



THE TORCH

The Newsletter of Catholic Health International

CHI Congratulates the 2021 Volunteer Excellence Award Winners

Each year Catholic Health International recognizes the tremendous dedication of volunteers through our Annual Volunteer Excellence Awards. This annual award is presented during National Catholic Healthcare Week at many of our facilities. These volunteers demonstrate the spirit of volunteerism, reflect the organization's mission and values, promote the facility and empower and educate others to volunteer. In this edition of Torch we will be sharing several of their stories.



Rocmaura
a community of caring people
Foundation

This year's recipient at the Rocmaura Foundation in Saint John NB is Rod Flood who was presented with the certificate by Rocmaura Foundation Board Chair Jen Butler. Rod has served on both the Rocmaura Board of Directors and the Rocmaura Foundation Board, including as Chair.

He has participated in the Foundation's annual curling fun spiels and Galas, and has supported the Foundation through his involvement with the Rotary Club which helped Rocmaura purchase a new bus and wheelchair scale. He has been an active member of several of the Foundation campaigns and he visits the nursing home regularly with his pet therapy dog Kenny! Congratulations Rod.



Hotel Dieu Shaver
HEALTH AND REHABILITATION CENTRE

This year's recipient at Hotel Dieu Shaver in St. Catharines' ON is Jim

Prescott. Jim, as a Patient and Family Advisor, assists Hotel Dieu Shaver and Hotel Dieu Shaver Foundation in a variety of capacities including most recently being named a provincial representative on the Quality Unit of Ontario. He will provide a strong voice for rehabilitation and complex care. Jim also continues to leave a lasting impression on our Regional Stroke Rehabilitation program. As a past patient, he is a member of Survivors of Stroke inspiring past stroke patients through their recovery, even recording radio ads to bring awareness to the Hotel Dieu Shaver program. Well done Jim and congratulations.

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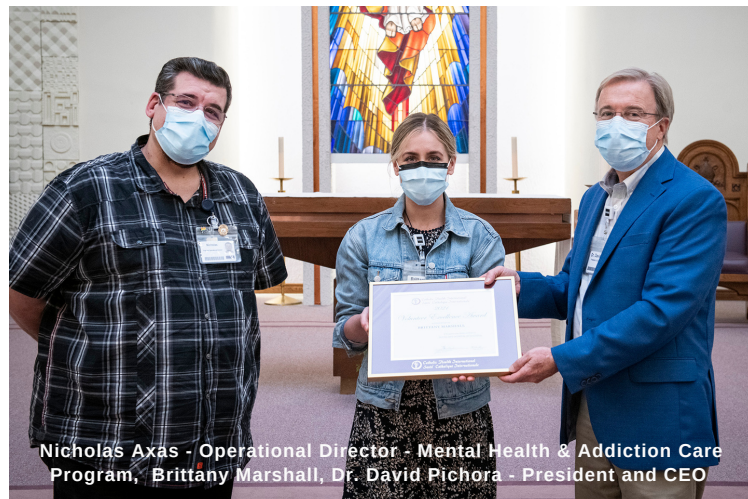


Karelle Guignard - Facility Representative, Sr Thérèse Belliveau - Advisory Committee, Léona Bernard, Adéland Cormier - Advisory Committee Chairperson, Sr Judith Fitzgerald - Advisory Committee and CHI Board



Les Religieuses de
Notre-Dame-du-Sacré-Cœur

Hôpital Stella-Maris-de-Kent, in Sainte-Anne-de-Kent NB recently awarded Léona Bernard, their 2021 Volunteer Award. Léona has worked as a school psychologist for over 31 years. She has been a very active volunteer in the community, including at the Acadian Games, Kent Center for the Prevention of Family Violence (Past President) and a member of the Kent Center for Social Pediatrics. Léona has been a particularly active volunteer at the hospital, including as the Vice-President of the Foundation "Les Ami.e.s de l'Hôpital Stella-Maris-de-Kent," a Campaign Manager for the North Star Campaign (a fund raiser for 8 different hospital foundations in New Brunswick) and an active member of the Hôpital Stella-Maris-de-Kent Advisory Committee. Léona has a big heart, is very dedicated and is committed to the needs of her community. Merci Léona for all you do for your community.



