



Making an impact in Montreal and beyond

Impact report 2023–2025

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Coming together for them

AN INDEPENDENT FOUNDATION SUPPORTING THE DYP'S MISSION

The Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ is a nonprofit organization independent from the DYP that works closely with existing resources in a spirit of harmony to build a supportive network for youths in care.



A message from the minister

An uplifting act of outreach can transform someone's world. It opens up new opportunities and paves the way for the future.

When I was young, nothing led to believe that I would later enjoy a thriving life and career. The differentiating factor between a young person fuelled by dreams and one who keeps their head down, convinced that they will never find hope and success, is this compassionate outreach I just mentioned. Being welcomed with open arms and encouragement can make all the difference to put someone on the right path—especially a youth under the care of the DYP. It has certainly changed my life.

In my eyes, the Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ provides vulnerable children with invaluable support and a sense of safety so they can thrive. It tells them, "You have the right to realize your potential. We're here to help make your dreams come true."

Your generous donations help create a supportive safety net for these young people. Each contribution signals to them that they matter and are not alone.

I would like to thank the Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ for mobilizing the public to meet their needs. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to be the change.

—Mathieu Lacombe

Mathieu Lacombe
Minister of culture and communications, Minister responsible
for youth (October 20, 2022, to September 10, 2025) and
Minister responsible for the Outaouais region

A group of diverse children, including a young boy in a plaid shirt and a girl with curly hair in a pink shirt, are holding hands and running in a grassy field. The background shows trees and a bright, sunny day. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Everlasting hope
Empathy
Engagement
Extended hands

OUR MISSION

The Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ's mission is to change how youths in care envision their future by giving them the courage and confidence to believe in a world of possibilities.

In addition to advocating for youths in care, we engage the public and supplement government funding to quickly meet specific, individual needs.

Message from the board chair and CEO

Dear partners, donors, volunteers and colleagues,

Looking back on the past two years, we realize how much your incredible engagement made a real difference in the lives of youths in the care of the DYP. Your steadfast commitment allowed the Fondation to pursue its mission with renewed strength. Whether it be through your donations, your time, your expertise or your support, you made a real impact in these young people's lives, and we sincerely thank you for this.

Major challenges emerged in the past few years, both for Quebec society as a whole and for the youths that we assist. Recent economic upheaval dealt a hard blow to the most vulnerable members of society, including youths taken in by the DYP and their families. The cost of living has increased significantly, adding pressure on youths in care, their families and those transitioning to adulthood as they struggle to meet their basic needs. In spite of these challenges, the Fondation managed to adapt through innovative approaches to meet ever more pressing needs. We could not have developed and increased the impact of our support, education and reintegration programs without your help.

Joining forces to make a greater impact in Montreal and beyond

In the past two years, we continued working together to extend our impact beyond Montreal and support youths in different regions of Quebec. This growth reflects our shared goal of not leaving any youth in care behind, no matter where they are in Quebec. Your donations have allowed us to deploy innovative projects, grow our regional partnerships, and provide flexible financial assistance tailored to local circumstances.

Shedding light on issues faced by youths

Another major step forward was to raise greater awareness of the realities experienced by youths in care. Our campaigns and our partners' actions across Quebec have led to a widespread social awareness of the challenges faced by these youths—financial insecurity, broken family ties, and difficulty accessing education, employment and housing, just to name a few. Such growing awareness is a powerful way to combat bias and increase engagement. Together, we are building a more inclusive and supportive society.

Many challenges and issues still lie ahead. The increase in the number of reports to the DYP, the relentless rise in the cost of living and the limited access to affordable housing are placing youths and their families in an even more vulnerable position. This is why your commitment remains a beacon of hope for us. With every contribution you make, we become better equipped to create a better future for youths in the care of the DYP.

With optimistic regards,



Dominique Dupuis
Chair of the Board
of Directors



Fabienne Audette
Chief Executive
Officer



Fabienne Audette
CEO, Fondation des
jeunes de la DPJ



Dominique Dupuis
Chair of the Board of
Directors

Thank you, Yvon!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Yvon Roy for his outstanding involvement with the Fondation from 2016 to this day, particularly in his role as chair of the Board from 2020 to 2024. Yvon is an exceptional leader with a visionary and caring approach, who wholeheartedly advocated for the cause of youths in care. Thank you, Yvon, for being with us.



A message from our spokesperson

Given my privileged background, I knew that I had to do something for vulnerable youths who have not been so lucky in life.

This is why I chose to become spokesperson of the Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ in 2021. I took it upon myself to meet vulnerable youths and speak on their behalf to raise public awareness about their reality, the vital support they get from the Fondation and our power to make a difference, pouring my entire heart into this mission.

How can one remain unmoved by the incredible resilience, maturity and courage demonstrated by youths in the care of the DYP? I saw pride shine in their eyes after they earned their diploma, all thanks to the Fondation's support. I saw them smile from ear to ear while playing ball or coming home from summer camp. I saw lives change and new futures open up.

Thank you to all the donors and partners who make it possible for the Fondation to support the youths who are most in need. By coming together, we can keep hope alive and make a huge difference!

