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HMR Foundation

Mission

A SOURCE OF HEALING SINCE 1978

As a key partner, the Hôpital Maisonneuve-Rosemont (HMR) Foundation has supported HMR in its strategic development planning in order to respond more effectively to patient needs since 1978.

Strongly determined to make a difference, the Foundation supports projects for the ongoing improvement of patient care, to enhance teaching and to expand research. The Foundation solicits the financial support of individual donors, private foundations, partners and corporations. Collectively, they recognize the excellence of care provided to patients at HMR, an outstanding hospital centre affiliated with the Université de Montréal.

Message from the Executive

STANDING FOR THE CAUSE

In 2022, the big news was a gradual return to some degree of normality. More determined than ever to stand up for Hôpital Maisonneuve-Rosemont (HMR), our team was able to get back up to full speed.

Backed by the generosity of our partners and donors, our organization’s commitment has been clear. Our hospital received an exceptional commitment of \$7.8 million, the largest donation the HMR Foundation has ever received in a single year since 1978, the year the foundation was created. Of this amount, \$5.1 million will go exclusively to modernizing two areas of the HMR:

- \$1.8 million to expand the Cancer Care Centre
- \$3.5 million to modernize the nuclear medicine department

OUR FUNDRAISING EVENTS ARE BACK

The year’s big successes were the direct result of our being able to get back to our normal scale of activities. Not only were we able to hold the big week of signature events in June that had been postponed in 2021, but we were also able to return to our usual December events, for twice the fun!

The launch of the Tous solidaires third-party fundraising platform supported the selfless efforts of dozens of people committed to our cause. Also, the first edition of the friendly Debout pour la Cause relay race brought together many participants around the Foundation’s cause, including several professionals from HMR and the CIUSSS de l’Est-de-l’Île-de-Montréal who dedicated their respective fundraisers to their departments.

The HMR Foundation is proud to partner with you because you care about our great hospital. Your commitment provides the resources our medical centre needs to face its current challenges while paving the way for the future.

On behalf of all the people who benefit from your generosity—patients, their loved ones and all of the hospital’s health professionals—thank you for supporting HMR! And thank you for standing up for the cause with us.

Julie Desharnais
Executive Director



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As of December 31, 2022

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THE HMR FOUNDATION AT A GLANCE...

\$7.8M
granted

15,266
donors

14
employees



A word from the CIUSSS-EMTL Executive

Once again, the Hôpital Maisonneuve-Rosemont Foundation donors have answered the call. Their participation in fundraising events and activities, as well as their generous contributions, gave life to projects aiming to improve the quality of care and the well-being of patients and healthcare professionals at the Hôpital Maisonneuve-Rosemont (HMR).

With the support of partners like the HMR Foundation, we can also take action today to build a healthy future. Actions taken now, such as the Nuclear Medicine Department modernization project, help meet the current and future needs of our community. Thanks to a generous donation of \$3.5 million, the space allocated to nuclear medicine will be tripled to quintuple our service offering. More nuclear medicine means more diagnostic tests and cancer treatments. Quite simply, it means more lives saved.

Having the unwavering support of the Foundation is an invaluable asset that enables us to realize our ambitions in terms of care, services and innovations to improve the health and quality of life of the population of Montreal's east end.

On behalf of myself and all the employees, physicians, researchers, students and volunteers at the HMR, thank you for standing with us, for the well-being of HMR patients and their loved ones.

Jean-François Fortin-Verreault
President and CEO
CIUSSS de l'Est-de-l'Île-de-Montréal



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- Jean-François Fortin-Verreault

Hôpital Maisonneuve-Rosemont in figures...

POPULATION SERVED	HMR, A HEALTHCARE CENTRE	THE HMR'S TEAMS	
539,325 inhabitants served in the territory	456,873 visits to the HMR outpatient clinics	42 regular researchers	102 respiratory therapists
26 % of Montreal's population	55,852 visits to the ER	112 clinical researchers	665 patient-care attendants
	11,588 surgeries	1,607 nursing staff members	2,447 interns*
	2,254 births	711 medical residents	

HMR's expertise
3 FIELDS OF EXCELLENCE

Ophthalmology Designated University Centre for Ophthalmology	Immunology-Oncology	Nephrology
23,759 patients treated	10,636 patients treated	4,816 patients treated

1 world-renowned expertise

CELL THERAPY
Designated University Institute of Hematology-Oncology and Cell Therapy

160 hematopoietic cell transplants (154 patients)	37 infusions of genetically modified T cells (CAR-T therapy)
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* Includes medical externs, pre-clinical medical students, specialized nurse practitioners (SNPs), midwives, and trainees from other disciplines.



