner organizations.

These programs are a unique opportunity for youth to gain employment experience in an environment that is sensitive to their needs. The support and guidance of our counsellors can be the springboard to longer-term employment opportunities that help put participants on the path toward a more self-sufficient future.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL SUPPORT

The lack of government-issued identification can pose a logistical problem for youth in their attempts to get off the street. Our counsellors help them fill out applications to obtain or renew their health insurance card, social insurance number or birth certificate. During the year, we observed a surge in the need for assistance with immigration matters and support for settling certain issues related to socioeconomic status.

Our counsellors also serve as a resource for youth and young families in unravelling complexities and overcoming obstacles of a legal nature. This work helps curb the marginalization of homeless youth within the legal system and maximizes their chances of taking positive steps forward.

BASIC NECESSITIES

We operate a 3,000-square-foot warehouse, where we store the items generously donated to **Dans la rue**, and a depot at the Day Centre where these items are handed out to those in need. As a result of these efforts, our youth have access to basic necessities, clothing and household goods.

RÉSEAU D'INTERVENTION DE PROXIMITÉ AUPRÈS DES JEUNES (RIPAJ)

Following in the footsteps of the ACCESS Open Minds project, we have continued our partnership with RIPAJ. The goal of this network is to strengthen the ties between community organizations and healthcare institutions and, in so doing, facilitate access to mental health services for youth aged 12 to 25.



1,492
phone calls

210
appointments at the Day Centre

113
apple picking event attendees

“I am very grateful for the support I have received from Family Services for the past several years. This year, I managed to keep down a full-time job while juggling the demands of having my older daughter start kindergarten and moving forward with some important legal matters.”

— Isabelle, a single mother of two children

FAMILY SERVICES

RELATED APPROACHES: PARENTING SUPPORT | SHELTER AND HOUSING | MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH | PERSONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT | EDUCATION | JOB READINESS | ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL AID

Family Services provides assistance to young marginalized parents from the birth of their children until they reach school age, with a particular focus on prevention and education.

Family Services counsellors work with young parents to help them develop good child-rearing skills and reduce their isolation by encouraging them to call upon family members for help and to create a healthy social support network. The one-on-one approach includes meetings and home visits designed to empower them to take care of their needs and the needs of their children.

Dans la rue works with young parents to find activities they enjoy and help strengthen their bonds

with their children. In the past year, these have included a number of field trips where families could take part in activities that let them practise their newfound skills and foster better parental and social relationships.

In 2022, for the second year in a row, **Dans la rue's** Christmas party had to be cancelled. But the Family Services counsellors tapped into their creativity and their love for the families they serve to draw inspiration from the carollers of old:

decked out in their holiday finest, they dropped off gifts to 28 families and 42 children, serenading them with holiday songs as they went.

During the year, we also joined forces with the Office municipal d'habitation de Montréal to help 19 families obtain subsidized housing, for which rent is established at 25% of household income. These families, two of whom are living at **Dans la rue** Housing, also benefit from psychosocial support from Family Services.

ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE YEAR

- 15 families completed their tax returns with help from a virtual tax clinic.
- 19 families were granted subsidized housing, for which rent is established at 25% of household income.

DANS LA RUE THANKS

Montreal Real Estate Foundation for Kids

ROND-POINT

Dans la rue is a partner of the Rond-Point perinatal and family centre for drug addiction to provide on-site support to families. The centre's goal is to offer integrated, one-stop services to pregnant women and parents with current or past substance abuse issues as well as to their preschool-aged children. Apart from **Dans la rue**, Rond-Point's partners are the Centre de santé et de services sociaux Jeanne-Mance (CSSSJM), the Centre hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal (CHUM), the Centre de réadaptation en dépendance de Montréal (CRDM), the Centre Jeunesse de Montréal (CJM), the Centre de recherche et d'aide pour narcomanes (CRAN), the Centre d'expertise en traitement de la dépendance aux opioïdes and the Portage program's service centre.