Anaïs X

Anaïs Favron
Spokesperson of the Fondation

An overview of youths in care

The stark evidence reminds us of the urgency to act

Every youth in care has a story. Although individual journeys differ, they share the common element of scars left by trauma and hurt. The figures below illustrate the magnitude of the situation across the province:

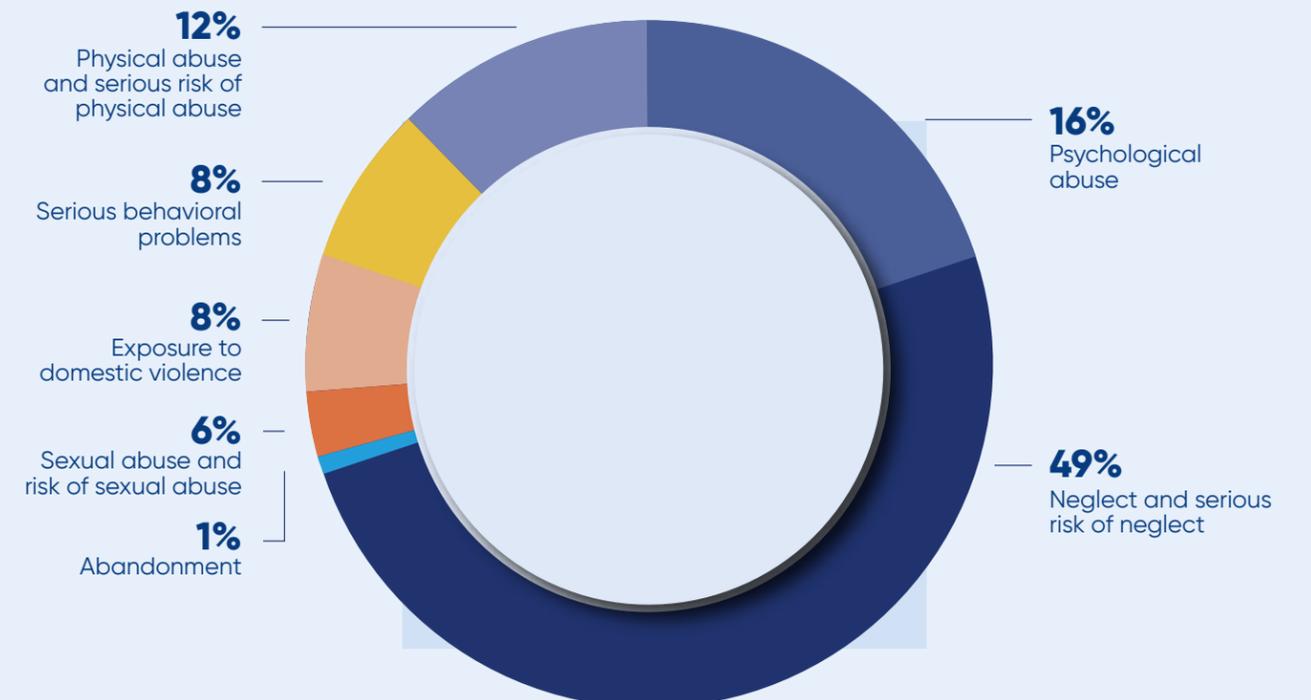
Every year in Quebec, **there are more reports** made to the DYP than there are births.

Currently, there are over **40,000 children** in care across the province.

In 2024–2025, the number of reports **increased by 5%** in Quebec.

→ [source](#)

Issues that led to a youth being placed in the care of the DYP



Honours and awards

2024 Prix Droits et Libertés award

On December 10, 2024, at Maison d'Haïti, the Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ was honoured to receive the 2024 Prix Droits et Libertés award (PDL) from the Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse (CDPDJ) for all its actions under the Transitioning Toward Adulthood program.

This prestigious award, presented on the 35th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the 45th anniversary of the Youth Protection Act coming into force, symbolizes deep recognition for the Fondation's support and commitment to society's most vulnerable youths at a turning point in their lives.

Members of the Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ team (in November 2024): Fabienne Audette, Chief Executive Officer; Dominic Savaria, Coordinator, Initiatives and Programs; Chentale de Montigny, Associate Director, Development and Special Projects; Véronique Gauthier, Writer and Community Manager; Annick Lafleur, Assistant Director, Communications and Business Intelligence; Bénédicte Hustache, Executive Coordinator; and Marie-Hélène Vendette, Senior Director, Philanthropic Development and Communications at the time.

"The Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ strives to get youths on the right path and nurture hope every day. Thanks to its partners, donors and volunteers, the Fondation can provide youths in care with direct tailored support and has the power to change their lives, sowing the seeds of hope and transforming the way they envision their future."