Financial statements

In 2022, \$7.8 million was granted for the deployment of structuring projects and \$5.6 million was awarded to the HMR.

The \$5.6M, which represents 44% of revenue, was dedicated to funding projects improving patient care, research, and teaching and skills development.

The remaining funds are partly capitalized to ensure the sustainability of the Foundation and will be used to support future projects and needs.

Since 2008, the HMR Foundation has allocated \$117.3 million to the Hôpital Maisonneuve-Rosemont to support its three-part mission.

Thank you for your solidarity!

\$7.8
million
Granted in 2022



Research: 63%
Patient Care: 25%
Teaching: 12%



Campaigns, events and donations: 80%
Business activity: 20%

*This amount includes donations, rent and operating expenses.

Excerpt from the audited financial statements

(in thousands of dollars)

Fiscal year ending December 31, 2022

BALANCE SHEET	2022	2021
ASSETS	\$	\$
Current assets	16,282	14,215
Investments	115,828	125,845
Property and equipment and other assets	40,291	12,627
Total - Assets	172,401	152,687
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities	7,747	12,307
Long-term liabilities	38,829	8,217
Total - Liabilities	46,576	20,524
NET EQUITY		
General revenue fund	64,035	65,861
Soeur-Jeanne-Laporte Fund	57,041	61,617
Endowment	4,749	4,685
Total - Net equity	125,825	132,163
Total - Net equity and liability	172,401	152,687

Results of operations

(in thousands of dollars)

BALANCE SHEET	2022	2021
REVENUE		
Campaigns, events and donations	10,198	7,267
Business activity	2,555	3,750
Total - Revenue	12,753	11,017
EXPENSES		
Direct costs - Events and fundraising	2,315	494
Rental expenses	1,635	2,188
Administration	1,895	1,739
Total - Rent and operating expenses	5,845	4,421
OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSES		
Investment income and realized gains	6,560	5,788
Management and backup fees	(786)	(731)
Change in fair value of investments	(15,075)	10,560
Excess of revenue over expenses before donations to the HMR	(2,393)	22,213
Donations to the Hôpital Maisonneuve-Rosemont	(3,945)	(4,541)
Excess of revenue over expenses	(6,338)	17,672

Financial statements audited by SLBO comptables professionnels agréés inc. are available upon request.
Certain figures for the 2021 financial year have been reclassified to make their presentation comparable to that of the 2022 financial year.

The impact of your donations

Your donations benefit the people around you

Noël Giroux first visited Hôpital Maisonneuve-Rosemont (HMR) a few years ago when he came in for a follow-up in the Otolaryngology (ENT) department. From his first encounters with **Dr. Marie-Josée Olivier**, the specialist who operated on his throat, it was, medically speaking, love at first sight.

“I was taken care of quickly and the whole team was very friendly,” he explained. Since then, he has been pleasantly surprised time and time again by the attention and care he has received from the professionals at HMR. **Mr. Giroux** was so grateful to the team that he wanted to express his gratitude with a donation.

Already a regular donor to the HMR Foundation, **Mr. Giroux** was familiar with the donation process. But he wanted his donation to have an impact on ENT work in particular, so he asked **Dr. Olivier** what she needed. That’s when he first heard about a device called the TruBlue Laser that would simplify minor ENT surgeries and speed patient recovery.

Without giving it a second thought, he decided to help purchase the device that would benefit so many patients.

CONTRIBUTING TO A CYCLE OF EXPERTISE

Mr. Giroux saw his donation as a way to give back to the team that had cared for him. But more than that, his donation contributed to the cycle of expertise available at HMR. Today, he receives quality care thanks to donations and investments in state-of-the-art equipment that occurred earlier. Now, even more patients can receive care and services commensurate with the hospital’s expertise.

“More than anything, I wanted to contribute to something that would benefit a large number of patients.”

