

# NEWSLETTER

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## **CHU Dumont Foundation AGM on June 19:**

### *An eventful year with a breath of fresh air*

*"It's so gratifying to realize the difference the CHU Dumont Foundation really makes for patients and their loved ones, enhancing their experience and ensuring they have access to the best possible care. The results for 2023-2024 reflect the generosity of our many donors, as well as the efforts of the Foundation's team,"* said Sébastien Dupuis, outgoing Chairman of the Board, at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on June 19.

## **Achievements in 2023-2024**

- **Financial statements**

At the AGM, board members approved the 2023-2024 financial statements, which reflect the great generosity of donors, the commitment of volunteers and the sustained efforts of the Foundation team. Revenues totalled over \$5.5 million, against expenses of \$1 million. According to the outgoing chairman, these are excellent results, the best in the last five years, exceeding by \$2.5 million the previous year's revenues of \$3 million.

- **Capital campaign "Driving Surgery Forward"**

The campaign proved a huge success, exceeding its \$6.5 million goal by raising \$7,062,870. At the end-of-campaign celebration on May 2, we were able to witness the generosity of donors and the impact of our efforts to equip the Dumont UHC with a surgical robot and digitize nine operating rooms.

- **Tree of Hope campaign**

The annual campaign raised \$993,767, a third of which (\$347,000) came from direct mail returns. "Every donation counts, no matter how small," said Mr. Dupuis. The funds were used to equip the Dr-Léon-Richard Oncology Centre with a specialized stereotactic radiotherapy technique that targets brain tumours caused by cancers other than brain cancer.

## New Chairman of the Board

James Lockyer has been appointed Chairman of the Board. *"I'm very excited to be taking the helm of the Foundation's Board of Directors, and I'm honoured to do so! With the great team in place at the board and employee levels, I am committed to making the Foundation shine and pursuing its mission, in the interests of patients, their loved ones, employees and physicians at the Dumont UHC. Together, we will rise to the challenges so that the Foundation can continue to stand out and challenge its limits,"* said James Lockyer, the new Chairman.

## Welcome to our new Board of Directors



Following the CHU Dumont AGM, we are pleased to introduce the new Board of Directors.

Left to right: Charles Gervais, Lise Robichaud McGrath, Treasurer; Taha Maarous; Dr. Jocelyne Hébert; Dominique Fontaine, new member; Sébastien Dupuis, outgoing Chairman; James Lockyer, incoming Chairman; Lizon Chiasson-Foulem, Secretary; Dr. Linda LeBlanc; and Gilles Allain, CEO. Absent from photo: Joël Drolet; Chantal Cormier, Vice-Chairman; Ghislaine Arsenault; Dennis Abud; and Michelyne Paulin, new member.

*Thank you for your commitment to the Foundation and have a great term!*

## Thank you Sébastien!



In gratitude for his commitment, dedication and overall contribution to the CHU Dumont Foundation, Sébastien Dupuis (right), outgoing Chairman of the Board, received, from incoming Chairman James Lockyer, a numbered print of the Foundation's artwork, created by Shédiac painter Francis Coutellier.

Recipients of the Foundation artwork stand out by their involvement and direct impact on the development of the Dr.-Georges-L.-Dumont University Hospital Centre.

## Thank you Réjean!

The CHU Dumont Foundation thanks Réjean Després (right) for his eight years as a member of the Foundation's board of directors, including as Vice-Chair in recent years.

In gratitude for his commitment, dedication and overall contribution, Sébastien Dupuis, Chairman of the Board when the photo was taken, presented him with a numbered print of the Foundation's artwork, created by Shédiac artist Francis Coutellier.



## Thank you Taylor Ford Lincoln!



### Let's go!

What a great way to relieve the stress felt by our little ones who have to undergo surgery. Simon Duguay and Inès Dugas were the first to drive the two mini-Mustangs to their surgery. A big thank you to [Taylor Ford Lincoln](#) for this donation, which makes both parents and children happy!

Along with Michael Cantwell, Vice-President, Philanthropy at the CHU Dumont Foundation, Simon and Inès thank Taylor Ford Lincoln for this generous gift.

## *“I'm on dialysis because my kidneys are not working.”*

### **This is the inspiring story of Jarrett Arbeau, 29.**

*"I've been living with kidney disease for 6 years. When my kidneys stopped working, I had to go to the Dumont University Hospital Centre for my dialysis treatments. After 4 ½ years, I had the opportunity to be transferred closer to home, to the Vitalité Health Network satellite dialysis centre in Miramichi.*

*Thanks to the home dialysis team, I learned how to auto-administer my treatments, since I was offered this option. The equipment needed will soon be installed at my home. I'll no longer have to take hours off work for my treatments. It will also allow me to spend more quality time with Rebecca, my wife. I will be more autonomous.*

*I am very grateful to the generous donors who make it possible for such projects to become a reality. Thank you!"*



The CHU Dumont Foundation recently launched a fundraising campaign to purchase specialized medical equipment, enabling patients like Jarrett to auto-administer their hemodialysis treatments at home.

*Your support means a lot  
and we sincerely thank you for taking the time to consider our cause.*

*Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of people  
affected by kidney disease.*

To make a donation to this campaign, [click here](#).

You can also contact Nicolas Drouet at 1-800-862-6775 or [info@fondationdumont.ca](mailto:info@fondationdumont.ca)

*Thank you for your generosity!*



***Take advantage of the beautiful season to stay healthy,  
take care of yourself and your loved ones,  
recharge your batteries, and above all...  
THANK YOU to all our generous donors!***

## About the Foundation

The CHU Dumont Foundation is committed to supporting development and improving the quality of care at the Dr. Georges-L.-Dumont University Hospital Centre, through the acquisition of cutting-edge equipment, funding improvements to infrastructure, or supporting research efforts. Our objectives are simple: improve the experience of patients and their loved ones and ensure access to the best care possible.

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