

# THE TORCH

The newsletter of Catholic Health International



## National Awards

Recognizing leaders and programs that have a transformative impact on health care.

2023 Tomorrow's  
National Leaders Award



### NADIA LOSIER RECOGNIZED AS TOMORROW'S NATIONAL LEADER

Catholic Health International, wishes to congratulate Nadia Losier the Executive Director of L'Accueil Sainte-Famille in Tracadie-Sheila, New Brunswick for being awarded the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada's 2023 Tomorrow's National Leaders Award. Nadia's deep concern for women, children, and families experiencing violence led to her passion and determination to assist and protect the vulnerable families in New Brunswick. In 2004 Nadia took the position of Executive Director at L'Accueil. It is a 10 bed emergency shelter for women and children who are victims of violence and was founded by the Religious Hospitallers of Saint Joseph and is sponsored by CHI. Nadia has demonstrated tremendous leadership. Her passion for social justice led her to expand services and support to thousands of families. Congratulations Nadia on this well deserved recognition!

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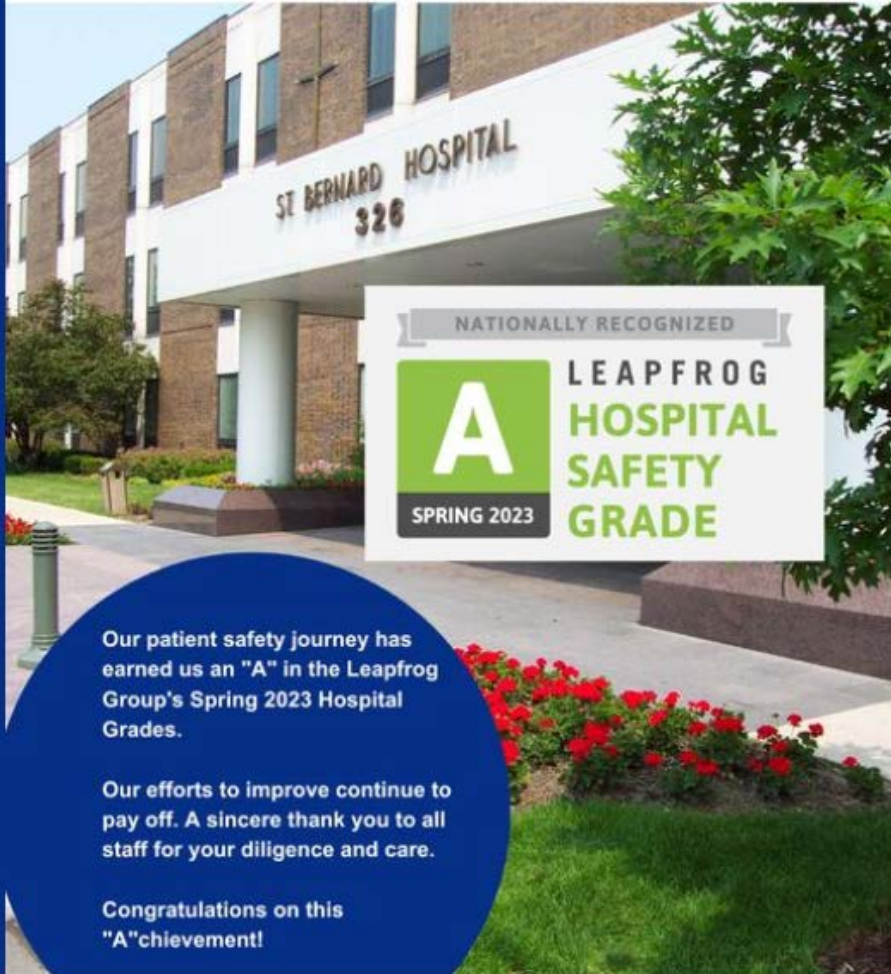
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# ST. BERNARD HOSPITAL RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

ST. BERNARD HOSPITAL  
AND HEALTH CARE CENTER



Our patient safety journey has earned us an "A" in the Leapfrog Group's Spring 2023 Hospital Grades.