– Noël Giroux



A few care-related projects

\$40,000 – PEDIATRICS

Thanks to a donation from **La Fondation Ronald Denis**, HMR’s Clinique Tremplin childhood obesity clinic, which provides specialized care and services to families of children and teens with obesity, will be able to create an outdoor fitness area. This Trekfit circuit will enable the clinic to increase its service offering by helping young people adopt healthy lifestyle habits.

\$30,000 – NEPHROLOGY

A generous donation from **Paladin Labs Inc.** made it possible for the nephrology department’s surgical teams to purchase a perfusion machine to facilitate the preparation of kidneys for transplantation.

\$45,000 – ENT

The ENT teams at Hôpital Maisonneuve-Rosemont now have access to a TruBlue Laser, which enables specialists to operate more quickly, while speeding patient recovery.



Your donations further knowledge

For several years, **Dr. Cynthia Qian**, a clinical researcher in ophthalmology at Hôpital Maisonneuve-Rosemont, has been investigating Stickler syndrome, a genetic disorder that can affect all the senses. Her research is crucial to preventing sudden vision loss in patients.

According to Dr. Qian, “more people have this syndrome than you would think,” which is why it is vital that we investigate it. One of the lines of her research focuses on being able to better estimate the number of patients potentially affected by the disease here in Quebec.

While Stickler syndrome is identified very early in some people, others have no obvious symptoms until one day, out of the blue, a symptom such as retinal detachment suddenly occurs. **Dr. Qian** took an interest in this disorder because she wanted to prevent these problems—after all, no one wants to lose their sight.

Thanks to the generosity of the **Fonds Fondation Paul-A. Fournier**, **Dr. Qian** was able to put together a research team, find collaborators and fund innovative tests. Once better described and better known, Stickler syndrome could be detected more quickly in patients.

Knowing that they have the support of donors motivates researchers like **Dr. Qian** to make good on their trust by producing tangible results for the benefit of patients.

“Better knowledge leads to better treatments for patients. This will ultimately allow us to prevent the often-irreversible vision loss that comes with retinal detachment.”

- Dr^e Cynthia Qian



A few research projects

\$50,000 – LEUKEMIA CELL BANK

This sum, donated by the **Vita Children’s Foundation**, contributes to the Quebec Leukemia Cell Bank’s pediatric and young adult acute leukemia program. Led by **Dr. Josée Hébert**, the program aims to optimize research by making resources available to the scientific community.

\$32,000 – OPHTHALMOLOGY

Clinical researcher **Dr. Cynthia Qian** is leading work on Stickler syndrome, a rare genetic disorder that causes retinal detachment. Through this research, the ophthalmology team seeks to better understand the disease and its behaviour to slow down or even halt the onset of symptoms.

\$300,000 – IMMUNO-ONCOLOGY

Two generous donations, from the **Richard and Edith Strauss Foundation** and the **Cole Foundation**, will help advance immuno-oncology research. These investments will fund a range of projects in fields such as hematology-oncology, stem cell therapy and CAR T-cell therapy.



Your donations shape tomorrow’s doctors

Lysa Houadj is a third-year medical student at Université de Sherbrooke. In 2022, she received a scholarship to take part in a summer internship at the HMR Research Centre, a one-of-a-kind opportunity made possible by the HMR Foundation and its donors. That summer, **Lysa** joined the laboratory of **Dr. Isabelle Brunette**, ophthalmologist and cornea researcher in the HMR’s university ophthalmology centre.

Thanks to the training she received there, she was able to deepen and consolidate her knowledge of corneal transplantation, while honing her scientific acumen. Meeting inspiring researchers was one of the highlights of her internship, and she credits it for motivating her to continue her studies. The summer internship gave **Lysa** an opportunity to present the findings of her work and to exchange ideas with various members of the ophthalmology and vision research community. **Lysa’s** immersion in clinical research at the Ophthalmology Centre exceeded her expectations, and the overall experience reaffirmed her interest in ophthalmology while confirming her career choice and interest in practicing at HMR.

“On behalf of myself and all those who have benefited from the HMR Foundation’s financial support: THANK YOU. It’s thanks to you that we’re making medical advances!”

- Lysa Houadj



A few teaching projects

\$100,000 – RESPIRATORY THERAPY SCHOLARSHIPS

The HMR Foundation awarded scholarships to a dozen young respiratory therapists who chose to start their career at HMR. This opportunity was created to encourage aspiring respiratory therapists, support HMR in its recruitment efforts and highlight the importance of respiratory therapy as a profession.

