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DIRECTORY OF PLANNED GIVING DONORS

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## HONOURING YOUR GENEROSITY



Hello loyal planned giving donors,

It is with deep gratitude that I present the third edition of Centraide of Greater Montreal's Directory of Planned Giving Donors. This publication includes a summary of the Special 50th Anniversary Planned Giving Campaign, launched as part of our milestone celebrations and recently brought to a close.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to our campaign co-chairs, Ms. Anne-Marie Boucher and Mr. James C. Cherry, as well as to all members of the campaign cabinet. Their inspiring leadership and strong commitment were essential pillars in the success of this groundbreaking initiative. You will discover the results of this unique campaign in the following pages.

#### Thank you for helping us build a better future

Your generosity and commitment enable Centraide to provide lasting support to the 375 agencies working to improve the lives of the most vulnerable. Without you, these vital actions would not be possible.

Planned giving is at the heart of our long-term vision. It ensures the continuity of our mission and strengthens Centraide's impact for generations to come.

Thank you for being part of this great story of solidarity and hope. We look forward to continuing this journey with you.

With all my gratitude,

Claude Pinard President and Executive Director, Centraide of Greater Montreal

## A HISTORIC CAMPAIGN COMES TO A CLOSE: MORE THAN 250 PLEDGES FOR THE FUTURE



Anne-Marie Boucher,
 Co-chair of the Special 50th Anniversary
 Planned Giving Campaign cabinet

Hello everyone,

It is with immense gratitude and pride that we wrap up our Special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planned Giving Campaign. We were overwhelmed by your generosity, engagement and sense of community.

Thanks to your unwavering support and trust, we reached new heights with over 250 planned giving pledges and intentions. This remarkable result testifies not only to your commitment to our cause but also to your long-term vision of a future of fairness and compassion for the most vulnerable members of our community.

One of the focal points of this campaign was raising awareness of planned giving—bequests, gifts of life insurance and other forms of deferred giving. Your openness to exploring these options, and your readiness to act from your conscience and from your heart, have helped lay a solid foundation for the future of our organization and for the many lives we touch.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to the members of the Special 50th Anniversary Planned Giving Campaign cabinet. With their inspiring leadership, exemplary dedication and tireless efforts, they made donors aware of the importance of planning today to build the world of tomorrow. Their contribution has been vital and we are truly grateful.



James C. Cherry,
 Co-chair of the Special 50th Anniversary
 Planned Giving Campaign cabinet

As this campaign concludes, we remain deeply inspired by your spirit of community. Together, we have shown that generosity, combined with a desire to act, can change lives and strengthen our social fabric.

Your ongoing commitment gives us the strength and determination to pursue our mission. We are confident that with your support we can keep building a better future for all. Thank you for believing in Centraide of Greater Montreal and contributing to our shared goal: to make a lasting difference in the lives of vulnerable people.

With all our gratitude,

Anne-Marie Boucher James C. Cherry

Co-chairs of the Special 50th Anniversary Planned Giving Campaign Centraide of Greater Montreal

## SPECIAL 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PLANNED GIVING CAMPAIGN CABINET

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Anne-Marie Boucher Lawyer and corporate director James C. Cherry Corporate director

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## Giving to the Generations Fund or directly to the community



#### **The Generations Fund**

When you earmark your donation for the Generations Fund, you guarantee that your commitment to the Greater Montreal community will continue long into the future. The capital raised—through bequests, gifts of life insurance and endowment funds—is invested to grow the fund.

The returns are then used to make an annual contribution to Centraide of Greater Montreal's campaign and provide ongoing support to community agencies.

As of March 31, 2025, the Generations Fund had \$64.3 million in assets, thanks to the generosity of our donors.

#### Giving directly to the community

Generosity is a legacy that transcends time and generations. By giving directly to the community in your will, you can make a meaningful impact on the lives of those who need it most and help shape a better world.

Among other things, your contribution will support struggling families, secure the present and future of young people, provide decent living conditions and break down the walls of isolation.

By allocating part of your estate to our annual campaign, you exemplify the spirit of community. Your generosity will continue to inspire others and make a difference.

## "I grew up in a family where supporting the community was non-negotiable."

TESTIMONIAL

Sandy Rose

#### A Legacy Rooted in Generosity

For Sandy Rose, giving back has always been a natural part of life — a value deeply instilled by her parents.

"I grew up in a family where supporting the community was non-negotiable," she recalls. "My parents had a dedicated line in their budget for donations, and no matter how tight things got, that line never moved. They taught us that we have a collective responsibility to each other and that sometimes, it means making sacrifices."

That spirit of generosity stayed with Sandy into adulthood. Even during a challenging time when launching her own business and seeing her i ncome drop, she refused to pause her Centraide donation. "I knew I was struggling, but I also knew I had a safety net. Not everyone does. It wasn't even a question for me — giving had to continue."