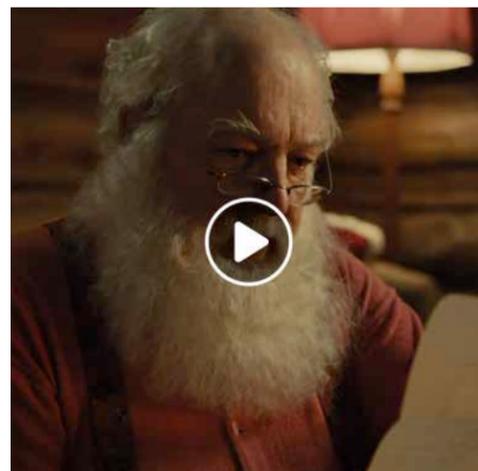
– Fabienne Audette, Chief Executive Officer, Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ



2024 Idéa award

The promotional video produced by Cossette for the Fondation's 2023 Christmas campaign won a Bronze award in the Association of Creative Communications **Agencies' 2024 Idéa contest**, specifically in the advertising films category for social, humanitarian and philanthropic causes.

The video, which featured Santa Claus, struck an emotional chord with the public and raised awareness about the Fondation's vital mission with neglected youth in need of protection. We were so proud to see the entire creative team receive this industry award for their work!



Press coverage

Your impact in stories

Over the past two years, youths in care supported by the Fondation provided testimonials of its impact in their lives. Whether it be education, tools to develop autonomy, summer camps or other activities, the projects funded allowed them to gain confidence, find emotional peace, take control of their future with strength and determination, or simply experience a normal childhood for a moment.

Here's what they have to say about the tangible impact of your generous donations.



Dustin Gendron: A role model for perseverance and resilience.

Le Devoir, Dustin Gendron (aged 19)
Photo: Marie-France Coallier
→ [Read the interview](#)



Nelly* shares her heart-wrenching story, from youth protection to police college training.

On Rythme FM's Les Lève-tôt radio show with Anaïs Favron
→ [Listen to the interview](#)



For Sandra,* aged 15, animal-assisted therapy made a world of difference.

La Presse – Drawings by Sandra*
Photo: Alain Roberge
→ [Read the interview](#)



After being abandoned by her family, Sofia* holds her head up high, buoyant with hope.

Photo Olivier Jean, La Presse
→ [Read the interview](#)



Youths in care tell their stories to journalist

Valérie Lebeuf from 98.5 FM. They are joined by Frédéric,* aged 14, who shares a testimonial of his own.

→ [Listen to the interview](#)

*fictional names, true stories

Our impact

Our general mission

The Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ's mission is to support and empower youths who are or have been subject to the Youth Protection Act so they can thrive and develop their full potential.

Youths receiving assistance from the Fondation live in Montreal or elsewhere in Quebec and are aged 0 to 25. Their lives are marked by adversity and experiences of abandonment and emotional distress. Day after day, youths in care struggle to heal wounds and trauma that no young person should ever have to endure. **Although their individual stories are unique, all of them had their situation reported to the DYP.**

These reports were accepted for a range of reasons, from neglect and various forms of abuse to abandonment and exposure to domestic violence. Most of the youths in care struggle with a lack of financial, family or social resources.

The Fondation deploys programs to promptly and meaningfully meet their needs with a tailored approach, **regardless of their origin, religion, gender or sexual orientation.**

Thanks to
your donations,
we said **"YES!"**
to **16,847 requests!**

We would like to thank
our generous partners for
supporting our general
mission:

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- Sibylla Hesse Foundation
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- Mlle Catherine Inc.
- Power Corporation of Canada
- Roselyn Le Cours and Pierre Hébert

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who make
our work
possible

Transitioning towards an autonomous life

Because you don't just become an adult the morning you turn 18...

Reaching adulthood is a significant milestone in the lives of youths in care who cannot rely on friends or family members to support them. The Fondation plays a key role in preparing those youths for life on their own. Through various

initiatives tailored to individual needs, it empowers youths to develop the abilities, skills and tools they need to look to the future with courage and confidence.

The Fondation provides scholarships, apartment start-up kits, workshops and more to many youths in care, ensuring they can support themselves without compromising their education. This reduces their likelihood of ending up in a vulnerable socioeconomic situation.

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The Fondation won the 2024 Prix Droits et Libertés award from the Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse (CDPDJ) for actions taken under this program.



OUR IMPACT IN NUMBERS

- **1,491 YOUTHS** aged 15 to 25 received support under the program.
- **1,000 GROCERY CARDS** were handed out to combat food insecurity.
- **164 YOUTHS*** received support to enter the job market, which is a 69% increase from 2021–2023.
- **\$704,011**** went to the Montreal program.



OUR PARTNERS

- [AIG Insurance Company of Canada](#)
- [Children's Aid Foundation of Canada](#)
- [Order of Engineers of Quebec](#)
- [CPA Foundation](#)
- [Quebec Bar Foundation](#)
- [Foundation of Greater Montréal](#)
- [Godin Family Foundation](#)
- [Lorraine et Jean Turmel Foundation](#)
- [La Caisse \(Caisse de depot et placement du Quebec\)](#)
- [Le Levier](#)
- [Resources for Equitable Opportunity Inc.](#)
- [Metro](#)
- [Estate of Nicole Belanger](#)
- [The Home Depot Canada Foundation](#)



Did you know

"Every year, **more than 2,000 young people** leave the care of the Director of Youth Protection as they approach the age of majority." → [Source](#)

"**33%** of them will experience at least one episode of homelessness before they turn 21." → [Source](#)

*Included in the total

**This number does not include funds allocated following our calls for proposals. To see how we make an impact in different regions across Quebec, go to [page 17](#).