HOUSING

RELATED APPROACHES: SHELTER AND HOUSING | ESSENTIAL NEEDS | MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH | PERSONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT | ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL AID | EDUCATION | JOB READINESS | PARENTING SUPPORT

Dans la rue Housing was a long-held dream for Pops, an opportunity for homeless youth to have access to affordable housing, paired with psychosocial support.

The 17-unit building opened in 2014, with 15 studio apartments and two apartments for young families enrolled in our Family Services. The units are subsidized through the Office municipal d'habitation de Montréal (OMHM) for a period of five years per tenant.

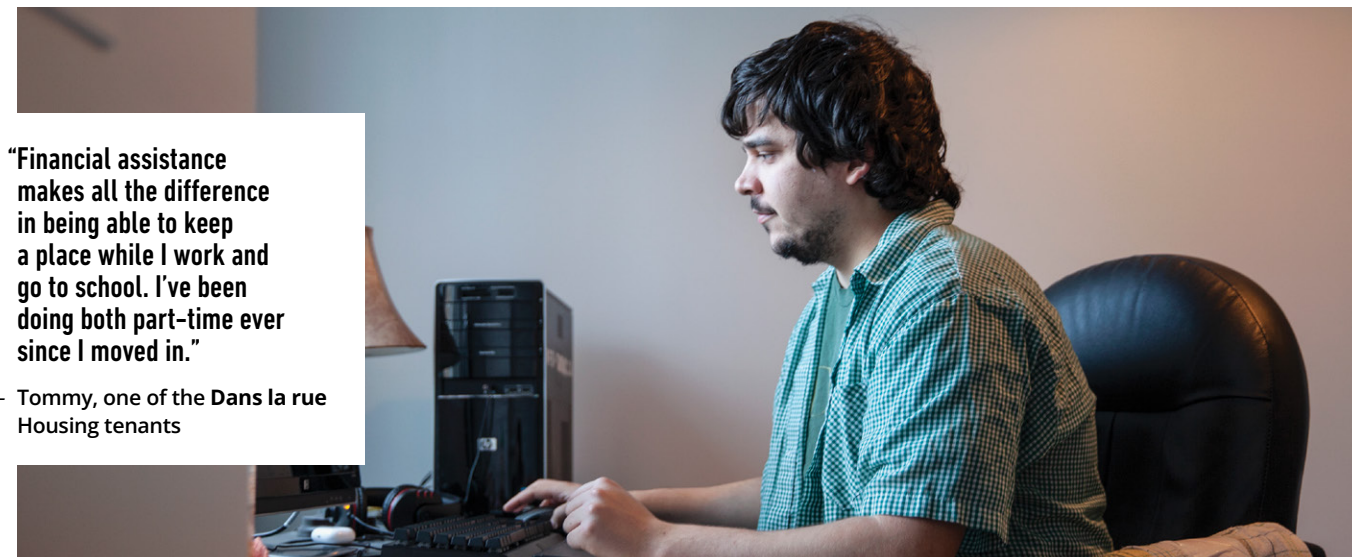
When they first move in, young tenants can experience a flood of emotions, exacerbated by a fear of failure. The challenges that come with having a permanent place to

live are numerous and complex. Fortunately, the on-site counsellors are there to keep them grounded and help them deal with stress linked to past trauma, anxiety surrounding the risk of relapse and issues related to mental and physical health.

The counsellors strive to encourage youth to take advantage of the stability it provides to take concrete steps toward a better future. Tenants need to learn how to socialize and fit into a community setting. With the

counsellors' help, they seek out solutions to change the behaviours they have acquired while living on the street. They are encouraged to express their doubts and anxieties, as well as voice their hopes and dreams.

Most of the residents are involved in organizing regular group meals in the common room, with a set theme. Two former Montreal Canadiens players joined them for one of these dinners to inspire them and share their personal experiences.



“Financial assistance makes all the difference in being able to keep a place while I work and go to school. I’ve been doing both part-time ever since I moved in.”

