

Caisse de Charlesbourg plays a key role in its community

Plans to build Habitations Saint-Dunstan, an apartment building with 33 affordable rental units for seniors on Chemin du Village in Lac Beauport, came to fruition thanks to financing from Caisse Desjardins de Charlesbourg's business centre and other partners such as Société d'habitation du Québec and the municipality.

Apart from this financing, the caisse contributed \$33,000 to the project out of its Community Development Fund to provide the kitchen and community dining room with specialized equipment and furniture.

This project would not have been possible without the support of the golden age club of Lac Beauport, which initiated the project; Lucien Roy, president of Habitations Saint-Dunstan; and the members of the Habitations Saint-Dunstan Board of Directors.

Sensitive to the needs of the community, Caisse Desjardins de Charlesbourg supported the project initiators right from the beginning. It wished to make a tangible contribution to a project that considerably improves area residents' quality of life. ■



Lucien Roy, President of Habitations Saint-Dunstan, Francynne Gagnon, Caisse General Manager; Frédéric Arteau, Lac Beauport resident and member of the Caisse Board of Directors.



Maison familiale rurale in Maskinongé receives \$10,000

The Maison familiale rurale (MFR) in the Maskinongé RCM has just received \$10,000 in funding from Caisse Desjardins de Saint-Alexis-des-Monts. The MFR can thus pursue its work of educating young people in a cooperative program where they alternate between work and study. In the photo, Jacques Lafrenière, Manager at Caisse Desjardins de Saint-Alexis-des-Monts; Danny Grenier, President of the Caisse; François Chalifour, President of the MFR; and Diane Bédard, MFR General Manager. ■

Enhancing accessibility at Centre des aînés de Chambly

Thanks to a joint investment from the city of Chambly, Caisse populaire Desjardins du Bassin-de-Chambly, and the local chapter of the Fédération de l'âge d'or du Québec, the Centre des aînés de Chambly seniors' centre will soon have an elevator that will make it more accessible for people with reduced mobility.

At a cost of about \$130,000 for design, construction, and installation, the elevator will make it easier to get to rooms in the basement of the seniors' centre. As the isolation of seniors is increasingly common in our society, it was essential to eliminate physical barriers that prevent people from registering and parti-

cipating in the centre's activities. Since most of the activities for seniors are held in the basement, the addition of an elevator had become imperative.

Caisse populaire Desjardins du Bassin-de-Chambly contributed \$25,000, considering it important to give back to its members. "Our financial support for this project is a good illustration of how we get involved in the community in a socially responsible, altruistic way," explains Sylvain Juneau, General Manager of Caisse populaire du Bassin-de-Chambly. ■

An innovative project in the Eastern Townships

Maison La Conquête, a residence specially designed for people with serious physical or cognitive disabilities will be opening soon on Rue de l'Ancienne Carrière in Sherbrooke. Not just another institution, this will be a welcoming home for approximately ten tenants, all of whom have suffered a head injury or stroke. The residents of Maison La Conquête, averaging age 40, suffer from orientation and judgment problems, among other things, but have the potential to live independently in society. Maison La Conquête will provide the support and professional services they need. Desjardins caisses in the Eastern Townships contributed more than

\$280,000 to the project. Fondation Martin-Matte, which helps people living with a head injury or physical disability, donated \$150,000. The project is part of a fundraising campaign for Fondation du Centre de réadaptation Estrie (CRE). Fondation Martin-Matte estimates that there are 13,000 new victims of head injuries in Québec each year, including 3,000 who will never regain full autonomy. ■



A grant that's going places



Madeleine Arsenault, General Manager of Caisse Desjardins de Beauport, and Max Boudreault, Director of the Académie du Cinéma.

In 2008, entrepreneur Max Boudreault had the idea of setting up the Académie du Cinéma to provide young people under 18 with the opportunity to undergo practical training in filmmaking and quickly master the process from production right through to distribution. This project officially saw the light of day thanks to a \$25,000 grant Boudreault received at the third edition of the Caisse Desjardins de Beauport's Achieve Your Entrepreneurial Dreams Contest gala. "This grant was the key, the springboard that launched the academy," says Max Boudreault. Académie du Cinéma is now associated with École Cardinal Roy and will offer an Arts/Film Studies program in fall 2012. The academy also trains more than

150 young people through extracurricular activities and a summer school program. Three years after Max Boudreault obtained the grant, the current objective of the academy, which now employs a staff of five, is to see one of its students present a film at the Cannes Film Festival within five years. The Arts/Film Studies program will emphasize practical training, enabling students to explore their passion daily in a real, professionally equipped film studio and go on educational trips. "Thanks to this training and the academy, Québec could become the training ground for the next generation of filmmakers," enthuses Boudreault. ■

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Maison Agapè receives \$50,000

At an estimated cost of \$500,000, the project to renovate Maison Agapè received a helping hand with the confirmation of a \$50,000 grant from the Desjardins caisses of Grand-Beauport, Limoilou, Côte-de-Beaupré, and Île-d'Orléans. Entraide Agapè board members were delighted when the general manager of Caisse Desjardins du Vieux-Moulin, Jacques Bérubé, announced the grant at a breakfast meeting attended by a

number of representatives of the region's business community at the organization's headquarters at 3148 Chemin Royal in Giffard. At the foundation's 30th anniversary celebration in the spring, Entraide Agapè decided to carry out an extensive renovation of its facilities in order to meet the food, material, human, and spiritual needs of the many people who use its services every week. ■