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DANS LA RUE 35 YEARS

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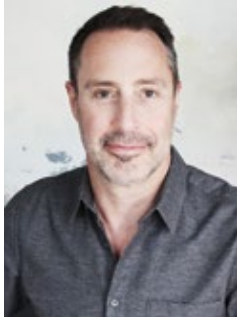
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**A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF OUR BOARD
AND OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

DANS LA RUE TURNS 35

This 35th-anniversary year afforded us an opportunity to celebrate our successes, past and present, and confirm that Dans la rue continues to be a strong and steady force for change, determined to work with our allies to provide an ever-improving array of services.

The past year saw the number of youth we serve return to pre-pandemic levels. We have mixed feelings about this: although we are proud to know that we are still attuned to their needs, we are deeply concerned by this renewed surge in homelessness. The housing crisis, higher cost of living and increase in mental health problems are all very troubling indeed.

We have therefore doubled down on our commitment to supporting youth as they transition away from homelessness and to maintaining an unwavering focus on prevention.

Among our many accomplishments during the year, we worked hand in hand with our partners in the field and leveraged rent subsidy programs to develop community housing solutions for 58 youth.

We increased support for the RIPAJ network of partners, whose goal is to ensure youth struggling with mental health issues have access to better support. We also introduced acupuncture and Wellness

Days to our lineup of services. And, as part of a joint initiative between Dans la rue and Coalition Jeunes+, we tabled three briefs to impress upon the government the urgency of incorporating measures to prevent homelessness in provincial policies and programs.

Our thanks once again go out to our teams, volunteers, board members, donors, partners and friends for locking arms with us as we work to end youth homelessness.

Mark Pathy
Chair of the Board

Cécile Arbaud
Executive Director

OUR MISSION

FOUNDED BY FATHER EMMETT “POPS” JOHNS IN 1988, DANS LA RUE 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.

OUR 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.

That same year, 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.

35 YEARS OF DELIVERING ON POPS’ MISSION TO HELP HOMELESS YOUTH

Since 1988, we have been proud to carry on the work started by our founder, Father Emmett Johns — “Pops,” as he was affectionately known to many.

Over the years, the Montreal community has recognized the importance of Pops’ mission of helping youth and preventing youth homelessness. Today, we continue to reach out to young people in unstable living conditions, with the same indomitable determination as Pops, backed by the essential support of dedicated donors, kind-hearted volunteers and skilled professionals.

“When I think back to the first nights I spent on the Van, never could I have imagined that Dans la rue would be what it is today... We have had an impact on tens of thousands of young lives – and we continue to reach out to more and more every day.”
– “Pops”

Homeless and at-risk youth know that we are here to support them, not only when times are tough but also as they work toward making their dreams come true. In addition to helping vulnerable youth meet their basic needs, Dans la rue offers a range of programs to help them build a better future for themselves.





POPS: FATHER EMMETT JOHNS (1928–2018)

“Our youth haven’t been able to count on much in their lives, but they do know that Dans la rue is here for them. Our constant presence is something they can rely on.”

– “Pops”

Pops would reach out to them, with empathy and without judgment, saying, **“Don’t worry. Forget about the past. Focus on the now. After all, today is the first day of the rest of your life.”**

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.

“Dans la rue has listened to the young people who come to us for help. They tell us what they’ve been through and explain what they need to start a new chapter in their lives. We heard them. And we did something about it.”