\$100,000 – OPHTHALMOLOGY

The ophthalmology department acquired a hyper-realistic EYESI simulator, which enables surgeons to master the delicate hand movements of cataract operations, well before touching patients’ eyes. The purchase was made possible by a donation from **Joseph Cohen** and **Madeleine Persson**.

\$20,000 – RESEARCH INTERNSHIPS

Each year, the Hôpital Maisonneuve-Rosemont Research Centre hosts interns from a range of scientific fields. In 2022, four students benefited from an internship grant offered by the HMR Foundation, giving them an opportunity to grow and collaborate with senior researchers.



Events

Enthusiasts came out in large numbers as the *À Votre Santé!*, Montréal Passion Vin and Charity Challenge events returned to the regular lineup. It was such a joy to meet face to face after the collective “timeout” that was imposed on us. You could feel the enthusiasm!

Unusually, participants were able to gather twice in 2022 and the excitement was palpable. Furthermore, everyone came out for the first edition of our new events— Montréal Passion Spiritueux and Debout pour la Cause.

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contribution of our loyal collaborators and partners who came out for the cause not once but twice in 2022!

The HMR Foundation’s events are back!


SAQ PRESENTS

À VOTRE SANTÉ

MAJOR PARTNER



10th
edition

June
9
2022



\$145,648

gifted

243

participants

3

Taittinger
Champagnes
tasted

144

lots
auctioned
off online

63

lucky
bubbles


SAQ PRESENTS

—MONTRÉAL
PASSION—VIN

MAJOR PARTNER


BANQUE
NATIONALE
GESTION PRIVÉE 1859



2 decades of
great wines
benefiting
patients at Hôpital
Maisonnette-Rosemont

20th
edition

June
10-11
2022

\$921,776
gifted

1,250
participants
4
wineries in
attendance

851
lots auctioned
off online
8
live auction
lots

—MONTRÉAL PASSION—GIN

A new and exciting event was added to our signature events lineup in 2022! A colourful evening highlighting outstanding spirits made right here in Quebec.

For this first edition, we got to discover gins by *Côte des Saints distillery*, in which HMR’s Head of Intensive Care and HMR Foundation ambassador **Dr. François Marquis**, molecular biologist **Ann Brasey**, and radiologist **Dr. Michel Dubé** are partners.



1st
edition

June
8
2022

222

participants

5

products
tasted

62

lucky
vials



SAQ PRESENTS
**—MONTRÉAL
PASSION—
—SPIRITUEUX—**

228
participants

14
products by
ungava® Spirits Co.

912
cocktails shaken

24
lots auctioned
off online

59
lucky vials

2nd
edition

**November
30
2022**

11th
edition

\$201,691
gifted

357
participants

3
G.H.Mumm
Champagnes tasted

139
lots auctioned
off online

73
lucky bubbles

SAQ PRESENTS
À VOTRE SANTÉ

MAJOR PARTNERS
FASKEN QUÉBECOR



SAQ PRESENTS
**—MONTRÉAL
PASSION—VIN**

MAJOR PARTNER
**BANQUE
NATIONALE**
GESTION PRIVÉE 1800

21st
edition

**December
2-3
2022**

\$1,200,929
gifted

1325
participants

34
great wines
savoured

760
lots auctioned
off online

8
live auction
lots

+ More than \$2 million for cancer patients

Collectively, the spring and fall events sought to raise \$1.8 million for the Cancer Care Outpatient Centre (CCOC) Expansion Project.

In the end, the two editions of the festivities surrounding **Montréal Passion Vin** gifted a total of **\$2,1 millions**, an abundant amount that will make the expansion project possible. In the long term, the CCOC's services and facilities will optimize cancer patients' treatments and better meet the needs of a growing clientele.

To all the participants, donors and loyal partners, thank you for your generous contributions!

**2023
Events**

Coming this fall,
À Votre Santé! and **Montréal
Passion Vin** will be held from
November 24 to 26.

Committed fundraisers

You took on various sporting challenges in support of patients at Hôpital Maisonneuve-Rosemont, running, paddling and even climbing for the cause.

Thank you so much.



