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Purolator Tackle Hunger and the Kingston Frontenacs support the Partners in Mission Foodbank

On January 24th the Purolator Tackle Hunger program collaborated with the Kingston Frontenacs, from the Ontario Hockey League, to raise approximately \$900 for the Partners in Mission Foodbank. Volunteers from Purolator and the Partners in Mission Food Bank were at the game to collect donations of money and food.

In 2019 Partners in Mission distributed 13,286 hampers up 1.7% over 2018. They shared 29,768 lbs of food with other agencies and distributed more than 1.1 million pounds of food.

Partners in Mission wishes to thank Purolator and the Kingston Frontenacs for their support.



IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

CHI Board Meeting Dates:

Mar 18, 2020 Apr 8, 2020 Jun 2-3, 2020
June 10, 2020.

CHI Strategic Planning

April 29-May 1, 2020— St. Andrews

Catholic Health Alliance of Canada 2020 Conference

**Towards a New Legacy:
Becoming Beacons of Hope for the Future**
May 13-15, 2020—Montreal

Spring Leadership

May 13, 2020—Montreal

Catholic Health Formation Module 2 (English)

May 26-28, 2020—Montreal

CHANB Conference

Sep 17-18, 2020—Miramichi

CHAO Annual Conference

Oct 22—23—Toronto

Hotel Dieu Grace Healthcare celebrate “A Century of Grace”

On Saturday, February 8th, over 400 Grace Hospital Graduates, former employees, and community members with connections to the beloved Salvation Army Grace Hospital gathered to celebrate its 100-year legacy. On February 1, 1920 Windsor's second hospital, and the Salvation Army's first general hospital, was opened to carry on the Army's mission of mercy. Grace quickly became the place for patient-centred care and had a lasting impact on all those who walked through its doors. Before its doors were officially closed in 2004, over 1,500 nurses were graduated from the hospital's School of Nursing, tens of thousands of babies were welcomed into the world, and the entire Windsor-Essex community benefited from the care of Grace Hospital. Today, over 100 years and numerous changes later, Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare stands today, proud to carry the Grace name now and into the future.

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Hotel Dieu Hospital Annual Coat Drive

Coat drive brings warmth to more than 1000 people in Kingston

Thanks to many generous donations, living the Mission of being a caring and just community at Hotel Dieu Hospital in Kingston translated into a warmer winter for hundreds in Kingston this year.

When the annual Hotel Dieu Hospital/St. Mary's Cathedral Winter Coat Drive wrapped up on January 17th, the distribution center at St. Mary's Parish Hall had handed out almost 3000 warm winter coats and

accessories. In total, 1062 people (compared to 964 last year) visited the distribution location.

"While it's never encouraging to see such a high level of need, it's very heartening to see the generosity that allowed such a fulsome response," says Elizabeth Bardon, VP Mission & Strategy Integration and Support Services at the Hotel Dieu Hospital site of Kingston Health Sciences Centre. "This was our busiest season ever and, fortunately, we had more inventory than ever before!" "The annual Coat Drive is a project close to our hearts at Hotel Dieu Hospital,"

she says. "We're so grateful that staff, volunteers and community members rally every year to support those in need, especially those who might be out on our streets in bone-chilling weather this winter."



Mission Integration Committee Packs for WEB



Members of the Aspirus Langlade Hospital Mission Integration Committee volunteer as part of the Weekend Backpack Program. In 2015 a Community Needs Assessment found that food insecurity was a problem in Langlade County, especially for children. The committee decided that providing backpacks that contain enough nutritious and easy-to-prepare food to supplement each child's diet through the weekend was the way forward. From October to May, about 300 backpacks are prepared weekly on Wednesday evenings and sent home with children from every school in the Antigo area on Fridays. Although Aspirus Langlade Hospital continues to champion the program, it has now become a community-wide volunteer effort. Thank you for all you do for the community!

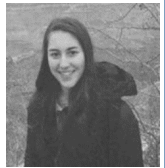


From left to right: Janelle Markgraf, Mike Lawton, Jen Matuszewski (and her son Wyatt), Alison Tait, Jason Noskowiak and Carolyn Cahak

2019 Founders Scholarship



The 2019 recipient of the CHANB French Founders Scholarship is [Marie-Christine Noël](#) from Dieppe. Marie-Christine is in her fourth year of the Bachelor of Nursing program at Université de Moncton. She is strong athlete and an avid volunteer, including with the Université de Moncton S.M.I.L.E. program. Marie-Christine is an excellent student and actively involved in her community. Once she completes her degree she is considering further studies to become a Nurse Practitioner. Congratulations Marie-Christine and best wishes in your nursing vocation.



The 2019 recipient of the CHANB English Founders Scholarship is [Abigail McFawn](#) from Fredericton. Abigail is a third-year student at University of New Brunswick who is completing her Bachelor of Health Sciences with a major in Radiography. She is one of six students to be accepted into The Moncton Hospital School of Radiologic Technology. Her excellent academic standing, her passion and ambition for health care, and her devotion to her community made Abigail a deserving recipient of CHANB's Founders Scholarship. Congratulations Abigail and best wishes in your studies.