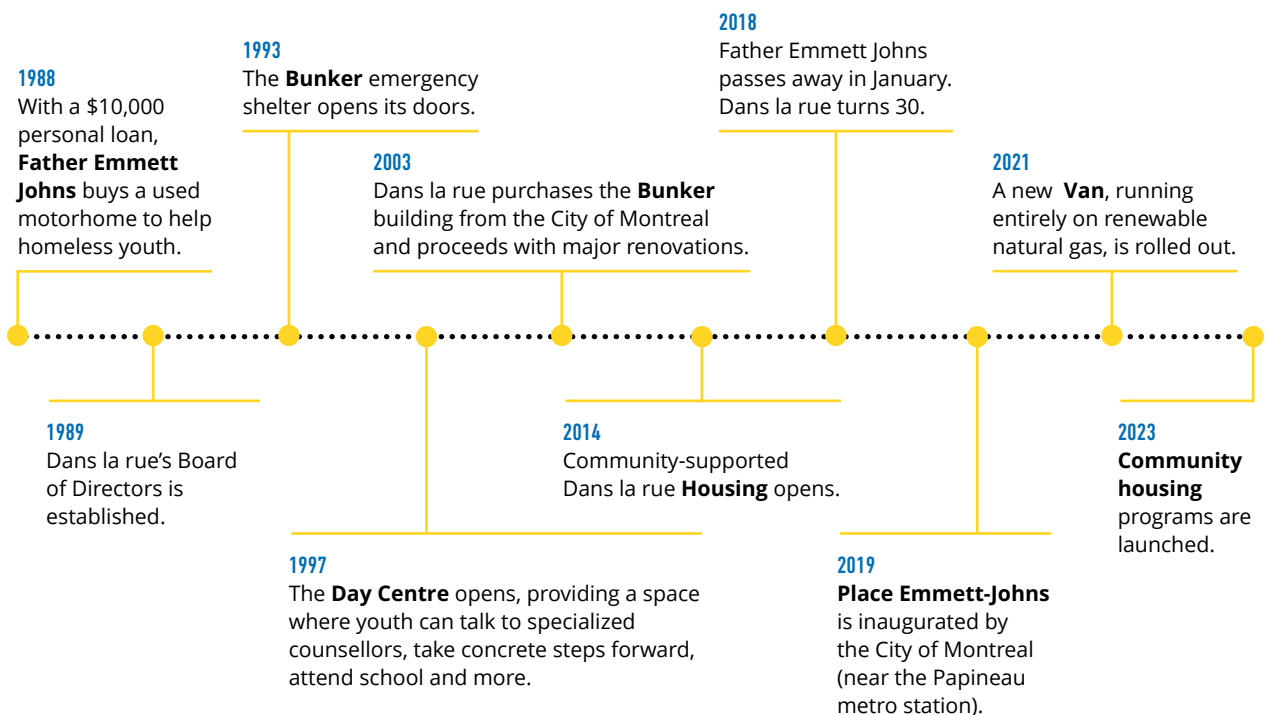
– “Pops”

OUR IMPACT

OUR VISION

Dans la rue is a driving force in preventing youth homelessness through five services:

- THE VAN
- THE BUNKER
- THE DAY CENTRE
- FAMILY SERVICES
- HOUSING



THE YEAR IN NUMBERS



18,200
visits to
the Day Centre
— up 44%

5,275
counselling
sessions
— up 72%

1,690
efforts by Day Centre counsellors
to support mental and physical health
— up 62%

1,700
showers taken at
the Day Centre
— up 64%

1,125
housing
enquiries
— up 60%

125
volunteers

96
young parents
and children
supported by
Family Services



OUR TEAM

The Dans la rue team consists of 100 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. We thank them all from the bottom of our hearts for 35 years of hard work and dedication!



VAN

The Van is a mobile outreach service run by volunteers who bring physical and emotional warmth to homeless youth, and hand out hot dogs, refreshments and basic necessities.



BUNKER

Staffed by a team of specialized counsellors, the Bunker is a mixed-gender emergency shelter offering a range of essential services and support for 12- to 21-year-olds in crisis.



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 helps them get off the streets and permanently transition away from homelessness.



DAY CENTRE

The Day Centre is a safe space where youth can fulfil their basic needs. The on-site counsellors are there to listen and guide them, support them in their efforts to move forward and help them discover new possibilities through various programs and services.



FAMILY SERVICES

Family Services provides assistance to young parents in the Dans la rue community. Counsellors help them develop good parenting skills, put them on the path to greater self-sufficiency, ensure they have access to decent housing and empower them to take care of themselves and their children.



HOUSING

Dans la rue Housing provides youth with an affordable place to live and on-site psychosocial support. The counsellors strive to encourage youth to take advantage of the stable living environment to take concrete steps toward a better future.

