



C.A.R.E. JEUNESSE

ANNUAL REPORT

2018 / 2019



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear C.A.R.E. Jeunesse, Community,

This last year has been a big year for CARE Jeunesse as we have continued to see major growth. In the past year we introduced a new bursary—the D'Arcy McGee—CARE Jeunesse Bursary thanks to the support of David Birnbaum, MP for the D'Arcy McGee riding. We hosted several events with youth in care, including lunches and dinners, distribution of luggage, established a tax clinic which included a workshop to teach youth about doing their taxes and offered them the opportunity to have their taxes done by a volunteer, and of course we hosted our annual holiday party that was well attended by members and their children where every guest received a full holiday meal, gifts and prizes.



In the spring of 2019, we hired Vanessa Mahon as our Community Outreach Coordinator and have continued our efforts to obtain charitable status. We have continued to offer consulting to other organizations around the needs of youth in care and alumni of care and best practices for intervening with this population. CARE Jeunesse also attended the Gala des Prix Leviers in Quebec City at the National Assembly where one of our members received an award for her successes. CARE Jeunesse was the recipient of the Montreal Community Cares—Community Organization award in May 2019. The voices of our members were represented by CARE Jeunesse at the Special Commission on the Rights of the Child and Youth Protection and continued to work with the Coalition formed with the Quebec Association of Educators and the Batshaw Alumni Association to advocate for quality services for youth in care and alumni of care. CARE Jeunesse will also be making recommendations to the provincial government in order to improve Quebec's Youth Protection system. Our members were also given the opportunity to express themselves in a focus group with INESSS, Institut national d'excellence en santé et services sociaux.

Our members have expressed to us the need to be informed of their rights and responsibilities and we have heard you and are working on a project in collaboration with other partners to ensure that youth in care across the province are informed about their rights and responsibilities.

CARE Jeunesse would like to take the opportunity to thank all of its individual and organizational supporters as our success would not be possible without you. Also, a huge thank you to our members who put their trust in us. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers, including our volunteer board members who have continued to work tirelessly to ensure that our members in and from care are supported and ensure the success of our organization. We look forward to the many exciting upcoming projects this year, so join us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and sign up to become a member (FREE) on our website (www.carejeunesse.info) to be the first to hear the latest news and make a donation or volunteer to help us continue to achieve our mission.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Dupuis

Jennifer Dupuis,
President

OUR MISSION

Centre Amitié, Ressources et Entraide pour la Jeunesse (C.A.R.E Jeunesse) is a provincial, bilingual non-profit organization founded by alumni of care that provides support to youth in care and alumni from care in Quebec. C.A.R.E Jeunesse was created by alumni of care to improve the quality of life in, and after, care by providing a safe environment for members to connect and form supportive relationships as well as providing advocacy, education and empowerment opportunities.

The organization connects youth to resources, examines policies related to youth in care and offers training and consultation to professionals on the issues relevant to youth in care.

C.A.R.E Jeunesse offers support to youth and alumni from all child protection placements, including but not limited to foster homes, group homes and a range of residential centres. C.A.R.E Jeunesse is widely inclusive and welcomes members from all backgrounds, abilities, cultures, religions, genders, sexual orientations and ethnicities.

PROVIDING A VOICE AND A COMMUNITY IN QUEBEC FOR YOUTH AND ALUMNI FROM CARE.

OUR VALUES

C.A.R.E Jeunesse is proud to operate guided by the following core values:



