

Desjardins Foundation awards over \$100,000 to charitable organizations in Quebec and Ontario

Montreal, January 16, 2015 – The Desjardins Foundation Volunteer Involvement Prize recognizes the commitment of Desjardins officers, employees, members and clients who make a difference by contributing to the development of society and the well-being of their communities day after day.

This year, 101 volunteers will be awarded \$1,000 to donate to the charitable organization of their choice. The purpose of these prizes is to encourage volunteers and charitable organizations to continue their important work.

Fondation Desjardins believes that volunteering is a pillar of sustainable prosperity and that it contributes to regional development, therefore candidates are selected by a committee in each region. Some of the organizations that are supported fund a number of different causes like poverty and health related problems. Others are involved in the areas of sports and leisure, and assistance to newcomers and their families.

To consult the list of recipients, click [here](#).

Volunteers from everywhere in Quebec and Ontario – Cornwall, Cochrane, Windsor, Toronto, Montreal, Sherbrooke, Drummondville and Îles-de-la-Madeleine – are supported by Desjardins in building better communities.

About Desjardins Foundation

Founded in 1970, Desjardins Foundation is a charitable organization that maintains education as a priority. As a component of Desjardins Group, Canada's leading cooperative financial group, Desjardins Foundation awarded more than 700 scholarships and prizes totalling over \$1.5 million in 2014. Desjardins Foundation manages philanthropic partnerships and also recognizes the community involvement and volunteer work of its officers, employees and members. To learn more, visit www.desjardins.com/fondation.

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