Our efforts to improve continue to pay off. A sincere thank you to all staff for your diligence and care.

Congratulations on this "A"chievement!

Recently, the Leapfrog Group, an American national non-profit organization that issues grades for safety in hospital patient care, released its Spring 2023 grades. St. Bernard Hospital in Chicago IL was recognized as an "A" hospital. This is an amazing turnaround for the hospital who only two years ago received an F grade. This has resulted in national recognition for the hospital including articles in the *Chicago Tribune*, *USA Today*, *Crain's Chicago Business* and *Becker's Hospital Review*. The Team at Leapfrog were so impressed with this accomplishment they have asked for St. Bernard Hospital to attend an upcoming Leapfrog Board of Directors meeting to share how they were able to make such important changes in patient safety. CHI is very proud of this amazing accomplishment.

## HÔPITAL DE L'ENFANT-JÉSUS RHSJ+ VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION



On 21 April 2023, at a luncheon organised as part of National Volunteer Week, Ms Christina Mallet received the 2022 CHI Volunteer Excellence Award for Hôpital de l'Enfant-Jésus RHSJ+ in Caraquet, NB. Ms Mallet has been volunteering for the Boutique O'Reconfort at the Hospital for over 8 years. She is currently President of the Fondation Hôpital de l'Enfant-Jésus and has served on the Comité de Bienfaisance.



Hôpital de l'Enfant-Jésus

In the photo, Linda Godin-Thériault, Chair of the Hôpital de l'Enfant-Jésus Advisory Committee (right), presenting the certificate to Christina Mallet (left).





## NATIONAL CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE WEEK MOVES TO FEBRUARY

Recently, the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada announced that the next National Catholic Health Care Week will be celebrated annually on the first full week of February. The celebration for 2024 will be held on February 4-10. Catholic Health International, and our communities of care, will continue to celebrate this important week.

## CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS ANNOUNCE INTERNATIONAL PALLIATIVE CARE CONGRESS



### Pontifical Academy for Life hosts International Congress on Palliative Care

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops along with the Pontifical Academy for Life recently announced that Toronto will host the 2024 International Interfaith Symposium on Palliative Care. The conference will be held in late May next year over 2-3 days with representatives from health, legal, social and interfaith partners. More details will be shared as they become available.



Source: ACEs Aware

## DEALING WITH STRESS

In a recent edition of CHAUS’s Catholic Health World, an article on trauma informed care outlined some initiatives at Saint Agnes Medical Center in California. They use the Stress Busters wheel shown here as a screening and referral tool. This tool, along with a wider network of care is being piloted in the area and is having great success.

For further information on trauma informed care and other tools available follow this [LINK](#).

Clinicians and staff at Saint Agnes Medical Center and at other Fresno, California-area medical facilities screen patients for adverse childhood experiences, or ACEs. Those screeners refer patients with high ACEs scores to community-based organizations that can help them access these “stress-buster” services to mitigate toxic stress.