— Tommy, one of the **Dans la rue** Housing tenants

COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND SOCIAL HOUSING

PART OF THE SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Dans la rue Housing is located in the Montreal borough of Hochelaga-Maisonneuve. It is made up of 17 apartments* plus a communal space and an office.

Tenants are eligible for five years of subsidized housing and have access to on-site counsellors, thanks in part to financial aid from the Support Program for Community Organizations (PSOC).

The 17 residents are between 18 and 30 years of age, are at risk of homelessness and are struggling with mental health and/or addiction issues.

One of the purposes of **Dans la rue** Housing, beyond fostering a stable living environment, is to teach youth how to take care of their own apartment.

The counsellors offer individual support with a personalized plan for achieving each tenant's goals. They can also refer youth to other community resources and provide them with insight and guidance.

Main focuses include helping them keep a budget as well as stepping in to mitigate crises and conflicts between tenants.

The two young families in **Dans la rue** Housing receive community support from our Family Services. This support is tailored to the needs of new parents and addresses mental health and addiction challenges.

RÉALISATIONS

- 3 residents who are unable to work are focusing on personal projects and improving their mental health.
- 2 temporary housing developments in the community were created, with subsidized rent and psychosocial support.
- 2 new residents moved into their apartment
- 3 residents are actively involved in stabilizing their living situation.
- 58% are in school, working or in a reintegration program.

* 13 studios, two one-bedroom apartments, and two two-bedroom apartments for young families.

OUR OUTREACH

COALITION JEUNES+

Coalition Jeunes+ is a Quebec-based coalition that was created in 2018 by **Dans la rue** and is led by community organizations, researchers, groups and youth. The Coalition's goal is to bring together key stakeholders in order to effect positive and lasting change in the prevention of youth homelessness. Its approach is founded on protecting and advocating for the rights of Quebec youth aged 12 to 30 and on preventing and reducing homelessness by ensuring a timely response and ongoing support suited to the needs of youth.

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COALITION JEUNES+ FORUM

Consulting youth: A priority for meeting the needs of the younger generation.

The Coalition Jeunes+ Youth Homelessness Prevention Forum, an initiative sponsored by **Dans la rue**, took place November 18 and 19, 2021, with more than 150 people from across Quebec in attendance, including 50 youth aged 18 to 30. They participated in a series of workshops and presented their ideas to the 12 elected officials in attendance.

These consultations give youth a voice so they can be part of the solution. Their lived experience

is a huge plus in nipping youth homelessness in the bud. Armed with clearer insight into their needs and a more accurate portrait of the situation, we can adapt our services and programs at **Dans la rue** and be a driving force in preventing youth homelessness.

The Forum wrapped up with the drafting of a joint declaration for the prevention of youth homelessness by participants and members of Coalition Jeunes+. On December 8, 2021, Manon Massé (QS) made a

statement to the Quebec National Assembly supporting the declaration, and Martin Ouellet (PQ) tabled a motion to fight youth homelessness, seconded by Lionel Carmant (CAQ). It was adopted unanimously by the legislature.

The declaration is available online and can be signed by scanning the QR code below. Go to the Coalition Jeunes+ Facebook to watch their video: *Legault, faut se donner le go!*



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To provide the best service to our youth, we rely on partners in a number of domains.