COMMUNITY



AUTONOMY



EMPOWERMENT



ADVOCACY



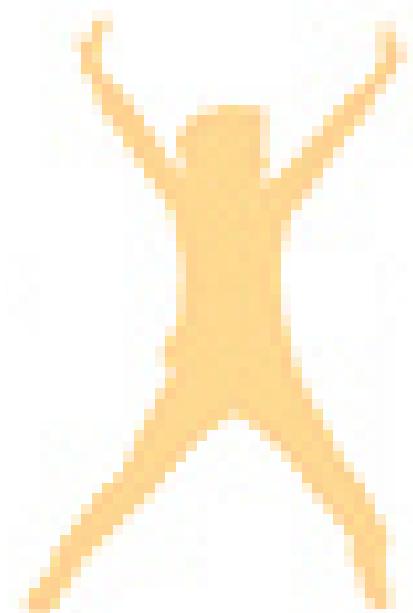
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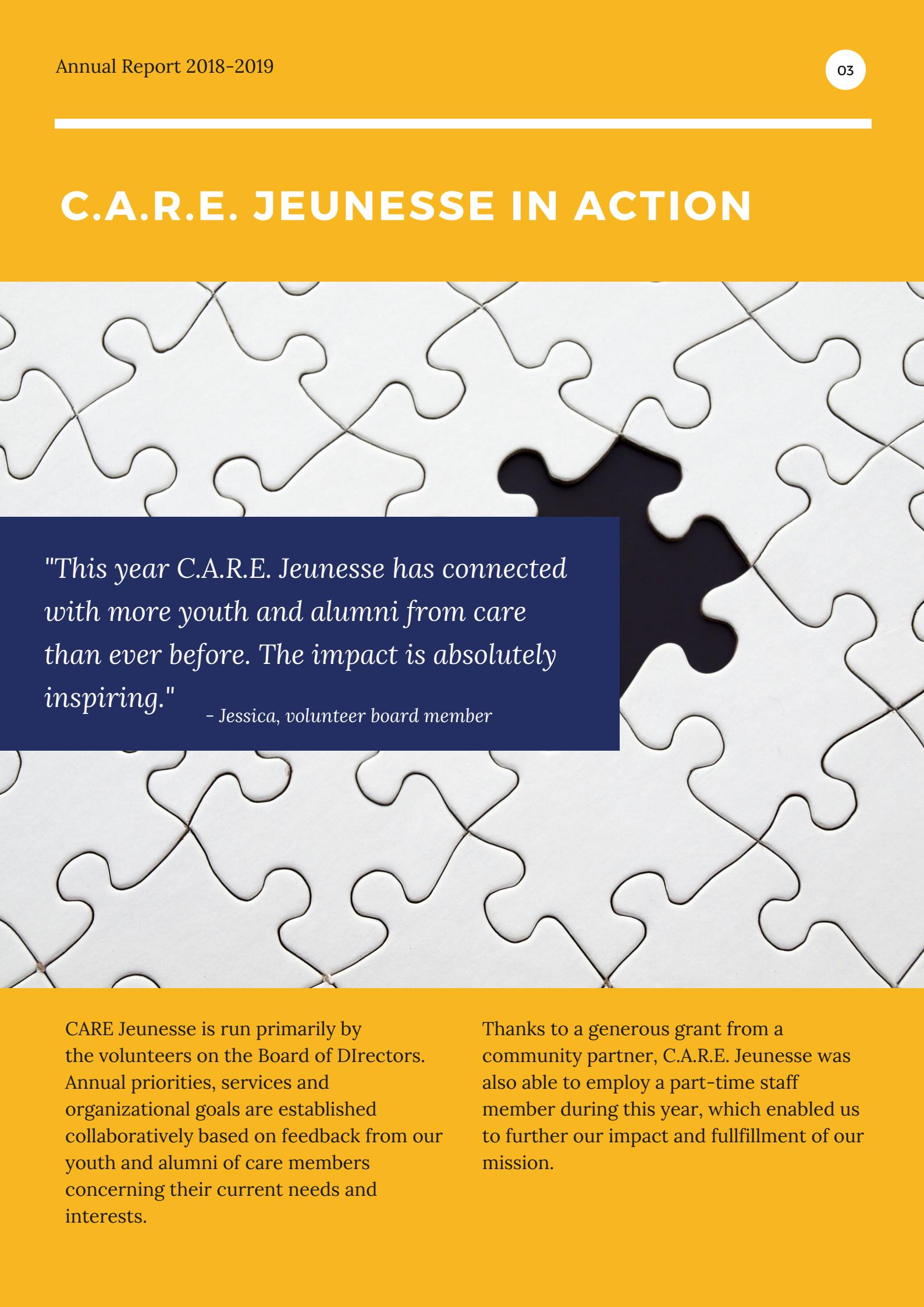
RESPECT



INCLUSIVENESS



C.A.R.E. JEUNESSE IN ACTION



"This year C.A.R.E. Jeunesse has connected with more youth and alumni from care than ever before. The impact is absolutely inspiring."