DANS LA RUE DES JEUNES – A SPECIAL EVENING CELEBRATING DANS LA RUE'S 35TH ANNIVERSARY

On May 10, 2023, staff, donors, partners, members of the business community and friends of the organization gathered together for the Dans la rue des jeunes event to raise funds and celebrate 35 years of service.

Presented by CN and Sun Life and emceed by Jean-Marie Lapointe, the cocktail reception at Maison Alcan brought in more than \$200,000 to help unhoused youth and prevent others from entering into the cycle of homelessness.

During the evening, some talented musicians who use the music room at the Day Centre performed a few original compositions for an appreciative crowd.



A CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR OF MONTREAL

Dans la rue was honoured to receive a special message from Montreal Mayor Valérie Plante in recognition of our 35 years serving homeless youth.

We had the pleasure of welcoming Josefina Blanco, Montreal city councillor and executive committee member responsible for diversity, social inclusion, homelessness, universal accessibility and the status of women, youth and seniors, and Sterling Downey, member of the Commission sur le développement social et la diversité montréalaise and long-time friend of Dans la rue, as they conveyed the mayor's congratulations and a letter.

20 YEARS OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR VOLUNTEER EDDIE DIKRANIAN

In two decades of volunteering with the Van, Eddie has noticed that he is a better listener and is more sensitive to the plight of homeless youth, having seen for himself how tough life on the streets can be.

“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. In 20 years, I’ve seen a lot of youth come and go, but I’ve always made sure to treat each one of them with respect.”



HIGHLIGHTS

He never judges anyone who comes to the Van. He knows they have a lot on their plate. As they confide their troubles to him, he can feel the trust starting to develop.

JULES CLOUÂTRE AND MAGGIE ROCHON CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF SERVICE AT DANS LA RUE

Counsellors Jules Clouâtre and Maggie Rochon have been the epitome of caring, compassion and consistent support for the youth who come to Dans la rue for the past quarter of a century.

Jules is part of the outreach team that works directly with Day Centre regulars. He was awarded a medal by the Carrefour jeunesse-emploi Montréal Centre-Ville in 2021 for his outstanding contributions to the cause of youth homelessness.

“The youth push us to keep broadening our skill sets and our services,” says Jules.

As for Maggie, she was first acquainted with Dans la rue when she started volunteering with the Van while she was still at school. She eventually did her internship with us. When Family Services was created, she joined the team and has been there ever since. In this role, she helps young parents bond with their children.



“I love what I do,” says Maggie. **“We’re not all equal, that’s for sure. I want to stand up on behalf of the disenfranchised and underprivileged. These youth matter, and their potential is tremendous!”**

VAN

The iconic Dans la rue Van is an enduring symbol of the love Pops had for homeless youth. It is often here that our first connections are made.

The Van is run entirely by a team of hard-working and dedicated volunteers, who listen to youth, provide support and comfort, and refer them to the appropriate services. The mobile outreach service hits the streets five nights a week, making stops in the downtown,

Centre-Sud, Plateau-Mont-Royal and Hochelaga-Maisonneuve neighbourhoods.

Volunteers hand out hot dogs, drinks and basic necessities. Youth are welcome to come aboard to warm up on cold nights and talk to our volunteers. Window service is available to everyone else.

Since 2021, the Van has been fuelled entirely by renewable natural gas, thanks to contributions from several partners. As a result, Dans la rue can continue to serve the city's disenfranchised and underprivileged, only with a smaller carbon footprint.

The Van was on site at the Nuit des sans-abri event at Place Émilie-Gamelin on October 20, 2023, where volunteers distributed hot dogs to people experiencing homelessness.

A special event was organized at the Place des Festivals on September 20, 2023, to celebrate Dans la rue's 35th anniversary. From 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., free hot dogs were handed out to passers-by. Volunteers and staff members were also on hand to share their expertise, give tours of the new Van and answers questions about our organization, our mission and the realities facing marginalized youth.



“When you volunteer with the Van, you’re with a bunch of caring people and youth who are happy to see you and chat with you. It’s a real privilege to be part of it!”