Nicholas Axas - Operational Director - Mental Health & Addiction Care Program, Brittany Marshall, Dr. David Pichora - President and CEO



Hôpital
Hotel Dieu
Hospital

Dr. David Pichora, President and CEO of Kingston Health Sciences Centre along with Nicholas Axas, Operational Director of the Mental Health and Addiction Care Program recently presented the CHI Volunteer Excellence Award for Hotel Dieu Hospital in Kingston ON to Brittany Marshall. Brittany is a Psychotherapist in Child and Adolescent Mental Health. Brittany was recognized for the many ways that she has embodied the Hotel Dieu spirit through her volunteerism on the Mission & Values committee, within her Mental Health program, and in her work during the 175th anniversary celebrations. Brittany stated that "this award means so much to me, not because of recognition, but because it represents our united HDH community and the commitment we all have to living our mission." Congratulations to Brittany for her dedication to the mission of Hotel Dieu Hospital.



Sheana Mohra - Executive Director
with The Bingo Clan



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Rocmaura Nursing Home's Executive Director, Sheana Mohra, recently presented "The Bingo Clan" with the CHI Volunteer Excellence Award for 2021.

They come faithfully every Wednesday to Rocmaura in Saint John NB to help the residents play bingo. Some of the volunteers are former staff members, and many have helped Rocmaura with a variety of different events over the years.

The oldest volunteer of the Bingo Clan is Monty Johnston who turned 104 in September. Congratulations to all of the members of The Bingo Clan for enhancing the lives of the residents at Rocmaura.



Rose-Anne Lavalée Savoie - Advisory Committee Chairperson,
Patrick Clarke



Mr. Patrick Clarke is the 2021 CHI Volunteer Award Recipient for St. Joseph Community Health Center in Dalhousie NB. He holds a doctorate in philosophy and history from Université

Laval and has had a career as a historian and researcher in human sciences. He is actively involved in the Parish of St. François Xavier in Charlo and with la Société de l'Acadie du Nouveau-Brunswick. He joined the St. Joseph's Community Health Centre Advisory Committee in 2010 and served for 9 years.

During his time on the committee, Patrick served as vice-chairperson as well as the chairperson of the committee.

Rose-Anne Lavalée Savoie, the present chairperson of the Advisory Committee states that Patrick "always brought different points of reflection to the group... he always demonstrated a sustained commitment to the committee by working in concert with the administration to carry out the vision and mission of Catholic health care."

Congratulations Patrick on your many years of service.

END Michel Thériault served on the Foyer Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes Board of Directors, in Bathurst NB for seven years. His last two years he served as interim chairperson. He led the Board as they faced many challenges, all of which demanded a good deal of time and energy. The very restrictive measures imposed by the pandemic meant that Michel and the Board needed to devote many more hours than expected to their tasks. Bernard Duguay, a former member of the Board of Directors says that Michel is "a courageously committed man; very generous with his time. Michel, an exceptional volunteer!" Congratulations to Michel for all he does for his community.



Michel Thériault

Other recipients of the 2021 Award

Dr Sally Grant
St. Joseph Continuing Care Centre
Cornwall ON

Boutique O'Reconfort
Hôpital de l'Enfant-Jésus RHSJ
Caraquet NB

Cupboard Volunteer Group
St. Joseph's Residence - The Washington Center
New London WI

(photos not available at this time)

Stella-Maris-de-Kent Hospital Advisory Committee recognizes Marthe Léger on her retirement



Karelle Guignard - Facility Representative, Marthe Léger - former Facility Representative, Adéard Cormier - Advisory Committee Chairperson

A Tribute to Marthe Léger provided by Adéard Cormier
The research to uncover all the facts about Marthe Léger did not yield concrete results. The rules on confidentiality at the management level has hindered our research! At the Canadian Police Information Center there is the following note: "Marthe Léger - woman from the Village of Richibucto who drives a sports car at high speed." But that doesn't matter to us! Marthe, at the end of a busy health career, mainly in Kent County, we want to express our gratitude to you for your invaluable contribution to our community - to ensuring the well-being of our community. Whether in mental health in Richibucto or in Stella-Maris your work has not gone unnoticed! At Hôpital Stella-Maris your leadership was greatly appreciated. Your consideration for people and your empathy were part of your daily life.