- Jessica, volunteer board member

CARE Jeunesse is run primarily by the volunteers on the Board of Directors. Annual priorities, services and organizational goals are established collaboratively based on feedback from our youth and alumni of care members concerning their current needs and interests.

Thanks to a generous grant from a community partner, C.A.R.E. Jeunesse was also able to employ a part-time staff member during this year, which enabled us to further our impact and fulfillment of our mission.

SOME OF THIS YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS

YOUTH & CARE ALUMNI AT
HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

40

9

TAX TRAINING
SESSIONS

GALA DES PRIX
LEVIERS AWARD
WINNER

OVER

300

PIECES OF LUGGAGE
DISTRIBUTED

WINNER OF THE
COMMUNITY
ORGANIZATION AWARD
FROM THE MONTREAL
COMMUNITY CARES
FOUNDATION

POST
SECONDARY
EDUCATION
BURSARY

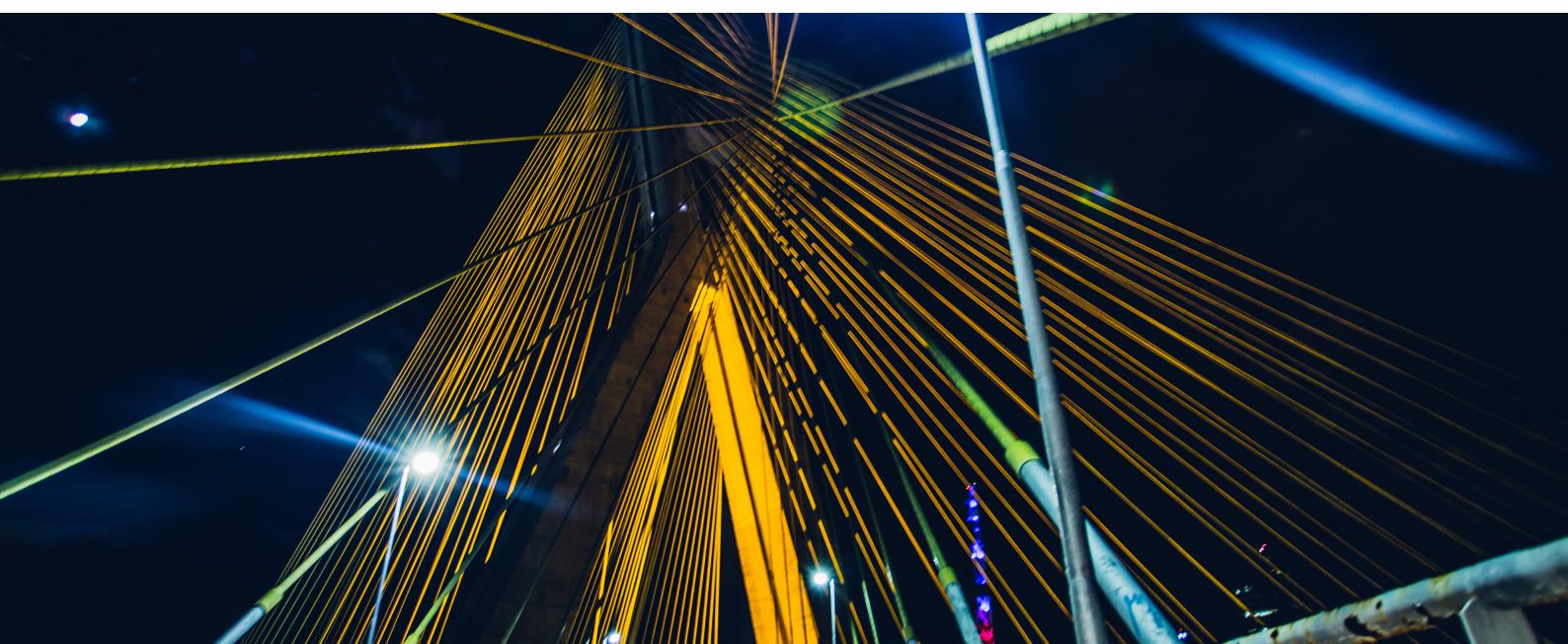
\$2,000

REFERRALS TO
EMERGENCY
SUPPORT
SERVICES

YOUTH AT
OUTREACH
EVENTS

300

OVER
850
VOLUNTEER HOURS IN
SUPPORT OF OUR MISSION



THIS YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS

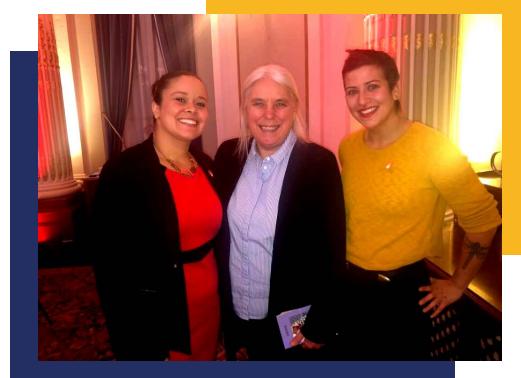


TAX CLINIC AND INCOME TAX FILING

Filing your tax returns can be a confusing process, especially for young adults doing it on their own for the first time. New this year, C.A.R.E. Jeunesse was proud to be able to offer our members a free training on how to file your income tax returns, as well as free individualized sessions where members could have their returns filed for them with the help of a trained volunteer. The sessions occurred over 3 weeks in April 2019 and were a definite success!

GALA DES PRIX LEVIERS

In November 2018, C.A.R.E. Jeunesse was thrilled to be able to accompany our member Erin Doiron-Hartle in Quebec City to accept her award at the National Assembly at the Gala des Prix Leviers. Erin was recognized for her outstanding volunteering and contributions to the community and C.A.R.E. Jeunesse's mission.