Charity Challenge

Back on track at Parc Jean-Drapeau, many of you took to the starting line on April 23 and 24, 2022, to show your support for the HMR Foundation!

\$31,948 raised

55 participants

508 km travelled

Debout pour la Cause Everyone in the water for the HMR Foundation

The very first edition of the HMR Foundation's paddleboarding event, Debout pour la Cause, took place on September 10, 2022, at Promenade-Bellerive park. Hosted by Patrice Lavoie, this friendly "surf & turf" relay race was a huge success!

\$23,422 raised

28 participants in 7 teams

52,500 paddle strokes



Loto-Réconfort

\$9,120 raised

228 tickets sold

More than \$2,300 in prizes

Draw date: October 28, 2022



Our community

Third-party activities

Ten years cycling for research

Ten years ago, **Maryse Bouchard** and **Francine Ducas** challenged themselves to organize a cycling event to raise funds for research on multiple myeloma, a disease that affects them both.

Together with the HMR Foundation, the **Défi Cyclo-myélome** has become a flagship event aimed at raising awareness of multiple myeloma, a little-known and incurable form of cancer.

Thanks to the co-founders and their outstanding motivational skills, the event has raised close to **\$725,000** over the years, which has gone to supporting the work of **Dr. Richard LeBlanc** and his team of the Université de Montréal Myeloma Canada Chair at Maisonneuve-Rosemont Hospital.

On behalf of our multiple myeloma patients, thank you, ladies, for your remarkable commitment!

“We wanted to raise awareness of this little-known and incurable cancer while financially supporting Dr. Richard LeBlanc’s research.”

- Maryse Bouchard and Francine Ducas



The **Défi Cyclo-myélome** celebrated, in 2022, its 10th anniversary!

Maryse Bouchard, co-founder, Guy Ménard, participant and ambassador, Marie-Lyne Joncas, Défi Cylo-myélome’s spokesperson, Dr. Richard LeBlanc hemato-oncologist and holder of the Université de Montréal Myeloma Canada Chair at Maisonneuve-Rosemont Hospital, and Francine Ducas co-founder.

Community involvement

The Hôpital Maisonneuve-Rosemont Foundation knows that it can count on an active and generous community. These go-getters believe in the cause and are contributing to tomorrow’s medicine and the wellbeing of patients.

Together, they create and organize activities in their own special way.

\$170,784 raised

16 committed organizers

15 community-led events

In honore of Dr. Isabelle Fleury	\$250
Philippe Rivard’s Fundraising	\$250
Beagles’ walk	\$1,235
Raynald Arsenault’s bread clip and twist tie drive	\$1,410
Nathalie Fradet’s Fundraising	\$1,505
Walk from Disraeli to the HMR	\$1,520
In memory of Dr. Lachapelle	\$1,740
Forte comme elle	\$4,850
In memory of L. Beausoleil	\$6,177
TeamFHM for Kilimanjaro	\$30,850
Les amis de Jean-François	\$42,000
Antoine Loranger Fund	\$47,305
Défi Cyclo-myélome	\$110,725

A get-together just for beagles organized by Activités Chiens raised over \$1,000. Thank-you to the participants and their canine companions.

Photo: Set White - Photographe



Accompanied by his friend William Brock, **Dr. Jean Roy** summited Kilimanjaro, raising over \$30,000 for the hematologist-oncologist’s research.

Photo: Dr. Jean Roy and his wife.



Maureen Vachon walked from her hometown of Disraeli to Hôpital Maisonneuve-Rosemont. This huge challenge allowed her to raise \$1,520. Congratulations on your achievement, Maureen!

Photo: Maureen Vacon and Julie Desharnais, HMR Foundation’s Executive Director.

The noteworthy stories of 2022

Over the course of the year, we were moved by a number of stories. The stories of both patients and medical staff touched our hearts!

Annual campaign in figures

\$1,545,717 raised through appeals

\$57 average donation

24 touching stories



On **GivingTuesday 2022**, you helped Dr. Eric Gagnon! More than \$26,000 was raised for workshops for HMR’s ER teams.
Photo: Dr. Éric Gagnon
Credit: Avanti Groupe – De garde 24/7
Photograph: Karine Dufour

A big thank-you goes out to all of the caregivers who shared their real-life experiences.



France Nantais, pediatric nurse.



