

HAPPY NEW YEAR



MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH BEGINS NEW ROLE

Recently, Mount Saint Joseph in Miramichi NB opened 18 memory care beds. These beds are approved by the New Brunswick Department of Social Development for seniors with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. At present, 9 beds are occupied. Debbie Walls, administrator, says "we see this as the start of bigger and better things. We're excited to be providing this new service to the community." She notes that

the unit seeks to provide the best possible quality of life for people living with dementia, who are still mobile, and need a high level of skilled care and supervision they can't get in their own homes. CHI congratulates Debbie, the Board of Directors and all staff at Mount Saint Joseph and wishes them the best in this new and expanding role.



Mount St. Joseph administrator Debbie Walls explains the tub room created as part of the former nursing home's new memory care unit. The Lobban Avenue facility now has 18 memory care beds for people living with Alzheimer's disease and dementia. PHOTO: NATHAN DELONG/MIRAMICHI LEADER

Adapted from an article by Nathan Delong in the *Miramichi Leader*.



Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare receives Healthy Workplace Awards



Recently, Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare in Windsor ON was awarded three gold medals by the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit, Working Toward Wellness Committee, Canadian Mental Health Association – Windsor-Essex County Branch, and Family Services Windsor-Essex for their healthy working environment. The awards recognize excellence in Health & Safety, Mental Health Promotion and Organizational Social Responsibility. CHI congratulates Janice, the Board of Directors and all staff at Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare for this well deserved recognition.

Catholic Leadership Formation Alumni Virtual Education Workshop

Are you a graduate of the Catholic Leadership Formation Program? If so you are invited to attend a free virtual education session with Michel Drisdelle, M.A. Counselling Psychologist titled *Compassion Fatigue: There Are Other Options*. This session will be offered in English on Tuesday February 23rd at 2:00 pm (Atlantic time) and in French on Thursday February 25th at 1:00 pm (Atlantic time). Details on how to register for the workshop will be emailed to all Alumni directly. Hold the date.



THE CATHOLIC HEALTH INTERNATIONAL 2021

Volunteer Excellence Awards

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Catholic Health International recognizes the tremendous dedication of our volunteers and is pleased to accept nominations for the Annual Volunteer Recognition Award. This award celebrates those who have demonstrated a commitment to volunteerism in your facility. Volunteers' gift of time is invaluable to our patients, clients and staff.

Click on the link to nominate. [Nominate now](#) or go to our website: www.catholichealthpartners.com
Deadline June 30, 2021.



Remembering Sister Irene Duchesneau, RHSJ - One of Catholic Health International's Founders

Sister Irene Duchesneau, RHSJ one of the founders of Catholic Health International, died December 5th, 2020 at her residence in Winooski, Vermont. A native of Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts, Sister Irene entered the convent in 1948. She held a B.S. in Nursing and a Masters in Nursing Administration. She was a former member of the General Council of her Order as well as holding many positions in the schools of nursing and leadership in many organizations. Sister Irene was a member of the Task Force established by the General Council of the Religious Hospitallers of Saint Joseph which studied and founded Catholic Health Partners Inc. now known as Catholic Health International. She was a visionary and unwavering in her unequivocal dedication to providing quality of life to those in greatest need; the homeless, alienated, vulnerable, disenfranchised, faithful to the timeless mission of the Religious Hospitallers of Saint Joseph. Our prayers go out to her congregation, friends and family and she will be greatly missed.



Emmanuel Care in Saskatchewan announces change in leadership



CHI welcomes Ms. Karen Barber in her new role as President & CEO of Emmanuel Care (Saskatchewan Catholic Health Corporation) effective February 1, 2021. For the past ten

years Karen has been the Executive Lead of Strategy and Innovation for Emmanuel Care. This announcement follows the retirement of the present President & CEO, Mr. Scott Irwin. Scott has served in that role with dedication, for the past thirteen years. CHI thanks him for his many years of dedication to the Catholic health ministry, both provincially and nationally.



Important Dates and Events

CHI Board Meeting Dates via Zoom:

February 17, 2021

March 10, 2021

April 14, 2021

June 2-3, 2021 – Annual Corporate meetings

June 17-18, 2020 – CHP Annual

Leadership Formation Program (French) – Module 1: June 15th-17th, 2021 in Tracadie, New Brunswick pending COVID-19 restrictions.