School perseverance

Because education has the power to unlock a brighter future

The Fondation funds projects to support youths in care who are struggling in school, making sure they have all the right tools and conditions to succeed and celebrating their efforts and achievements, no matter how big or small.

Higher education—whether it be a vocational or college diploma or a university degree—helps vulnerable youths become financially secure and break the cycle of poverty. Once they graduate, they can finally take ownership of their lives by becoming more stable and self-sufficient. What better way to cultivate a sense of pride and boost their self-esteem?

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Did you know

"Currently, **only 1 out of 4 youths in the care of the DYP** earn their high school diploma before the age of 19. This is 3 times less than the corresponding figure for all Quebec youths of the same age." → [Source](#)

OUR IMPACT IN NUMBERS

- **1,590 YOUTHS** aged 5 to 17 received support under the program.
- **842 STUDENTS** from elementary to high school received scholarships in recognition of their efforts to stay in school or earn a diploma, which is a 70% increase from 2021–2023.
- **498 YOUTHS** received individual tutoring sessions, which is a 80% increase from 2021–2023.
- **\$476,582** were granted for the program.



OUR PARTNERS

- Children's Aid Foundation of Canada
- Hewitt Foundation
- Jacques and Michel Auger Foundation
- Fiducie Charitable Fournier-Éthier
- Robert Sawyer Foundation
- Œuvres Régis-Vernet
- TSX Inc.



Family support

Because tailored support can help parents best fulfill their role

Certain challenges that some children face at home (e.g., mental health issues, difficulties integrating, domestic violence, substance abuse and poverty) can prevent them from thriving and developing at their fullest. Caseworkers from the DYP are there to support and empower parents so they can best fulfill their role and responsibilities towards their child.

Proactively addressing issues at an early stage helps maintain and improve families' living conditions, ensuring a secure and nurturing environment for their children's development at home. The Fondation supports caseworkers' efforts to provide families with much-needed guidance, in addition to helping those who escaped hardship make a fresh new start.

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OUR IMPACT IN NUMBERS

- **2,931 YOUTHS** aged 0 to 17 and their families received support under the program.
- **209 YOUTHS*** received support through the first editions of the "Nouveau départ" (New beginning) project, designed to help newcomers and families start over after an episode of domestic violence, a disaster or another crisis.
- **\$294,937** were granted for the program.

*Included in the total



OUR PARTNERS

- [Trottier Family Foundation](#)
- [Leclerc-Racine Foundation](#)

Did you know

"On March 30, 2025, **66% of youths aged 0 to 17** followed by the DYP lived with their biological family or with a relative who is important to them. Thanks to the support offered to families, **over 22,408 youths in Quebec** were able to stay in an environment that ensures continuity of care, with stable living conditions that foster their growth and emotional development. → [Source](#)



Self-esteem and healthy living habits

Because confidence and self-discovery are the first steps to a thriving life

Youths in the care of the DYP bear deep and painful emotional scars. Many have a diminished sense of self-worth as a result of the trauma and lack of emotional connections they experienced during their childhood and teenage years.

The Fondation funds positive experiences that help them build self-confidence. During these activities, youths in care can develop their interests and find new passions, further discovering who they are and building their identity as a result.

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Did you know

"According to the World Health Organization, **4 out of 5 youths** are not sufficiently physically active." Also, "teenagers aged 14 to 18 living in DYP youth centres experience 2 to 4 times more health risks or issues than the general population."

→ [Source 1](#) → [Source 2](#)

OUR IMPACT IN NUMBERS

- **2,730 YOUTHS** aged 3 to 17 received support under the program.
- **300 YOUTHS*** took part in the PEP project, providing sports equipment for youths, facilitated every summer at youth centres.
- **400 YOUTHS*** received new sports equipment at their living quarters.
- **\$423,870** were granted for the program.

*Included in the total



OUR PARTNERS

- Boutique Nopé
- Children's Aid Foundation of Canada
- Conceptions M.G. Inc.
- Enfant Soleil
- Montreal Canadiens Children's Foundation
- McAbbie Foundation
- SSQ Foundation
- Costco Wholesale Corporation
- Ticket Action Inc.
- Vans Canada #8111
- Vans Carrefour Laval #8108
- Mandala Wear



Innovative interventions for troubled youths

Because innovation is vital to address needs and social challenges in young people's lives

Some youths in the care of the DYP have been removed from unstable, violent or toxic environments. Dealing with the negative effects of those experiences on their behaviour and personal development requires personalized, innovative approaches. The Fondation funds innovative projects tailored to the needs of youths in care, in line with recommendations from different specialists and research teams.