#### A lasting connection built on trust

Sandy's bond with Centraide began in her first job after university, through a workplace campaign with United Way in Ontario. Later, after moving to Montreal, she volunteered in Centraide's workplace campaigns and participated as a representative on Loan Program<sup>\*</sup> an experience that deepened her understanding of Centraide's model. "Seeing firsthand how Centraide supports a network of agencies made me realize just how crucial they are to the heartbeat of our city. It's an organization that has figured out the role it can play — and plays it beautifully."

Her trust in Centraide is anchored in what she has witnessed on the ground. "I've seen it work not just on paper, but in real life. Nothing gets lost along the way. The impact is real."

That's why Sandy decided to include Centraide in her will — a gesture that felt like a natural extension of her lifelong values.

"For me, including Centraide in my will was never a question. It is just another way to continue what I've always believed in: giving forward. It feels like a way to leave an afterlife hug to the people I love — a gesture that makes sense, that's true to who I am."

Sandy's message is clear: you don't have to be a millionaire to make a meaningful impact.

"It doesn't have to be a huge amount to be life-changing. Every gesture counts."

<sup>\*</sup> The Loan Program — now renamed the Philanthropic Development Associates Program — allows employees from various companies to be temporarily seconded to Centraide to support its annual campaign and help mobilize workplaces.

# "A gift will can be an act of love. An act of recognition. An act of hope."



TESTIMONIAL

Pierre Charbonneau

When Pierre Charbonneau looks back on his career, philanthropy is a discreet but constant connecting thread.

He didn't learn it at school or from books. It was in the workplace—first in Ottawa, then in Montreal at Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton—that the culture of giving entered his world. Centraide's annual campaigns were a big part of it.

As a human resources professional, Pierre had always wanted to help people navigate major life changes. But it was a deeply affecting personal experience that made him think about the impact he wanted to leave behind.

In 2023, Denis Vincent, his partner of almost 50 years, passed away. The loss was profound.

#### A gift from the heart to keep the memory alive

"I had to redraft my will. And as I was doing it, I found it sad that everything would end there. I wanted a continuation. Denis and I did everything together. I didn't want the gift to come from just Pierre Charbonneau. I wanted it to be from Pierre Charbonneau and Denis Vincent."

The need to leave a joint legacy, to keep their shared commitment alive even after death, led Pierre to include a planned gift to Centraide of Greater Montreal in his will.

His choice was not random. Pierre was very involved in Centraide. He was a member of the Centraide Board and the Centraide Foundation's Board. He has seen Centraide's professionalism, rigour and impact from the inside.

"Centraide is a pillar of our community, a vital

#### "We're more fortunate than we think."

Pierre doesn't see his gift as an act of generosity but as a recognition of his own good fortune—and a way to share it.

"No matter how much we make, we're often luckier than many people around us. And if we don't contribute a little, who will? The government can't do everything. It's up to us too."

force for good in Greater Montreal. They know exactly where the needs are and make informed choices to meet them. I myself wouldn't be able to give to all the agencies that need support. But Centraide can. They make sure the money goes where it counts."

Pierre sees planned giving as a concrete way to give back to the community. And, on a more personal level, as a way to keep memory alive.

"Denis and I didn't have children. In our generation, that wasn't common for same-sex couples. But I didn't want to think that this was the end. Making a gift that will live on over time is a way to extend something of ourselves into the future."

Pierre Charbonneau's gift reminds us that a will can be much more than a legal document. It can be an act of love. An act of recognition. An act of hope.

And above all, a way to continue building a more just world, one gift at a time.

Your planned gift to Centraide of Greater Montreal is an invaluable contribution. By supporting thousands of families and individuals in vulnerable situations, your values of generosity live on.

> Centraide is a perpetual symbol of solidarity that cultivates social development through the network of over 375 agencies that it supports. Your contribution becomes an everlasting memory that makes an enduring impact on the city where you grew up, studied or worked.

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The Generations' Circle includes donors who believe strongly in Centraide's mission and have made a planned giving pledge to support future generations. We are grateful to each of you and we thank you warmly for your commitment, which enables us to support more than 375 community agencies.

#### **GENERATIONS' CIRCLE MEMBERS**

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## **PLANNED GIVING INTENTIONS**

We are grateful to everyone who pledged to make a planned gift during our Special 50th Anniversary Planned Giving Campaign. Your generosity and far-sighted vision will have a long-term impact on our community. Thanks to you, we can continue to build a more inclusive future without poverty.

- Lucie Arcand
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- Céline Saint-Pierre
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## IN MEMORIAM AND IN HONOUR DONATIONS

We would like to express our deep gratitude to all those who made an *in memoriam* donation. Your generous gift and your support at this difficult time mean a great deal to us. Your compassion enables us to continue our mission.

During 2023-2024, Centraide of Greater Montreal received **190** *in memoriam* and in honour donations totalling more than **\$45,000**.

Centraide of Greater Montreal thanks all these donors.

## **OTHER LASTING GIFTS**

Year after year, generous donors make substantial contributions to the Generations Fund, generating long-term income for Centraide of Greater Montreal.

- Francine Côté and Bernard Dorval Foundation
- Solidarity fund Micheline Labelle Patrice Robillard
- Jean Gaulin Family Foundation
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