

# The Torch



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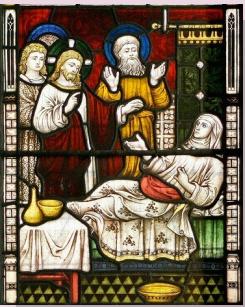
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**LEADERSHIP SPRING 2018** The spring leadership session is being held on April 18th and 19th at the Delta President Kennedy in Montreal.

Keynote speakers include:

Christopher De Bono, VP of Mission, Ethics and Spirituality at Providence Health Care, Vancouver

Jayne Hall, Executive Director and co-founder of Outflow Ministry Inc., and operations manager of Catapult Industry



**Le Foyer Notre Dame de Lourdes, Bathurst,**



Léo Paul Sonier, Executive Director of Le Foyer Notre Dame de Lourdes has accepted a new career opportunity. We wish him success and thank him for his hard work at Le Foyer Notre Dame de Lourdes.

All the best Léo Paul!



CATHOLIC HEALTH ALLIANCE OF CANADA

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018



Wednesday May 9 to Friday May 11, 2018  
Marriott Gateway on the Falls, Niagara Falls

**Towards Formation: Creating the path to strong lay leadership of the healing ministry of Jesus Christ in Canada**

The conference explores the theme of "formation" with a view to strengthening our Catholic health care community's ability to develop strong and effective lay leadership across Canada.

Early Bird registration deadline: March 15, 2018

Further information can be found on the CHAC website.

## APPOINTMENT

We would like to announce the appointment of Mrs. Renée Morrison as Executive Director of Le Foyer Notre Dame de Lourdes, effective February 5th.

In addition to her experience with the New Brunswick Community College network, Ms. Morrison has extensive health experience with the Vitalité Health Network, where she has worked for many years.

Welcome Renée!



Inpatient Care Team  
Members

### CONTINUOUS PERIOD OF ZERO INPATIENT FALLS AT ASPIRUS LANGLADE HOSPITAL

March 2018 will represent an 8 month continuous period of zero Inpatient Falls at Aspirus Llanglade Hospital.

Falls are the single most common adverse event in hospitals and are the leading cause of injury and death in older adults. Falls are associated with increased length of stay and poor health outcomes. In 2017 the hospital recognized an increase in the number of patient falls. In May of 2017, the Aspirus system adopted a best practice falls prevention program known as Hester Davis. Since that time, on-going education and best practice engagement by the Inpatient Team has shown amazing results.

The hospital implemented a new fall risk assessment that is completed every shift by the nurse. The assessment helps determine if the patient is at risk for falling and specific interventions are put into place to reduce that risk. The nursing staff individualizes each patient's plan of care.

Families are encouraged to partner with hospital staff to reduce the risk of falls. Patients are educated and encouraged to call for help and not to get up alone. Some patients require alarms that alert staff they are trying to get up alone. The staff responds to these alarms in a very timely manner.

According to Sherry Bunten, Director of Patient Care Services, "Our staff is dedicated to keeping our patients safe. They all do an excellent job of following the fall prevention program. Every team member who enters a patient's room has a responsibility to help in preventing patient falls. Staff is engaged and excited to see the results of the program."

Aspirus Llanglade Hospital is sponsored by Catholic Health Partners, Inc. and the Corporate Members of Llanglade Hospital are Aspirus, Inc. and the Religious Hospitaliers of St. Joseph Health Corporation. Aspirus is a non-profit, community-directed health system based in Wausau, Wisconsin. The integrated system includes four hospitals in Michigan and four hospitals in Wisconsin, 50 clinics, home health and hospice care, pharmacies, critical care and helicopter transport, medical goods, nursing homes and high-quality affiliated physicians.

### Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare patients are going for gold



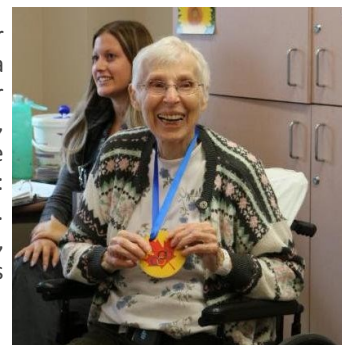
The Olympic Spirit was alive and well at Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare's Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit (Rehab 1) in the Dr. Y. Emara Centre for Healthy Aging and Mobility as patients competed on their very own 'world' stage.

As a way to further engage the patients on Rehab 1 in their restorative care journey, each day they participated alongside their favourite Canadian athletes as they raced to the top of their own personal growth podium.

Just as countries across our globe watched the beginning of the 23rd Winter Olympic Games, on February 8th, the patients gathered to celebrate Canadian athletes and to hold their own opening ceremony. The Olympic torch bearer and patient, Ann, led the procession around the unit. She was followed by patient Edward who proudly waved the Canadian flag, and other patients and staff as they sang our national anthem.

On Friday, February 16th, groups of patients received a gold medal for successfully completing each and every session of their personalized program of physiotherapy, occupational therapy and group exercise throughout the week. The excitement and sense of pride that could be seen on the faces of all patients as they and their fellow 'competitors' received their medals was truly magical.

During the medal ceremony, four staff members also received a special gift for being voted by their patients, families, and colleagues, as the most representative of the Values of the Olympic Games: Friendship, Respect and Excellence. Congratulations to Louise, MJ, Lynda and Blair for receiving this special honour.



### IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS!

#### Joint Leadership Council—Montreal

April 19th & 20th

Delta Hotel President Kennedy Montreal, QC

March 14, 2018 CHI Board meeting

April 4, 2018 CHANB Board meeting

April 17, 2018 CHI Corporate Meetings

May 16, 2018 CHI Board meeting

June 6, 2018 CHANB Board meeting

June 20 - 22, 2018 CHI Annual General Meetings

CHANB Annual Conference September 20 & 21, 2018

CHAO Annual Conference September 27 & 28, 2018