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- **Employment:** Centre local d'emploi Centre-sud, GIT, Sentier urbain, Société de développement social.
- **Families:** Head & Hands, La Relance, Poussons-Poussettes, Programme jeunesse du CIUSSS-CSMTL (Protection de la jeunesse), RePère, Répit Providence, Rond-Point.
- **Food and essentials:** Dîners St-Louis.
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- **Legal and administrative aid:** Clinique Droits Devant, Faculty of Law at the Université de Montréal (law students), Faculty of Law at McGill University (law students), Services Québec.
- **Mental and physical health:** AIDS Community Care Montreal (ACCM), Action Jeunesse de l'Ouest-de-l'Île, Anonyme, CACTUS Montréal, Centre de Réadaptation en dépendance, CHUM-Clinique des Jeunes Adultes Psychotiques (JAP), Cirque Hors Piste, Clinique des jeunes de la rue du CIUSSS Centre-Sud-de-l'Île-de-Montréal, Coalition of LGBTQ+ Youth Groups, Diogène, Doctors of the World, Équipe d'intervention intensive de proximité (EQIIP SOL – JAP) et the Unité de psychiatrie des toxicomanies, First Stop and Dialogue (YMCA), FOCUS, Groupe d'intervention alternative par les pairs (GIAP), PlaMP, Plein milieu, Relais Méthadone, RÉZO, Rond-Point, Spectre de rue.
- **Miscellaneous activities:** Darling Foundry, EXEKO, Galerie 2112, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, McCord Museum.
- **Pets:** Veterinary outreach clinic run by the Université de Montréal's Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.

KEY PARTNERS IN SKILLS, RESEARCH AND ENGAGEMENT

Dans la rue also actively works alongside various partners to improve the services available to youth, help broaden knowledge about homelessness and engage the community in finding solutions.

- Association canadienne en santé mentale (ACSM)
- Association des intervenants en dépendance du Québec (AIDQ)
- Initiative canadienne de recherche en abus de substances (CRISM)
- CIUSSS du Centre-Sud-de-l'Île-de-Montréal
- Coalition Jeunes+
- Coalition Vers un chez-soi Canada et communauté nationale d'apprentissage sur l'itinérance jeunesse
- Comité aviseur des partenaires (PDQ 22)
- Comité consultatif Jeunes et itinérance du Service régional des activités communautaires et de l'itinérance, CIUSSS du Centre-Sud-de-l'Île-de-Montréal
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- Étude sur le devenir des jeunes placés (EDJeP)
- Projet de recherche international Gender-ARP (Canada, France, Belgique)
- Projet Sphères
- Regroupement intersectoriel des organismes communautaires de Montréal (RIOCM)
- Regroupement des organismes autonomes jeunesse du Québec (ROCAJQ)
- Réseau d'aide aux personnes seules et itinérantes de Montréal (RAPSIM)
- Réseau de centres d'excellence – Changer de direction (Making the Shift)
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Our volunteers are also our best ambassadors. They embody the values of empathy and respect that were at the heart of everything Pops did, and everything **Dans la rue** continues to do.

Thanks to their efforts, **Dans la rue** can address the many challenges of youth homelessness, deliver high-quality services, and ensure someone is there to listen and provide unconditional support. Through their caring, compassion and devoted service, they continue to develop and nurture our reputation as a leading authority in the field.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ended October 31, 2022,
with corresponding figures for 2021

	2021-2022	2020-2021
REVENUES		
Donations	5,061,961	5,656,147
Bequests	299,977	854,586
Grants	521,976	756,212
Grants – ACCESS project	12,607	5,351
Apartment	211,212	223,237
Special events	199,505	163,000
Amortization of deferred contributions related to fixed assets	97,548	93,427
	6,404,786	7,653,182
EXPENSES		
Day Centre:		
Drop-in	400,023	624,569
Psycho-social services	1,408,451	1,775,747
Support services	1,045,495	915,459
Bunker	595,775	602,435
Van	95,084	109,015
Apartment		
Operating costs	146,972	152,581
Community support services for housing	195,186	117,909
Interest on long-term debt	35,203	36,203
Amortization of fixed assets	94,663	81,433
JALON project	7,184	—
Volunteer coordination	56,315	49,536
Fundraising, gift processing and special events	1,140,330	980,795
Administration	705,258	597,288
Interest and bank charges	75,654	69,365
Amortization of fixed assets	57,533	57,392
	6,059,126	6,169,727
EXCESS OF REVENUES	345,660	1,483,455
OTHER REVENUES	90,266	1,898,779
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	435,926	3,382,234

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