– Marie Dumouchel, volunteer



VAN

22,325
visits to
the Van

4,894
volunteer hours
at the Van
— up 74%

100
visits on average
per night

DANS LA RUE THANKS:

ÉNERGIR

MARCELLE AND JEAN
COUTU FOUNDATION

BUNKER

The Bunker provides a vital service, both as a mixed-gender emergency shelter and as a place where youth in crisis aged 12 to 21 can access a wide range of support services.

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.

Representatives of youth centres in Montreal and the South Shore came to visit the Bunker several times during the year. Together, we explored solutions to stopping youth from running away from care.

85% of those who end up at the Bunker have run away from a youth centre.

Not only does the Bunker target the immediate needs of homeless youth, but it also aims to break the cycle of youth homelessness by providing support that caters to their specific needs. The counsellors listen carefully to them and provide referrals and other services. The Bunker is a safe, secure place that represents a much-needed break from the dangers and stresses of street life.

Special attention is paid to youth who have run away from home or a youth centre, or who express suicidal thoughts. The regular presence of Dans la rue's therapists helps counsellors manage complex

situations and develop adapted solutions where necessary.

The team has expertise in mental health, substance use, discrimination, social exclusion, early school leaving, and gender and sexual diversity. They draw on their knowledge to help keep youth from being exposed to extreme, prolonged and repeat episodes on the streets.

Dans la rue offers an inclusive, judgment-free environment to all youth. For transgender youth, the cut-off age has been extended to 26 so we can better address some of the specific challenges they face.



“We had plenty of challenges to deal with during the year, but there were lots of great moments as well. I’m happy and proud to know that there is place where these youth can go that is safe, inclusive and inviting.”

– Émilie Mandeville, Bunker coordinator



BUNKER

Average age of
the youth served
at the Bunker

19

New hours

**6 p.m. to
10:30 a.m.**

DANS LA RUE THANKS:
CHAMANDY FOUNDATION
HOME DEPOT CANADA
FOUNDATION
SUTTON – QUEBEC,
ITS FRANCHISEES AND BROKERS
HOCKEY HELPS THE HOMELESS

DAY CENTRE

The Day Centre plays a pivotal role in the work done by Dans la rue to support youth in their journey away from vulnerability.

The Day Centre is a safe place that does more than address the basic needs of homeless and at-risk youth. It is part of a broader and comprehensive array of support services that includes social integration and employment programs, access to education, psychosocial support, art and music rooms, well-being and leisure activities, and assistance with administrative, legal and housing matters.

There was a 44% increase in the number of youth who used the Day Centre in 2023 compared to 2022, with nearly 18,200 visits during the year.

Our front-line counsellors have observed that youth are showing greater interest in improving their physical health and taking care of themselves. One example of this is the 93% increase in addiction-related referrals for those looking for solutions to their substance use issues.

ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE YEAR

- **Wellness Days gave youth the opportunity to benefit from self-care that would otherwise not be financially available to them, including hairdressers, barbers, osteopaths, massage therapists, physiotherapists and acupuncturists.**
- **An open mic activity proved very popular and was an opportunity for performers to share their passion with a receptive audience. These included Michael Farkas and Tamar, who visited during Black History Month, and rap artist Souldia.**
- **LGBTQIA2S+ lunches are held every two weeks and are a safe space where youth can talk about their experiences with other members of the queer community.**
- **At the Montreal Pride Festival, Dans la rue had a booth where counsellors and volunteers provided information, promoted prevention and networked with other participants.**
- **A scholarship fund recipient and fashion student who is studying leatherworking held leather workshops twice a month. Many youth attended to learn how to repair their clothes, create useful objects and acquire new skills.**
- **Youth who use the Day Centre's music room facilities wrote a song and produced a music video, as part of a collaboration with rappers Quentin Condo (Q-052) and Christian Nabinacaboo (Naskapi9).**

“I've been able to build up my self-confidence. I found the guidance and encouragement I needed to get over what was holding me back.”

– Sami, a Day Centre regular

A photograph of a school day centre. The room features rows of grey lockers on the left wall, some with colorful sticky notes. In the center, there are wooden tables with blue plastic chairs. A black and blue sports bag with a white 'P' logo sits on one of the tables. In the background, a dark wood bookshelf is filled with books, including one labeled 'FRENCH'. The right side of the image is partially obscured by a yellow graphic overlay.

