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Catholic Health Alliance of Canada
PROGRAM FOR VIRTUAL CONFERENCE



Annual National Conference
Wednesday May 11 to Friday May 13, 2022

Looking Within: Creating Culturally
Safe Environments of Care
for Indigenous Peoples



Hôpital
Hotel Dieu
Hospital

ININew PATIENT SERVICES WINS NATIONAL AWARD

The Catholic Health Alliance of Canada held its annual national conference, virtually, on May 11th, 12th and 13th. Over 55 people participated from Catholic Health International sponsored facilities. The theme of "Looking Within: Creating Culturally Safe Environments of Care for Indigenous Peoples" challenged the participants to look at how we, in Catholic healthcare, can further our understanding of Indigenous healthcare and be proactive in offering more and better services. As part of the conference, Ininew Patient Services, Kingston Health Sciences Centre and started under the auspices of the Religious Hospitaliers of St. Joseph of Hotel Dieu Hospital in 1985, were honoured with the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada's 2022 Program of Distinction Award. The Sisters, aware of the increasing numbers of Cree children from the James Bay and Hudson Bay areas of Ontario receiving health care at Hotel Dieu Hospital, wanted to create a culturally safe environment for parents. Over 35 years, the mission of Ininew Patient Services has evolved to include: reducing barriers to access to out-of-community health services, to facilitate the provision of health care and support of patients/families in Cree and English, and to maintain a culturally safe environment. Catholic Health International wishes to congratulate Midge Rouse the Program Director, and the whole team at Ininew Patient Services for this wonderful recognition and work in the community. For more information on the CHAC 2022 National Awards click on this [LINK](#).



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Jaime Doucet leaving Catholic Health International

We are sad to announce that CHI's Executive Assistant is leaving for a new work challenge in June. Jaime has been with CHI since 2018 and will be greatly missed by all those who work with her. CHI Board and Staff wish her the best in her new work challenge and look forward to keeping in touch.

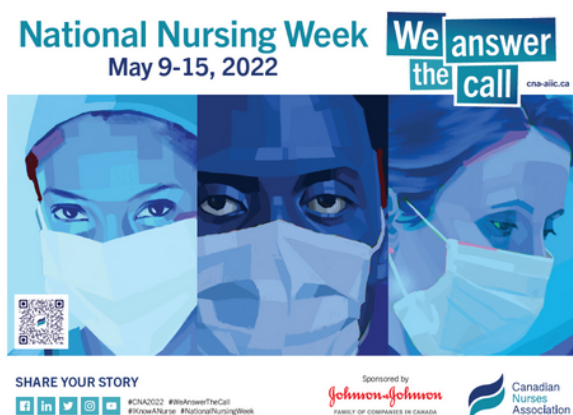
NATIONAL NURSING WEEK

May 9th to 15th was National Nursing Week in Canada and the United States. The Board and Staff of Catholic Health International offer a special blessing for all nurses and in particular, nurses in our CHI facilities.

Blessing of Healing Hands

Yours are the hands full of experience and skill.
Yours are the hands reaching out with compassion,
taking time to show care, swiftly taking action.
Yours are the hands gently touching your patients.
You touch families, too. Yours are the
hands that show you care.
You lift the hearts of those who suffer.
Your hands celebrate the joy of healing. Your hands
bless all they touch with the spirit of compassion.
Thank you for sharing your abundance and gifts,
for touching lives and lifting spirits.
Blessings and thanks for the many
works of your hands. May your hands
bring healing to all those you touch.

“May God bless your hands for healing.”





L'HÔPITAL DE L'ENFANT-JÉSUS RHSJ⁺ VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE AWARD

On April 28, 2022, as part of National Volunteer Week, volunteers from the O'Reconfort boutique at l'Hôpital de l'Enfant-Jésus RHSJ⁺ in Caraquet were awarded the 2021 Volunteer Excellence Award from Catholic Health International. CHI Congratulates the O'Reconfort boutique team and thanks them for all they do for l'Hôpital de l'Enfant-Jésus RHSJ⁺

Pictured: on the left, Mrs. Solange Godin, representing the O'Reconfort boutique, receiving the certificate from Mrs. Julie Plourde, president of the Enfant-Jésus RHSJ⁺ charity committee (standing in for Mrs. Linda Thériault-Godin, chairperson of the Hospital Advisory Committee).



KERI LAFRAMBOISE



DOUG CHERRY



BRUCE WILSON

2021 RECORD BREAKING YEAR FOR PIMFB

In a recent edition of the Partners in Mission Food Bank newsletter, three volunteers were highlighted as part of "The Heroes of Hunger," volunteers from the Food Bank. Keri Laframboise, Doug Cherry and Bruce Wilson were the featured volunteers this month. They are part of a large team of volunteers who donated over 11,000 hours in 2021. The team distributed 14,229 food hampers and helped 6022 people in the Kingston area - 27% of whom were children. That is approximately 2.8 million dollars worth of food. 2021 was a record year for Partners in Mission Food Bank. Catholic Health International wishes to thank Dan Irwin, the staff, the Board of Directors and especially all the amazing volunteers for their caring for those in need in the Kingston area.

DR. JOHN (JACK) LUCE, CHIEF OF STAFF



On May 4th, Hotel Dieu Shaver in St. Catharines, Ontario announced the sad news that Dr. John (Jack) Luce, their Chief of Staff, had died. For over 45 years, Dr. Luce dedicated himself and his life to helping and caring for others at Hotel Dieu and beyond. He is remembered as the heart and soul of Hotel Dieu Shaver and living out the mission in every aspect of his work.

Hotel Dieu Shaver will miss Dr. Luce, and his memory and strength will remain strong within the walls of the hospital. His steadfast example of kindness, wisdom and compassion remain his legacy at HDS. Catholic Health International Board of Directors and staff offer our deepest sympathies to Dr. Luce's family and all those who worked with him at Hotel Dieu Shaver.



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*Volunteer
Excellence Awards*

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS




Catholic Health International recognizes the tremendous dedication of our volunteers and is pleased to accept nominations for the Annual Volunteer Excellence Award. To nominate go to our website: www.catholichealthpartners.com or follow this [LINK](#).

Deadline for nominations is June 30, 2022



 JUNE 8, 2022

 6:00 - 7:15 PM ET



This month marks the 7th anniversary of the 2015 release of the encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis' appeal for bold action to address the ecological crisis threatening our planet. As Catholic health care providers, we recognize that many of the ailments facing our patients and communities are rooted in society's collective neglect and exploitation of God's creation. Faith & the Common Good is offering a series of "Climate Narrative Webinars" beginning June 8th at 6:00 ET. To register follow this [LINK](#).

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

CHI Board Meeting Dates

June 20, 2022 (AGMs-Atlantic Corporations)

June 21, 2022 (AGMs-Ontario Corporations)

June 23-24, 2022 (AGM-CHP)

CHI board of directors strategic planning session

September 26 - 28, 2022

Leadership Formation Program

New students are being accepted for the next Catholic Leadership Formation Program to be held in the Spring and Fall of 2023 (exact dates to be determined). To register or for further information on the program please visit our website at the link below:

CHI Leadership Formation Program

Should you have any questions, please contact Heather Oakley, CHI's Director of Education Services at hoakley@chpchi.com.

ARTICLES FOR 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 at dlevangie@chpchi.com

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