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Each year in Quebec, 1,200 youth "age-out" of care and are met with the arduous task of fending for themselves, without any support. C.A.R.E. Jeunesse seeks to build a community for youth, so they know they will always have somewhere to turn, even after their 18th birthday. With that in mind, C.A.R.E. Jeunesse hosts numerous community outreach activities annually in order to inform youth about our free services, hear about their needs, and encourage them to advocate for their own needs.

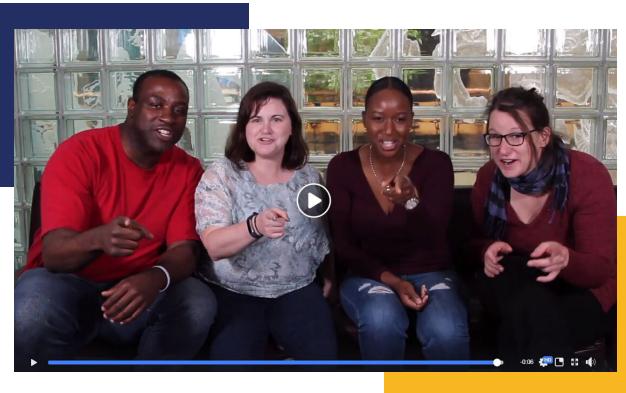
In 2018-2019, we held a record-breaking number of outreach activities, and would like to thank the numerous volunteers, alumni and members who organized, spoke at, or attended these important events.



THIS YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS

NEW AWARENESS VIDEO

The C.A.R.E. Jeunesse Media Committee has been hard at work making sure the voice of youth and alumni of care are heard! In spring 2019 they brought together alumni from various backgrounds to create an awareness and recruitment video about C.A.R.E. Jeunesse. This is an integral piece in helping us expand our reach and making sure a maximum number of youth aging out of care know about our free support and referral services.



INESS RESEARCH PROJECT

This past year, C.A.R.E. Jeunesse has been increasingly consulted to share experiences of our members. In May 2019, a group of our members participated in a research project at the Institut National d'Excellence en Santé et en Service Sociaux (INESS), an organization that researches topics of interest to the provincial government. The project focused on the assessment of development of youth in care.



2ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY!



Volunteers setting up for the holiday party!

The holidays can be a lonely time when you are away from family or on your own. Due to popular demand, C.A.R.E. Jeunesse held its second annual holiday party for youth in care and alumni from care. Members were able to enjoy a complimentary holiday meal surrounded by festive decor, listen to music, socialize with their peers, and even have a special visit and gifts from Santa! This special event will certainly be back in 2019 for another edition!