Deploying innovative approaches is crucial to respond to an ever-changing range of social and psychological challenges faced by youths, help them build trauma resilience, improve access to care, promote prevention and take advantage of scientific breakthroughs. By funding innovation, we invest in young people's future—and the future of society as a whole.

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OUR IMPACT IN NUMBERS

- **2,774 YOUTHS** aged 0 to 25 received support under the program.
- **837 YOUTHS*** spent quality time with Cherry, a Mira service dog trained for emotional support.
- **4 INNOVATIVE PROJECTS** backed by the Fondation helped a total of 998 youths.*
- **\$180,170** were granted for the program.

*Included in the total



OUR PARTNERS

- [Avant que ça sonne](#)
- [Mirella & Lino Saputo Foundation](#)
- [TELUS Friendly Future Foundation](#)
- [Oven-Baked Tradition](#)

Did you know

"Mental health issues account for **17.4% of hospitalizations** among youths in care, and for only **4.7% of youth hospitalizations overall.**"

→ [Source](#)



Magical moments

To ignite the spark of joy in children's eyes and hearts

Whether they live in a youth centre, in a foster home, or with their families, youths in care of the DYP need to experience moments of carefree fun and pure happiness. They yearn to be like the other children, even for just a moment.

While they are in the care of the DYP, we support them by celebrating milestones, important events and holidays at their side. This way, every child can create everlasting memories filled with magic, which become a source of strength and courage when challenges arise.

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Did you know

"Allowing teenagers to express positive feelings, like joy and wonder, **allows them to better regulate their emotions** and be fully present in their experiences. These moments of carefree abandon and joy, no matter how short, **alleviate symptoms of depression and anxiety**—often compounded by trauma—by promoting social connection and a sense of belonging." → [Source](#)

OUR IMPACT IN NUMBERS

- **3,349 YOUTHS** aged 3 to 17 received support under the program.
- **1,740 YOUTHS*** attended exciting sports games and shows.
- **312 YOUTHS*** spent the day of their dreams, alone or with loved ones. This is more than double the number of youths from 2021–2023.
- **\$71,489** were granted for the program, and hundreds of tickets were given to youths.

*Included in the total



OUR PARTNERS

- Evenko foundation
- Godin Family Foundation
- Luc Langevin L'illusioniste
- Montreal Alouettes
- Société de Développement Culturel de Québec Issime
- Les Grands Ballets Canadiens
- Vitrierie RD Ltée
- HNA S.E.N.C.R.L.



Young offenders

Getting them on the right path

There is a popular belief that associates young offenders with a need for repression rather than protection. However, a vast majority of young people under the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA) are also in the care of the Director of Youth Protection due to a need for protection, rehabilitation or psychosocial follow-up services. Many of them had been victims before breaking the law. → [Source](#)

This year, over 1,700 out of approximately 10,000 young offenders in the Quebec justice system live in Montreal. These teenagers aged 12 to 17 are serving their sentences in rehabilitation centres or in the community, where they either live at their family's home or in a community resource. What they have in common is that they have committed an offence or a crime. → [Source](#)

Many of them choose to own up to their actions and regain control of their future, embarking on a path leading to a stable life.

We want to highlight the courage, resilience and potential of these young offenders, not only to raise awareness of their reality but also to bring their stories of hope to the public's attention.

The Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ offers support that builds on the vital work of youth educators, who dedicate themselves every day to creating new prospects for young offenders living in rehabilitation centres. Thanks to the Fondation's financial assistance, these professionals can give youths opportunities to thrive (through sports, music and games), to develop skills (by starting a farm project or operating a creamery) and to give back to the community in the form of holiday baskets or fundraisers for a good cause.

Such activities help young offenders reintegrate into society and embark on a constructive, fulfilling life path, with the confidence that they can achieve their full potential.

IMPACT

Over the past two years, the Fondation funded the projects of **84 YOUTHS** under the YCJA across its programs. Among them:

- **23 YOUTHS** took part in an artistic, cultural or sports activity to develop new skills, learn to manage their emotions and build their self-esteem.
- **21 YOUTHS** received tutoring or financial assistance for transportation to support their academic efforts.
- **29 YOUTHS** received support to embark on the right path as they transition to adulthood. This included paid vocational training, driving courses, or help moving into an apartment.
- **THE OTHERS** received support to cover their basic needs.



OUR PARTNER

→ [Pagé-Laflamme Foundation](#)

GET TO KNOW AN EDUCATOR WORKING WITH YOUNG OFFENDERS →



Did you know

"Interventions made in support of a teenager's development (guidance, accountability, rehabilitation) are most likely to protect society in the long term." → [Source](#)

Our preventive approach

BY OFFERING

- Material support for pregnancy and childbirth
- Food support and emergency supplies
- Holistic stimulation tools
- Athletic, cultural and artistic experiences
- Therapeutic support (animal-assisted therapy, art therapy, etc.)
- School supplies, financial support for education and tutoring
- Interventions against sexual exploitation
- Material, social, academic and financial support to transition into adulthood

WE PREVENT

- Mental and physical health issues
- Repeated placements and removals
- Neglect
- School dropouts
- Abuse
- Sexual exploitation
- Social exclusion
- Delays in language, motor and cognitive development

AND WE COMBAT*

- Homelessness
- Incarceration
- Addiction and mental health issues
- Unemployment
- Suicide
- Financial insecurity

*REFERENCES

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[Les bienfaits de l'art et la culture chez les jeunes](#)

Thank-you notes from youths!