DAY CENTRE

284
schooling
enquiries
— up 68%

215
immigration
enquiries
— up 174%

146
new youth
welcomed
— up 41%

DANS LA RUE THANKS:

ADLER & LIPKUS
FOUNDATION

ECHO FOUNDATION

FONDATION
JACQUES ET MICHEL AUGER

HOME DEPOT CANADA
FOUNDATION

LISE WATIER FOUNDATION

MARCELLE AND JEAN COUTU
FOUNDATION

MEALSHARE AID
FOUNDATION

MEDAVIE FOUNDATION

PATHY FAMILY
FOUNDATION

PAUL MORIMANNO

RANDSTAD CANADA
CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

ROSSY FOUNDATION

THE OKA & GRÉGOIRE
FOUNDATION



**ART AND MUSIC ROOMS AND
ACTIVITY PROGRAMS**

The purpose of the activity programs at the art and music rooms is to give youth a much-needed break from life on the streets and addiction issues. Athletic and artistic activities are often a springboard toward lasting lifestyle changes, whether that involves eating healthier, giving up drinking or drugs, stabilizing their living or job situation, becoming more physically active or exploring their creativity.

Although most of the youth who use the art and music rooms are there to practise and develop their skills, many also come with the goal of connecting with the counsellors and exploring further avenues to ask for help.

“The youth in the art room need validation, not only for the pain and hardship they have gone through but also as creative and intelligent individuals who have so much to give.”

– Cynthia Sampogna,
psychosocial counsellor
in the art room



CAFETERIA

The Day Centre cafeteria isn't only a place to grab a bite. It is a safe space where youth can relax, hang out with their friends and talk to our counsellors. This is where they often hear about our activities and our programs for the first time, and learn more about the personalized support available to them through Dans la rue.

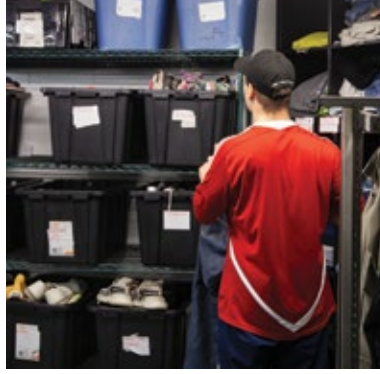
It is nevertheless important to remember that many youth experiencing or at risk of homelessness suffer from nutritional deficiencies. Their energy levels and behaviour can be affected as a result, and this can be a serious impediment to getting their lives back on track. Every year, the Day Centre cafeteria 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 the strength they need to move forward.



ACCESS TO EDUCATION

The Emmett Johns alternative school specializes in helping students develop cross-disciplinary skills through an adapted academic and social integration curriculum. Homeless youth who are interested in going back to school must overcome a number of hurdles to make this happen. These include getting their government-issued identification in order and stabilizing their living situation. Dans la rue is there to ensure the path back to school is as hassle-free as possible so there are no barriers between them and their success.

The number of Dans la rue scholarship awardees doubled in 2023. A school counsellor met monthly with the 14 recipients to check on their progress, see if they needed anything and keep them on track. We also partnered with the Centre Gédéon-Ouimet, an adult education centre. Our counsellor was in touch with the training advisor and social work coordinator at the centre to facilitate students' educational journey.



EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS

Our internal employment program gives youth the chance to work for our organization for six months, in an environment that is tolerant to the challenges they face.

It is this support and guidance from our counsellors that often paves the way to longer-term employment opportunities that put participants on the path toward a more self-sufficient future. This year, two youth who worked at in-house jobs at Dans la rue were measurably more independent by the end of the program: they had a place of their own to live, an active bank account set up and the ID they needed to apply for subsequent jobs — all proof of the value of these efforts.

In our experience, youth often need a helping hand in stabilizing their living situation before they are ready to look for work.

It's simply not realistic to think that someone who is living on the streets or in a shelter can find and keep a job without support. It is worth noting that

DAY CENTRE (CONTINUED)

our counsellors have reported that the housing crisis has had a definite impact on our youth, **with requests for assistance up 60%.**



FAMILY SERVICES

The goal of Family Services is to improve the lives of young marginalized parents by helping them develop better parenting skills, providing emotional support and guiding them in creating an environment that is conducive to the healthy growth and development of their child.

