

IMPORTANT DATES

& EVENTS

CHI Board Meeting Dates:

Mar 18, 2020

Apr 8, 2020

Jun 2-3, 2020

World Day of the Sick

February 11, 2020

CHI Strategic Planning

April 29-May 1, 2020

Spring Leadership

May 13, 2020

Catholic Health Alliance of Canada 2020 Conference

May 13-15, 2020

Catholic Health Formation Module 2 (English)

May 26-28, 2020

CHANB Conference

Sep 17-18, 2020

CHAO Conference

Oct 22-23, 2020

Hotel Dieu Shaver's 2019 Spirit Award

Sister Louise Dillon, Director of Mission and Pastoral Services at Hotel Dieu Shaver Health and Rehabilitation Centre presented the 2019 SPIRIT Award to Nancy Gannon at their recent Employee Recognition Evening. This award is given in recognition of those who particularly live the mission. Congratulations Nancy!



St. Joseph's Auxiliary celebrates 90 years

For nearly a century, members of the St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary have been lending their time and energy toward countless health care initiatives at St. Joseph's Hospital aimed at keeping people healthy in the Saint John area.

The auxiliary is still going strong today as a cornerstone of their community. In October, the organization – whose roots run deep in the Port City – marked a major milestone after commemorating its 90-year anniversary during a special ceremony that involved the auxiliary's many volunteers.

Today, the auxiliary remains a vital part of the fabric at St. Joseph's and is driven by a pool of 217 dedicated volunteers.

Among their many activities, the auxiliary hosts fundraising fashion shows, sell tickets on Mother's Day and Christmas baskets, host bingos and birthday parties for patients, knit hats for newborn babies, and donate toys to children in urgent care. For visitors, the organization is perhaps best known for overseeing the operation of the lobby gift shop, Jo's Boutique. Ten years ago, the auxiliary also opened its new hair salon – Saintly Scissors – which is available to both patients and staff. All profits are placed directly back into the hospital and providing comfort to its patients.

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Sister Theresa Shannon retires

After many years of faithful service, Sister Theresa Shannon announced in November 2019 that she would be retiring from her role providing spiritual hospitality at Kingston's Hotel Dieu Hospital. An appreciation event was held at the hospital to thank Sr. Shannon for the compassion she offered over many years as she did rounds in the Urgent Care Centre, Pre-Surgical Screening area and Day Surgery units. Current and retired staff, volunteers, RHSJ Associates, Board members, and clergy attended to express their gratitude and offer their best wishes.



Sr. Shannon with a volunteer.



Dr. Pichora, Sr. Larocque and Sr. Shannon



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A Guiding Hand

Overflowing with optimism and a commitment to her clients and colleagues, Andjela Andric, Chemical Dependency Counsellor with Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare's Withdrawal Management Centre, is the most recent recipient of the Values In Action Award as part of the Changing Lives Together Recognition program.

This monthly award recognizes an individual whose actions exemplify the values of Respect, Teamwork, Compassion, and Social Responsibility and Andjela possesses all four and has been noticed for it.

As part of this nomination, Andjela will be considered for the Outstanding Demonstration of HDGH Values Presidents Award in spring 2020.

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Hotel Dieu Hospital offers safe public space

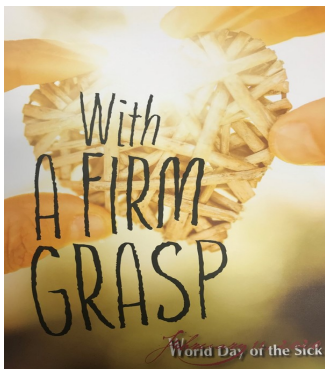
Hotel Dieu Hospital in Kingston has a very innovative program that highlights their mission to the homeless and vulnerably housed. The program was put in place last year and offers a “warming station” when Public Health declares a cold emergency.

When a “Cold Weather Alert” is issued, a notice is sent to a variety of departments in order for them to prepare for their visitors. The notice states “Given its proximity to the downtown core Hotel Dieu Hospital site’s main lobby often serves as a safe public space for the homeless or vulnerably housed to warm up during regular daytime hours, and they are welcome to use our publicly accessible lobby for this purpose. This is part of our mission of caring.”

In addition to providing a warm safe place for people to get out of the cold, warm drinks are made available at no charge. Staff are encouraged to direct people to the lobby who may benefit from this service. Congratulations to Hotel Dieu Hospital for this compassionate and innovative program.



World Day of the Sick 2020



February 11th is the 28th World Day of the Sick. Materials have been distributed to all CHI facilities to help you celebrate this important event. The theme for this year’s celebration is “With a Firm Grasp.”

With a firm grasp
I share the light
With a firm grasp
I welcome the light
With a firm grasp
I make the light shine forth

HOTEL DIEU SHAVER CELEBRATES MISSION & SPIRITUAL CARE WEEKS

Recently Hotel Dieu Shaver Health and Rehabilitation Centre celebrated two important weeks in the life of their mission. Spiritual and Religious Care Week was celebrated the week of October 21-25, 2019. The theme of the week was “Cultivating Spaces for Healing”. Photos of the healing garden, the labyrinth, chapel and a patient room were depicted as examples of spaces for healing.

Mission Week was celebrated the week of November 4-8th, 2019. A display board in the front entrance of the Inpatient building depicted various aspects of how Hotel Dieu Shaver lives out their mission and values.



Sisters of Charity Celebrate 165 Years

For the 165th anniversary of their founding, the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception organized a “Festival of Thanksgiving” to celebrate “165 years of grace and gratitude.” Held in October, those Sisters who live elsewhere in Canada returned to Saint John to join with their whole community in worship and fellowship. A new historical exhibition was commissioned and is now on display in the Ruth Ross Residence, highlighting moments of grace” from the past. We wish to congratulate the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception as they celebrate their tradition of caring and compassion.

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