Cher Fondation,

Je voulais simplement vous remercier pour tout les activités extérieures que vous m'avez payé! C'est vraiment très apprécié car je suis un gars qui a vécu beaucoup de situation auxquelles je n'aurais pas vécu, donc grâce à tout ces bel activités payé ça me fait souvent changer mes idées et passé à autre choses!! Je suis inscrit à des cours d'été de danse Afro (Africaine) et jusqu'à maintenant j'adore cela. Merci 1000x.

Grâce à vous ma vie n'est
 agréable en faisant toutes
 sortes d'activités qui me plaît,
 Depuis de ja 2020 que vous aidez
 C'est incroyable 😊

Continuer comme ça,
 vous rendre souillant
 les jeunes de la DPT

Merci beaucoup pour les fonds que vous m'avez
 donnez maintenant j'ai mon lit à moi et je dort
 beaucoup mieux ça fait un moment que je voulais
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 comme vous mets des sourires sur les gens qui ont
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 mère a beaucoup de problème financier et
 n'avait pas les moyens pour me payer mon
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 remercie aussi. Les dernières années ont été
 vraiment difficile et votre don ma donner un
 boost de continuer

MERCI POUR LES 200\$ C'ÉTAIT LA PREMIÈRE FOIS QUE JE VOYAIS
 MA MÈRE DEPUIS 5 ANS ET LA JOURNÉE ÉTAIT PARFAITE
 ÉTAIS AU BUFFET DES CONTINENTS OU J'AI BIEN MANGÉ
 ET PASSER UN BON MOMENT

Lettre de remerciements
 Pour les donateurs de
 la fondation.

Tres cher donateur/donatrice,

Je tiens à vous écrire aujourd'hui
 afin de vous exprimer mon immense
 gratitude envers vous. En effet,
 aujourd'hui un de mes rêves se
 réalise. Grâce à votre don, je vais
 pouvoir étudier le chinois mandarin.
 J'ai toujours eu un grand intérêt
 ainsi qu'une facilité pour l'appre-
 tissage des langues. J'ai aussi
 un grand intérêt pour la grammaire
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 plus enclin d'arriver. En somme,
 je tiens à vous réitérer ma gratitude
 envers vous. Je ne sais pas ni ne
 saurai probablement jamais qui vous
 êtes, mais je me rappellerai toujours
 ce que vous avez fait pour moi.

Avec gratitude,

Mesdames, Messieurs,

Cette lettre a pour but de vous remercier quant aux dons que vous offrez s
 généreusement afin que des jeunes étudiants, tels que moi, puissent bénéficier d'une
 éducation professionnelle et supérieure sans avoir à se soucier entièrement des coûts y étant
 associé. Chacun d'entre nous avons un parcours bien différent et peu conventionnel, mais
 nous avons tous le même désir de nous surpasser dans nos études afin d'avoir
 éventuellement accès à un futur prometteur. Nous devons travailler fort si nous désirons y
 arriver, mais sans votre aide, il serait d'autant plus difficile, voire inaccessible dans certains
 cas, d'y parvenir.

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 chaque session la pression et le stress qui pèsent sur nos épaules soient allégés. Merci de
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 d'entre nous donnons notre maximum dans nos projets afin que vos dons ne soient pas
 utilisés en vain. Merci pour les opportunités encore plus grandes et enrichissantes que vous
 nous permettez de faire. Pour tout cela, merci.

J'espère que ces mots vous permettront de vous faire réaliser à quel point vous
 changez des vies et aidez des jeunes en quête de réussite.



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merci d'avoir
 accepter de m'offrir
 mon Cour de Danse à
 de
 Montréal! Cela me permet
 de faire ce que j'aime le
 Plus, La Danse! 🌟

Bonjour,

Je voulais vous remercier de m'avoir donner
 de l'argent pour aller à l'élevation avec un ami.
 J'ai eu beaucoup de plaisir et ça ma fait un
 beau cadeau de Fête merci!

Making an impact in Montreal and beyond



Our impact in Quebec 2023-2025

Taking collective action for the well-being of vulnerable youths transitioning to adulthood.

The Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ is rooted in Montreal, but our reach extends beyond the city. We work closely with regional partners and leverage our combined strengths to amplify our efforts and create lasting change.

Since it was created, the Fondation has been growing thanks to the contribution of the community and the commitment of devoted partners. At each milestone, it reaffirms its commitment to provide vital assistance to youths in care and support promising initiatives that have a lasting impact on their daily life and future.