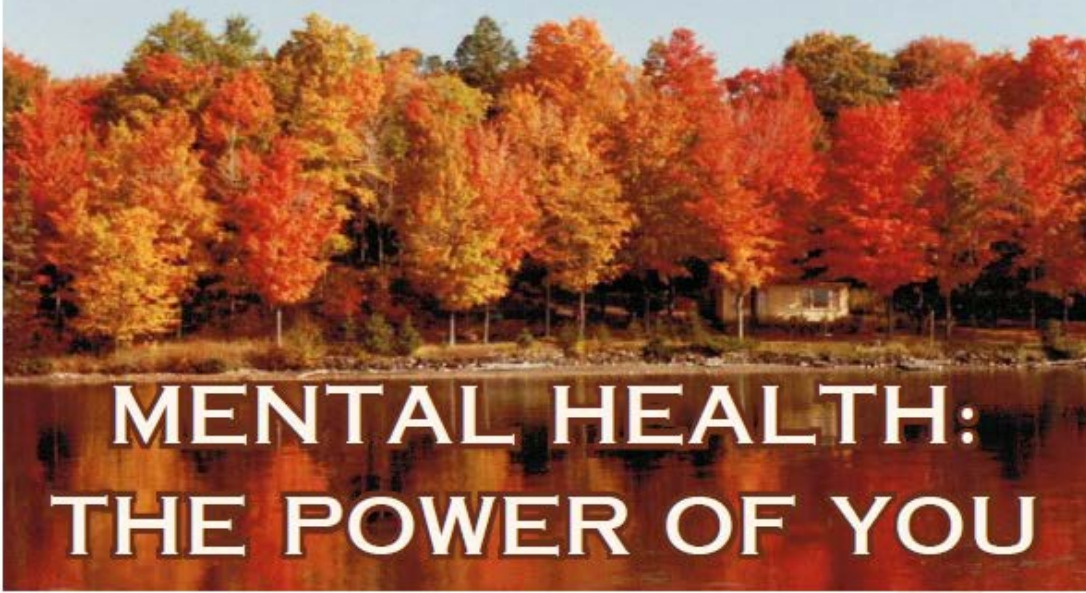


# SAVE THE DATE

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023

CONFERENCE BEGINS  
ON  
**THURSDAY,**  
**SEPTEMBER 21ST @**  
**12:30 PM**  
CONCLUDES  
ON  
**FRIDAY,**  
**SEPTEMBER 22ND @**  
**12:00 PM**

**CATHOLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION  
OF NEW BRUNSWICK**



# MENTAL HEALTH: THE POWER OF YOU

**Rodd**  
**Miramichi River**  
RODD HOTELS & RESORTS

**MORE  
INFORMATION  
COMING SOON!**



**Catholic Health Association of Ontario**  
**Association Catholique de la Santé de l'Ontario**

The CHAO will be hosting its 2023 Annual Conference, virtually on Thursday October 19 from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm, Eastern Time. The theme is

### **Catholic Healthcare: Catholic Identity in Partnership for System Transformation**

This is a free conference and you can register by clicking on the following [LINK](#).



THE CATHOLIC HEALTH INTERNATIONAL



## 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 Recognition Award. One recipient will be awarded to each CHI sponsored facility.

To nominate, follow this [LINK](#).

Deadline for nominations is June 30, 2023



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## IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

### CHI BOARD MEETING DATES

JUNE 22 & 23 (CHP AGM)

JUNE 27 (ONTARIO CORPORATE AGMS)

JUNE 28 (NEW BRUNSWICK CORPORATE AGMS)

### LEADERSHIP FORMATION PROGRAM

#### ENGLISH PROGRAM

**ENGLISH  
REGISTRATION**

MODULE 1 OF THE

2023-2024 ENGLISH PROGRAM WILL BE HELD IN  
MISSISSAUGA ONTARIO

JUNE 20-22, 2023

(REGISTRATIONS FULL - WAITING LIST IN PLACE)

#### FRENCH PROGRAM

**FRENCH  
REGISTRATION**

MODULE 1 OF THE

2023-2024 FRENCH PROGRAM, WILL BE HELD IN  
TRACADIE NEW BRUNSWICK

SEPTEMBER 26-28, 2023

(REGISTRATIONS FULL - WAITING LIST IN PLACE)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT  
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### CHANB ANNUAL CONFERENCE

[MENTAL HEALTH: THE POWER OF YOU](#)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 - 12:30 PM AT TO

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023 - 12:00 PM AT

### CHAO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

[CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE: CATHOLIC IDENTITY  
IN PARTNERSHIP FOR SYSTEM](#)

[TRANSFORMATION](#)

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