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**#DESJARDINSFOUNDATION PRIZE
TO BENEFIT LOCAL YOUTH**

Montréal, February 21th 2018: Desjardins Foundation has awarded \$3000 to help young people at Lucien-Guilbault school carry out a special project.

This initiative will enable students age 12 to 16 with severe learning disabilities to explore new interests, recognize their strengths and gain a sense of accomplishment doing activities that aren't necessarily academic. Students will have the opportunity to participate in two-hour activities to foster their interests in sports, arts, culture, the environment, entrepreneurship, science and more.



From left to right: Nathalie Charland, Human Resources and Communications Manager, next to the students forming the iDEA committee and David Laffamme, Director.

#DesjardinsFoundation Prizes help people who work with kids and communities carry out projects with kindergarten, elementary and high school students. This year the Foundation received 1,127 applications, 15% more than last year.

“We received hundreds of inspiring applications for innovative projects from people who are actively involved in helping young people succeed. They all deserved to win!” said Desjardins Foundation Manager Nancy Lee. Desjardins Group employees and officers voted to pick the 199 winning projects.

About Desjardins Foundation

Founded in 1970, [Desjardins Foundation](#) is a charitable organization that contributes to young people's academic success by awarding [prizes](#) and [scholarships](#) and partnering with [respected organizations](#). In 2017, it provided nearly \$2.1 million in program support to over 130,000 young people in Quebec and Ontario. Desjardins Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Desjardins Group, Canada's leading financial cooperative group. The Foundation helps enrich the lives of individuals and communities by promoting education.

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