23 ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED

11 REGIONS REACHED

2 PROVINCIAL PROJECTS

1,942 YOUTHS IN CARE SUPPORTED*

- 1 Nord-du-Québec
Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services
 - 2 Outaouais
CJE Outaouais, Fondation Santé Gatineau (now the Outaouais Health Foundation), Le Belvédère Jeunesse Outaouais
 - 3 Laurentides
CJE Laurentides
 - 4 Mauricie
CJE Trois-Rivières
 - 5 Capitale Nationale
Maison Marie-Frédéric, Service Entraide Basse-Ville, Gestion jeunesse, Gîte Jeunesse
 - 6 Montréal
Décllic, En marge 12-17, Auberge Le Tournant, Renaître de la Rue, Action Jeunesse de l'Ouest-de-l'Île (AJOI)
 - 7 Montérégie
Groupe Action Nouvelle Vie
 - 8 Centre-du-Québec
Autonomie Jeunesse
 - 9 Chaudière-Appalaches
CJE Frontenac
 - 10 Bas St-Laurent
Tandem-Jeunesse
 - 11 Gaspésie
CISSS de la Gaspésie
- Provincial
La Tablee des Chefs, Le Collectif Ex-placé DPJ

*This number does not include the youths receiving regular support in Montreal through the CIUSSS du Centre-Sud-de-l'Île-de-Montréal.

Four projects supported by the Fondation

Multiplying our impact

With the power to help comes the duty to help!

From fall 2023 to spring 2025, the Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ provided over **\$1,575,000** to organizations across Quebec who support youths in the care of the DYP as they transition to independent living.

Working closely with regional partners who have their boots on the ground and funding projects that have a lasting impact on the daily life and future of youths in care, the Fondation addresses urgent needs in Montreal and across the province.

These life-changing projects help youths aged 15 to 25 become self-sufficient in terms of housing, enter the job market, continue their education and develop their skills, in addition to providing them with psychosocial support.

CJE Frontenac

Sur le chemin de ton indépendance

Chaudière-Appalaches

The program "Sur le chemin de ton indépendance" (On the road to independence) was launched by Carrefour jeunesse-emploi (CJE) Frontenac to guide young people towards independence. To achieve this goal, CJE Frontenac provides them with personalized start-up kits that contain essential school and work items.

The Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ stepped up to the plate and granted \$25,000 to this project for 2023-2024. Thanks to this funding, 20 youths aged 16 to 25 received backpacks they could use for school, making it much easier for them to fit in socially and succeed.

"Our goal is the same as always: give young people the tools they need to start their adult lives and help them through any challenges they may face as they navigate the paths they've chosen and get used to living on their own."

— Andréane Morin, Managing Director
CJE Frontenac



Fabienne Audette, Chief Executive Officer, Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ; Andréane Morin, Managing Director, CJE Frontenac; Catherine Lachance, Managing Director, Réseau d'entraide des Appalaches; Audrey Marcoux, Assistant Managing Director, CJE Frontenac; Geneviève Gagnon, Director of Programs, Impact and Community Relations, Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ

Décllic

Projet Continuum

Montreal

"Projet Continuum" (Continuum project) is an initiative led by Décllic to address the alarmingly low graduation rate among young adults from youth centres and help them secure their first diploma, which is key to integrating the job market.

Participants in Projet Continuum benefit from a tailored action plan and focused interventions. They also get to attend group activities promoting healthy habits, career exploration and staying in school. The Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ granted \$60,000 to this project, allowing 150 youths to keep getting support from Décllic.

"The funds received from the Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ allowed us to continue providing invaluable support to young adults from youth centres at a pivotal point in their quest for independence and social integration."

— Benoit Bernier, Director of Development
and Cofounder, Décllic



Chentale de Montigny, Associate Director, Development and Special Projects, Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ; Charlotte Grenier, Resource Teacher, Décllic; Marie-Hélène Rivard, Clinical Coordinator, Décllic; Sonia Lombart, Executive Director and Co-Founder, Décllic; and Fabienne Audette, Chief Executive Officer, Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ

Four projects supported by the Fondation

La Tablée des Chefs Cook Up Your Future

Provincial

“Cook Up Your Future” is a project launched by La Tablée des Chefs to help youths achieve food independence as they transition out of care and into adulthood. This initiative was funded for three consecutive years since the Fondation issued the first call for proposals for 2022–2023. Between 2023 and 2025, the Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ granted \$75,000 to La Tablée des Chefs, allowing the organization to hand out cooking kits and provide culinary workshops to over 530 youths in 35 cities across Quebec.

“Young people living in youth centres or group homes are used to being served food or getting their food at the cafeteria. How can anyone think that, once they live on their own, they will know how to shop for groceries or plan and cook their meals? The funds provided by the Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ help us check that box on the long list of things that youths leaving care must learn as they transition to adulthood.”