The Family Services team is there for parents from birth to age five. They offer support and practical tools to new parents, provide individual and group programs (including home visits and referrals to partner organizations) and hold activities where participants can meet and interact with other parents.

During the year, we also worked with the Office municipal d'habitation de Montréal to help 17 families obtain subsidized housing, for which rent is established at 25% of household income. These families, two of whom are living at the Dans la rue Housing complex, also benefit from psychosocial support from Family Services.

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 Alima, the Centre intégré universitaire de santé et de services sociaux du Centre-Sud-de-l'île-de-Montréal (CCSMTL), the Centre hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal (CHUM) Birthing Centre, the Centre de pédiatrie sociale Centre-Sud (CPS-CS) and the Portage rehabilitation centre.

ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE YEAR

- New early music appreciation sessions were held in collaboration with the music room and the Day Centre.
- We hosted our annual family Christmas party for the 18th year in a row. This was made possible once again by the generous financial support of Walter Letham, a long-time supporter.
- Outings were organized for four mothers and seven children to enjoy a four-day nature stay at the end of the summer.



“Some of the young parents I work with have no idea how to go about developing a positive emotional connection with their child, having come from a broken home without any role models to learn from.”

– Maggie Rochon, psychosocial counsellor

A child is shown from the back, coloring a line drawing of a dog on a piece of paper. The child is using a black marker to color the dog's tail. The paper is placed on a tablecloth with a red, green, and white Christmas pattern. In the background, there are various art supplies like markers and a box of crayons.

FAMILY SERVICES

96

parents and
children
supported by
Family Services

785

phone calls

HOUSING

Dans la rue Housing provides an affordable housing solution, complete with psychosocial support, to young people who have experienced or are at risk of homelessness.

Opened in 2014 in the Montreal borough of Hochelaga-Maisonneuve, the complex features 17 apartments (15 studio apartments and two apartments for young families enrolled in our Family Services) as well as a communal space and an office. Financial aid from the Support Program for Community Organizations (PSOC) helps make it possible for youth to access a subsidy from the Office municipal d'habitation de Montréal (OMHM) for five years.

The main goal is to ensure youth take full advantage of their newfound stability to focus on moving forward with plans that are meaningful to them and that will be important in forging a brighter future. Counsellors help youth develop social skills and integrate into the group. Together, they work to change some of the behaviours they have picked up on the streets.

The individual support provided by the counsellors comes with a personalized plan for achieving each tenant's goals. Counsellors 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.

DANS LA RUE HOUSING

Two new community housing programs were launched during the year: Logement Jeunesse Montréal, in partnership with Ressources Jeunesse de Saint-Laurent, Ricochet/Action Jeunesse de l'Ouest-de-l'Île and Foyer de jeunes travailleurs et travailleuses de Montréal, and JALON, an initiative developed and run by Dans la rue. These programs are aimed at 18-to-30-year-olds experiencing homelessness who would like to find a place to live on their own but need support to do so. Most have been through the youth protection system and no longer have any family options to turn to.

Program participants are entitled to weekly check-ins, a starter kit and financial assistance in furnishing their apartment and stocking up on grocery staples. Assistance like this is very important for overcoming the instability of homelessness.

Counsellors help youth look for an apartment, communicate with landlords, resolve any conflicts that may arise and develop household budgeting and other core skills. Young tenants often indicate they have mental health needs, in which case counsellors refer them to the appropriate partners. The impacts of the housing crisis and preconceived notions of landlords about younger tenants are also obstacles they need help in overcoming.