Thanks to your support and your commitment, our Advisory Committee and the Les Amis.es Foundation have asserted themselves and are making a difference at our hospital. We must also underline your attachment and your support to Catholic Health. Your great human qualities made sure that things were always moving in the right direction. We haven't forgotten the little gifts you gave out at Christmas gatherings and Robert's chocolates either!

Marthe, for all that you have been for each and every one of us and in particular for the staff and patients of the Stella-Maris hospital, I have the honor on behalf of all of us to offer you this gift- souvenir pledge of our esteem for your work.

We wish you a happy retirement and above all good health with Robert, this tireless coureur des bois and photographer par excellence.

Adéard Cormier on December 10, 2021

Meeting the Challenge: Uncovering the Opportunity



On November 29th the Leadership of facilities sponsored by Catholic Health International gathered virtually to hold a session on the theme "Meeting the Challenge-Uncovering the Opportunity." The session was facilitated by two members of the leadership, Gizanne Lafrance Allaire, Executive Director of St. Joseph's Continuing Care in Cornwall and Charles Holland, CEO of St. Bernard Hospital in Chicago. The session was a discussion on the following questions;

What were three unique challenges your organization faced during COVID-19? How did you motivate your Teams through the stressful times of the pandemic? What are your positive stories that have unfolded from COVID-19? Every cloud has a silver lining - what's yours? The session was an important opportunity to share experiences and knowledge gained over the past year and a half as we struggle with COVID 19.

We thank the leaders in our organizations for taking time from their busy schedules to attend the session and share their stories, which inspire us all.

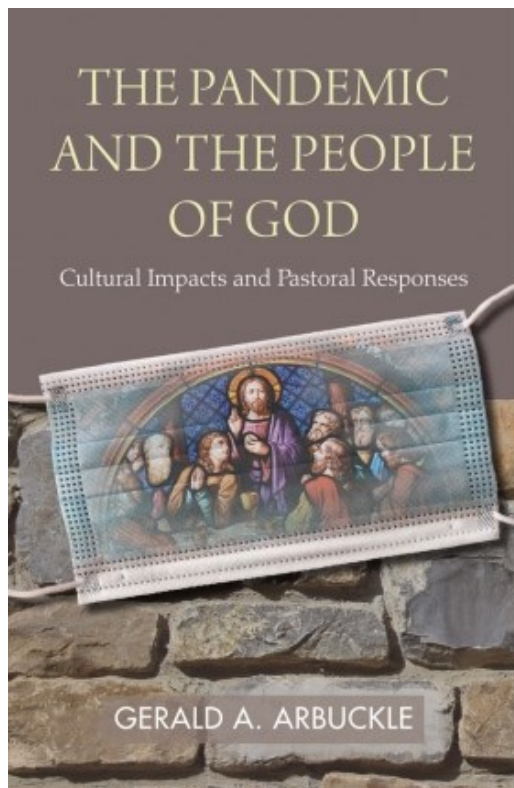
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Several times a year the Center Spiritualitésanté de la Capitale-Nationale publishes its newsletter "INFOLETTRE" of which the Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Québec and Université Laval are the trustees. The latest edition is available by following this [LINK](#).

New book from Gerald Arbuckle



Noted Catholic theologian, Fr. Gerald Arbuckle has written more than 30 books and his latest weaves together insights from anthropology and theology to provide an analysis of the role of the Church in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information click on the book cover above.



YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Not much is known of Joseph. He was husband, father, provider ... everyday - and he had dreams. What more can be said?

Sister M Madeleva Williams csj

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

CHI Board Meeting Dates

January 26, 2022 (Corporate)

February 9, 2022 (Corporate)

February 23, 2022

Leadership Formation Program

English Program

Module 2 of the 2019-2020 English Program has been postponed until Spring of 2022.

Registrations are now closed.

French Program

Module 2 of the 2021-2022 French Program, will be held in the Spring of 2022.

Registrations are now closed.

Fall 2022 - Spring 2023

We are now taking registrations for the upcoming Fall 2022 - Spring 2023 programs in both English and French. Specific dates to be announced.

[REGISTRATION FORM](#)



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