Dr. Nathalie Zan, family doctor in geriatric medicine at the HMR.



Dr. Mikaël Bernier, resident physician in ophthalmology at the MRH.



Photo: Evelyne Rousseau



Photo: Dominique LeBlanc



Photo: Emma-Rose

Gabriel, Evelyne, Dominique, Charles, Sandie and Martin engaged audiences at the **signature events** held in June and December 2022.

The appeal in support of Emma-Rose, a young girl being treated at the HMR for a red blood cell disorder, was the **largest direct mail campaign** in the Foundation’s history. And you responded in droves! Thank you!

Discover these stories and more by following the HMR Foundation on its platforms!

  



THIS STEM CELL TRANSPLANT RECIPIENT'S EXCEPTIONAL GIFT WILL HELP SAVE OTHER LIVES

A mechanical engineering graduate from the class of 1994, **Martin Chevalier** was a healthy man until June 2021, when he began experiencing unexplained fatigue. Worried, the father of two young adults went to his family doctor, who immediately ordered a battery of blood tests.

After two months of uncertainty and medical appointments, he got the diagnosis: **Martin** had T cell lymphoma, a rare type of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. He and his family processed the news and prepared for months of pacing the hospital corridors.

His chemotherapy treatments began in late August 2021 at the medical facility in Montérégie where he was being monitored. However, the aggressive cancer required more advanced stem cell solutions, which were transplanted by the HMR. In October 2021, **Martin** met with **Dr. Delisle**, a transplant specialist and researcher in HMR's Oncology department. He recommended a tandem transplant: an autograft (stem cells from the patient himself) followed by an allogenic transplant (stem cells from a donor).

The transplant process began in December 2021 with the collection of his own stem cells. Unfortunately, in January 2022 a medical imaging test called a PET SCAN revealed that the cancer was still present and that the autograft could not be performed—Martin would need another chemotherapy treatment before he could move forward with the rest of the treatments.

Finally, on April 20, 2022, the autograft was performed at HMR's Hematology-Oncology and Cellular Therapy University Institute (HOCTUI), which meant a hospital stay of several weeks.

With mixed results from the autograft, **Martin's** only chance for a cure was an allogenic transplant from an unrelated donor previously identified through the international stem cell bank. **Martin** received his second transplant on July 22, 2022. The process was gruelling, but he kept up his morale and strong character during his hospitalization at the HOCTUI and the post-transplant follow-up at HMR with a lot of support from his loved ones and his medical team led by **Dr. Jean Roy**.

Grateful for the care he received, **Martin** said: "It was only natural that I should want to share my financial success with the people who took care of me and saved my life." Through his remarkable gift of **\$500,000** in shares, **Martin** wishes to be a beacon of hope by supporting **Dr. Roy's** research work.

Have a long and rewarding life, Martin!



"It was only natural that I should want to share my financial success with the people who took care of me and saved my life."

- Martin Chevalier

WHY NOT VOLUNTEER?

In 2022, to get to know the team of professionals who thrilled her in the docuseries De garde 24/7, **Angelina Cappadocia** decided to volunteer for a few hours a week at Hôpital Maisonneuve-Rosemont. Her weekly commitment instantly gave her the feeling that she was part of an amazing team, and the gratification she felt made the drive between her home in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu and the HMR seem like nothing.

A few weeks after being welcomed by the ER team, **Angelina** crossed paths with intensive care specialist **Dr. François Marquis**. After a short talk with the HMR Foundation ambassador, **Angelina** decided to free up a few extra hours from her schedule to work on our signature events.

With her cheerfulness, good humour and professionalism, she immediately won over the hearts of the HMR Foundation team. Today, she has also joined the ambassador committee of Debout pour la Cause.

When asked why she so generously donates her time to HMR Foundation events and the hospital's emergency room, **Angelina's** answer is candid: Why not? She feels alive when she feels that she's making a difference by helping others. **Angelina** is clearly someone with a good heart, not to mention an inspiring example of the positive impact volunteering can have on the community and on ourselves.

"If I can volunteer my time, why wouldn't I?"

- Angelina Cappadocia



A huge thank-you goes out to the HMR Foundation's 148 active volunteers! They provide essential support for Hôpital Maisonneuve-Rosemont's events, administrative tasks and outreach work.



HMR
Foundation Team

As of December 31, 2022

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