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Tony Ingram - Director of Support Services, Gizanne Lafrance-Allaire - Executive Director and Kim Gillet - Chief Nursing Executive. Photo by Todd Hambleton/Standard-Freeholder

125 YEARS OF CARE AT ST. JOSEPH'S CONTINUING CARE CENTRE IN CORNWALL

It's no ordinary month at St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre (SJCCC) in Cornwall. Special celebrations have been happening all month, honouring 125 years of care. It was on June 17, 1897 when Cornwall's first hospital, the Hotel Dieu, opened its doors, with a formal opening and a blessing of the 30-bed hospital. Operated by the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph, it was staffed by five sisters.

"Our sisters' legacy has and remains at the forefront of how we approach health care and the servicing of our community," said SJCCC Executive Director Gizanne Lafrance-Allaire. "Our mission is to deliver compassionate care focused on the body, mind, and soul of all those whose lives we touch. We do this in the spirit of our Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph, (the work beginning) 125 years ago today."

Catholic Health International wishes to congratulate St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre during this special celebration of their resilience, innovation and dedication to the healing ministry of Jesus.

Adapted from an article Todd Hambleton/Cornwall Standard-Freeholder



CENTRE DE SOINS PROLONGÉS
ST. JOSEPH'S
CONTINUING CARE CENTRE

SPOTLIGHT

LISE GUERRETTE-DAIGLE: BOARD VICE CHAIRPERSON



Lise has been a lifelong learner, researcher, conference presenter and educator. She has been active in promoting the nursing profession locally, nationally and beyond. She has held several healthcare leadership roles including Executive Vice President – Acute Care Facilities for the Vitalité Health Network. She has worked as the Clinical Placements Coordinator and Consultant for the Nurse Practitioner program at the Université de Moncton, the President of the N.B. Francophone Nurses Group, participated in six work missions to Mali in Africa as well as worked with Health Canada at a variety of different international summits (G7, G8, G20, Sommet de la Francophonie).

Spotlight

Each month, in this column, we will introduce you to one of the members of the Catholic Health International Board of Directors. Lise Guerrette-Daigle is the Vice-Chairperson of CHI's Board of Directors and joined the Board in 2014. She has also been the Chairperson of the Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick Board of Directors since 2015.

SPOTLIGHT QUESTIONS

Where did you grow up and how large was your family?

I grew up in Edmundston, a small town in northern New Brunswick on the border of Quebec and Maine US.

I grew up with my brother and sister very close to the center of town.

What is your favourite food?

My favorite food is pasta. I enjoy preparing and making my own pasta from scratch. My favorite place to enjoy a great Carbonara is at a restaurant in old Quebec called Il Matto.

What's your favourite travel destination?

This is a difficult question as my husband and I love to travel. I would say that our favorite spots are Italy (Rome, Venice, Amalfi Coast) and England. In the winter time we love traveling to ski areas especially Sunshine Village in Alberta where you can only get to your hotel in a gondola. At night when most skiers have left the mountain, you can appreciate the calm surrounded by the Rocky Mountains.

What kind of music do you listen to?

I grew up in a musical family. My grand-mother was an organist at the cathedral for over 50 years. Her four children were musicians, some professionally. Jazz is probably the type of music that I prefer the most. My dad was a pianist who played and composed jazz music so he had a great influence on me.

How do you relax?

I love being close to the water and nature. I find that the calm and beauty helps me to center myself.

What was your happiest moment?

My happiest moments are when I can spend time with our children and grand-children who do not live close to us.

What is the toughest job you've done?

Since I have always liked new challenges, it is difficult for me to identify the toughest job. I love working with people and finding solutions together.

How did you become involved in Catholic healthcare?

I got involved with Catholic healthcare 20 years ago when I was a manager in the Health network in New Brunswick with the Stella-Maris-de-Kent Hospital.

What do you enjoy most about being on the CHI Board of Directors?

I love working with this board of very sensitive, caring and considerate group of people. There is profound sense of respect for all that is felt from the staff and members of the board.

What is something that people would be surprised to know about you?

I love doing stained glass. A passion that I started in 2012.

STAFFING CHANGES



Abbie Kingston
Administrative Assistant

We would also like to welcome Ashley O'Neill as our summer student. She is a recent graduate from the New Brunswick Community College in the Accounting and Payroll Program and she will be with us until late August and will be attending University of New Brunswick in September. Ashley is available at reception@chpchi.com or by phone at 506-778-5302



Ashley O'Neill
Summer Student



HDGH FOUNDERS' GARDEN

One of the many important elements of Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare's (Windsor, ON) identity is the way the hospital both respects and pays tributes to their founders – without them, there would be no HDGH. Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare was established through an alliance between two Windsor Hospitals - Hôtel-Dieu of St. Joseph and The Salvation Army of Grace Hospital. The Founders' Garden is dedicated to the founders as well as the past and current leaders of HDGH who were, and continue to be, champions for improving access to healthcare in the region. Janice Kaffer, our Past President and CEO was honoured on June 23rd as one of the first honourees. An engraved rock has been placed in the garden to recognize her contributions to HDGH. Congratulations to Janice for this important recognition of her dedication to the legacy of HDGH.

Pictured are Janice Kaffer with three of her grandchildren, Nathan, Allie and Courtney. Adapted from content provided by Nicole Crozier HDGH.



VITALITÉ HEALTH AUTHORITY NAMES NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHAIR



Moncton lawyer Mathieu Picard has been named as the new chair of the Vitalité Health Network Board of Directors. Picard said his role as board chair, "is to be a strong voice to ensure quality care to patients, to ensure Vitalité is a good place to work for every employee, and to engage all of our stakeholders." The Vitalité Health Network (VHN) is one of two regional health authorities in the province of New Brunswick. VHN operates four Catholic Health International sponsored facilities: Hôpital de l'Enfant-Jésus RHSJ[†] in Caraquet, St. Joseph Community Health Centre in Dalhousie, Hôpital Stella-Maris-de-Kent in Sainte-Anne-de-Kent and L'Hôtel-Dieu Saint-Joseph de Saint-Quentin.

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SPIRITUALITÉ SANTÉ

INFOLETTRE : JUIN 2022

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](#).

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

CHI Board of Directors Strategic Planning Session

September 26 - 28, 2022

CHI Board Meeting Dates

September 14, 2022 (Corporate)

November 9, 2022 (Corporate)

December 14, 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@chpci.com.



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