Accepting registrations for new students on the CHI website and space is limited.

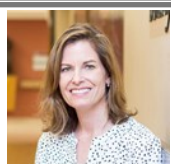
Leadership Formation Program (English) – Module 2: Montreal, Quebec – pending COVID-19.

This program already has all students registered.

Accepting applications for Spring 2022 from new students in Module 1 - English program on the CHI website.



Catholic Health Sponsors of Ontario appoints new President and CEO.



Beth Johnson was recently named as the President & CEO of Catholic Health Sponsors of Ontario (CHSO) and the Catholic Congregational Legacy Charity (CCLC). Beth, most recently, was the Executive Director of Mission Integration, Volunteer and Visitor Services at Unity Health Toronto, as well as the Coordinator of the CHSO Mission Leadership Program. CHI welcomes Beth to this important role and looks forward to our continued collaboration.

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Nature photography for CHI publications

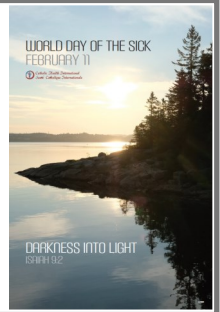
Catholic Health International is asking staff, leadership, Boards of Directors/Trustees, Advisory members and anyone associated with our facilities to share their photographs of nature from their local areas. We would like to use those photos in our publications and bring attention to the beauty that surrounds us all. Please forward any photographs you are willing to share to Heather Oakley at hoakley@chpci.com. Credit will be given to the photographer for any photos published.





World Day of the Sick 2021

February 11th is the 29th World Day of the Sick. Materials have been distributed to all Catholic Health International facilities to help you celebrate this important event. In Pope Francis' message he notes that the "pandemic has highlighted the dedication and generosity of healthcare personnel, volunteers, support staff, priests, men and women religious, all of whom have helped, treated, comforted and served so many of the sick and their families with professionalism, self-giving, responsibility and love of neighbour." We encourage you to celebrate this special day at your facility.



CHI Christmas Celebrations



Our CHI facilities had many different Christmas celebrations last month. At Foyer Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes, in Bathurst NB, some of the residents helped with the tree decorating and the staff at Hotel Dieu Grace Healthcare in Windsor ON with their Giving Tree which is a celebration of "Giving" rather than "Gathering".



Rise Up and Reach Out: The Pandemic Calls Forth the Compassionate Healing Ministry of Jesus

COVID-19 Information and Resources on the CHI Website



National Conference 2021

Catholic Health Alliance of Canada Virtual National Conference will be held on May 6 and 7, 2021. Due to the ongoing public health recommendations around large gatherings, CHAC will be presenting the 2021 conference online. The conference will continue to offer the same fantastic caliber of content which includes an excellent selection of vibrant, knowledgeable keynote speakers. Gathering in communion to build and sustain our shared sense of community is important for the Catholic health ministry. In-person conferences will continue in future years, when pandemic travel restrictions allow.

As we continue to navigate these difficult times during the pandemic CHI wants to remind you of a variety of different resources available on our website. Included in these resources are links to papers prepared by the CHAC Ethicists Network on topics such as Ethical Issues Concerning Vaccines, Visitor Restrictions, Duty to Provide Care, Ethical Considerations in the Care and Treatment of Seniors in Long Term Care, Moral Distress and our CHI Ethical Decision Making Framework. Please share this information with all those you think might benefit and should you have any resources you would like to share with the CHI community please forward them to David Levangie at dlevangie@chpchi.com.

Join Conference

Virtual via Zoom

Thursday May 6, 2021 & Friday May 7, 2021

1100h - 1600h EST

For updates about the conference go to: www.chac.ca
or contact Cheryl Spencer, Administrative and Events Coordinator,
e-mail: CSpencer@chpca.net

THE TORCH

Torch is a monthly publication of Catholic Health International. We are always looking for articles that exemplify the mission of our CHI facilities. Please forward any items you think would be of interest to our readers to David Levangie, Vice President Communications / Professional Development at dlevangie@chpchi.com

Catholic Health International is committed to perpetuating the healing ministry of Jesus in the spirit of the founding Sisters