HOUSING

“ Having my own place, away from the stress of living on the street, gives me the security, reassurance and stability I need to get ahead in my studies. ”

– Tommy, 26, a Dans la rue housing complex resident

“ Helping youth find their own place is challenging, but I enjoy doing it. ”

– Pearl Meloche, psychosocial counsellor

932
housing
assistance efforts

179
housing
enquiries

35
young
tenants

31
community
suppers

OUR OUTREACH

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

COMITÉ JEUNES+

(youth with lived experience)

Mélodie Cordeau, standing representative and Comité Jeunes+ coordinator

One other designated youth, alternate

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Caroline Dufour, Coordinator and Director, Strategy and Social Impact, Dans la rue

Marie-Eve Brousseau, Engagement Project Leader

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Christine Stich, researcher, McGill University

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Dans la rue – Marie-Noëlle L'Espérance, Director, Prevention, Intervention and Clinical Programs

En Marge 12-17 – Tristan Delorme, Executive Director

Maison Tangente – Johanne Cooper, Executive Director

GROUPS

Regroupement des Auberges du cœur du Québec (RACQ) – Grace Tabaka, Director, Youth Advocacy

Regroupement des organismes autonomes jeunesse du Québec (ROCAJQ) – Fernando Rotta, Communications and Political Analysis

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 who have first-hand experience with homelessness. 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 their needs.

Regroupement pour l'aide aux itinérants et itinérantes de Québec (RAIIQ) – Mary-Lee Plante, Community Organizer

Réseau d'aide aux personnes seules et itinérantes de Montréal (RAPSIM) – Maryane Daigle, Community Organizer

Réseau SOLIDARITÉ Itinérance Québec – Boromir Vallée Dore, Executive Director

INDEPENDENT

Lesley Hill, former commissioner for the Special Commission on the Rights of the Child and Youth Protection (Laurent Commission)

COMITÉ JEUNES+ MEMBERS

Geneviève Caron, Mégane Charron, Mélodie Cordeau, Yami Fortignio, Nicolas Leclair & Tommy Proulx-Roy

COMING IN 2024

The Coalition Jeunes+ will be holding its second Youth Homelessness Prevention Forum on April 30 and May 1, 2024. Following the first forum in 2021, a joint declaration for the prevention of youth homelessness was adopted unanimously by the Quebec National Assembly. The public can sign the declaration by scanning the QR code to the right.



ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE YEAR

- Coalition Jeunes+ took part in several key events related to youth homelessness, including the National Conference on Ending Homelessness in Toronto and the International Transitions from Child Protection Symposium in Vancouver.
- The coalition also contributed to the second edition of *Au-delà des chiffres – L'itinérance à Montréal* published by the Réseau d'aide aux personnes seules et itinérantes de Montréal (RAPSIM).
- Comité Jeunes+ member Yami appeared on the TV show *Tout le monde en parle* with journalists Améli Pineda and Stéphanie Vallet to discuss the opioid crisis.
- The coalition helped organize the Nuit des sans-abri event and hosted an on-site booth focusing on the needs of homeless youth.
- A brief was prepared for the public hearings on the fourth Government Action Plan to Combat Poverty and Social Exclusion.

PARTNERS

KEY SERVICE PARTNERS

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

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Donations	5,299,240	5,061,961
Bequests	1,748,911	299,977
Grants	893,779	521,976
Grants – ACCESS	3,732	12,607
Special events	202,476	199,505
Dans la rue Housing revenue	204,109	211,212
Partnership projects	21,000	—
Amortization of deferred contributions related to fixed assets	101,671	97,548
	8,474,918	6,404,786
EXPENSES		
Day Centre		
Psycho-social services	1,876,949	1,408,451
Support services	1,146,689	1,045,495
Drop-in	482,286	400,023
Bunker	659,534	595,775
Dans la rue Housing		
Community support services for housing	232,192	195,186
Operating costs	114,580	146,972
Interest on long-term debt	34,783	35,203
Amortization of fixed assets	78,451	94,663
LIM project	265,874	—
Van	112,412	95,084
JALON project	77,628	7,184
Fundraising, gift processing and special events	1,112,879	1,140,330
Administration	855,594	705,258
Volunteer coordination	16,481	56,315
Merchant fees and bank charges	89,881	57,533
Amortization of fixed assets	97,521	75,654
	7,253,734	6,059,126
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES BEFORE OTHER REVENUES (EXPENSES)	1,221,184	345,660
OTHER REVENUES (EXPENSES)	203,071	90,266
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	1,424,255	435,926

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