THIS YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS



MONTREAL COMMUNITY CARES FOUNDATION AWARD

In May 2019 our President, Jennifer Dupuis, was thrilled to accept the Montreal Community Cares award on behalf of C.A.R.E. Jeunesse in the Community Organization category. This award was bestowed in recognition of C.A.R.E. Jeunesse's outstanding impact in the community.

SPEAKING OUT

C.A.R.E. Jeunesse is pleased to have participated in numerous speaking and discussion forums, surveys and consortiums such as ENAP's Colloque / École d'Été 2019 : Réseaux d'action collective autour et avec les jeunes: comment mieux travailler ensemble ?, the consultation for the Forum Jeunes et Santé mentale - Professionnels de la santé by Santé et Services Sociaux de Québec, the UNICEF Change Summit, the Special Care Connect Empathy In Action conference, and many more!

NEW POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION BURSARY



Thanks to the incredible support of MNA David Birnbaum, deputy of D'Arcy-McGee, in June 2019 we were pleased to announce the new D'Arcy-McGee-CARE Jeunesse Bursary! Youth from care face a disproportionate amount of obstacles to completing post-secondary studies, and we

hope that the bursary helps alleviate some of the financial burden that may prevent youth from care from pursuing post-secondary studies. The bursary provides one individual with a \$2,000 bursary each year. This bursary differs from many others in that it is available specifically for youth from care, it supports youth pursuing any type of post-secondary education, including trade programs, CEGEP or University, it is based on several factors including need, merit and motivation of the applicant. Individuals can apply in writing or by creating a video for those who struggle with literacy or are more comfortable expressing themselves verbally. C.A.R.E. Jeunesse also provides all applicants and CARE members with information about other existing scholarship and bursary opportunities in order to increase positive outcomes for alumni of care.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS

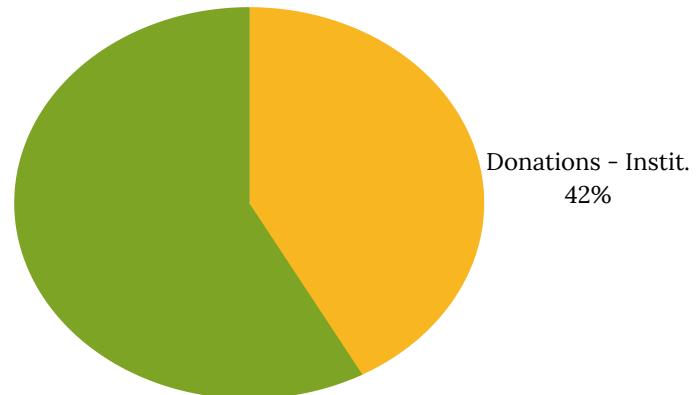
C.A.R.E. Jeunesse is a non-profit organization that relies entirely on the support of our community to fund and fulfill our mission. We are incredibly thankful for the tremendous support we received this past year from our community partners, sponsors and volunteers. THANK YOU!

Batshaw Alumni Association
Canada Revenue Agency
Child Welfare League of Canada
CIUSS Centre Sud
CIUSSS Côte-Nord (volet protection de la jeunesse)
CIUSS ODIM
Concordia University Student Parent Center
Concordia University - Dept of Applied Human Sciences
Fondation de Centre Jeunesse de Montréal
Head & Hands
Institut National d'Excellence en Santé et en Service Sociaux
Montreal Lakeshore University Womens Club
Quebec Association of Educators
ROCQAJ
Temple Emmanuel Beth Shalom of Westmount
YMCA - Centreville



REVENUE

Donations - Institutions	\$2,000.00
Donations - Individuals	\$2,740.96
TOTAL REVENUE	\$4,740.96



EXPENDITURES

Salary	\$3,237.94
Insurance	\$774.02
Travel & Parking	\$253.62
Food	\$105.52
Communications & Marketing	\$321.87
Outreach & Social Events	\$1,805.49
Organizational Events	\$196.27
Professional Fees	\$300.00
Miscellaneous	\$60.42
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$7,055.15