– Geneviève Massé, Director of the Educate department
La Tablée des Chefs



Fabienne Audette, Chief Executive Officer, Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ; Jean-François Archambault, General Director and Founder of La Tablée des Chefs; Geneviève Massé, Director of the Educate department, La Tablée des Chefs; Geneviève Gagnon, Director of Programs, Impact and Community Relations, Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ

Gîte Jeunesse Post-housing follow-up

Capitale-Nationale

Gîte Jeunesse provides temporary housing, psychosocial help and independent living support to at-risk youths aged 12 to 25. Thanks to the Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ's \$45,000 funding envelope, the organization expanded its post-housing follow-up service, allowing even more youths transitioning to adulthood to maintain the skills they acquired during their stay, build their confidence and break out of isolation once they leave the residence.

“The housed youths receive support and guidance from the youth workers, allowing them to consolidate and develop skills. Once they leave, it's challenging for them to transfer the skills they learned at Gîte Jeunesse to their everyday life. Post-housing follow-up is imperative to ensure their stability as they go on with life.”

– Marc Guy, Executive Director
Gîte Jeunesse



Fabienne Audette, Chief Executive Officer, Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ; Véronique Moreau, Development and Administration Coordinator, Gîte Jeunesse; Marc Guy, Executive Director, Gîte Jeunesse; and Chentale de Montigny, Associate Director, Development and Special Projects, Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ

Fundraising



Annual campaigns

Spring 2024 and 2025

Once they reach adulthood, youths in the care of the DYP must pay for monthly expenses, including rent, electricity, Internet, groceries, and transportation. Their bills can quickly add up.

The "Count on me" monthly donation program gives donors the opportunity to send youths this strong message: "You're not alone. You can count on me!"

Every year, we notice an increase in the number of donors aware of the value and purpose of monthly donations.

Increase in the number of new monthly donors:

2024: +32%

2025: +26%



With the support of



Providing monthly support helps meet very real needs at every stage of young people's lives:

\$15/month
for 12 months

covers public transit costs for one youth for an entire school term

\$20/month
for 12 months

can supply the first full load of groceries for a youth

\$30/month
for 12 months

can pay for a course in University for a youth

Get to know the ambassadors for our two campaigns and listen to their testimonials.



Johanne Baril and Josée Duranleau

In 2024, **Johanne Baril and Josée Duranleau**, the educators in charge of the Fondation's Stay in School fund, spoke out about the importance of investing in the future of youths in the care of the DYP.



Janis

In 2025, many people were touched by the testimonial from **Janis**, a former youth in care who is now 24 years old. She reveals her story, from her time spent with the DYP to her university graduation, and talks about the invaluable support she received from the Fondation along the way.

Monthly donors

Thank you to everyone who chose to make monthly donations. Your loyal support makes a world of difference for youths in care. **Thanks to your regular donations, we can offer them ongoing support, opportunities to thrive and a brighter future.** A heartfelt thank you for your generous, life-changing monthly donations!

Annual campaigns

2023 and 2024 Christmas campaigns

"There are wishes that even Santa Claus can't fulfill."

The success of the Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ's past two Christmas campaigns has once again shown the extent of the public's generosity. Despite the social and economic hardships, Quebecers responded to the call and supported the most vulnerable youths in our society once again.

Invaluable support for youths in the care of the DYP

Donations from the public not only brighten the holidays for many youths in care, but also allow the Fondation to pursue its mission and meet specific individual needs throughout the year.

As an exciting new development, Cossette created an ad that was broadcast on TV, on the web and in movie theatres in 2023, and over the radio in 2024. This powerful advertisement has definitely raised awareness and pulled on the heartstrings of thousands of viewers and listeners.

"The campaign was meant to convey the message that these children need effective support. It's unthinkable for a child to have a Christmas without gifts, but we need to keep in mind that their needs continue year-round. As a society, we must continue to care about these young people."

– Marie-Hélène Vendette, Senior Director, Philanthropic Development and Communications in 2024



The Fondation has reached its goal with:

- **1,905** media appearances
- A **20%** increase in the number of donors

Thank you to the media for sharing young people's stories:

98.5	Journal de Montréal
La Presse	Noovo
Rythme FM	Urbania

A big thank you to our partners for their support:

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Christmas gift drive

Strategic partnerships to deliver on young people's needs



Fondation Opération Père Noël

To broaden its mission of generosity and bring comfort to even more youths in care in Montreal, Fondation Opération Père Noël partnered with the Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ for its 2024 Christmas campaign.

Fondation Opération Père Noël has specialized in handing out custom presents to underprivileged children across Quebec for 30 years, so this charitable organization was quite familiar with youths in care of the DYP. Both of its founders are former educators and managers from the Centre Jeunesse de Montréal.

With its extensive network of partners and volunteers, impeccable reputation and sizeable storage infrastructure, Fondation Opération Père Noël stood out as the partner of choice to forge a new alliance for the benefit of youths in care.

We would like to thank the teams of volunteer elves who made it possible to hand out these Christmas gifts:

Sylvie Lacroix, Nicole Désilets, and employees from the Union des municipalités du Québec, TMX Group, BNP Performance, Morin RP and AIG Canada.

Over 10,000 gifts collected

During the 2023 and 2024 holiday seasons, several groups of generous donors collected over 10,000 gifts for children and youths aged 0 to 25 on behalf of the Fondation!



Sapin des fêtes (Holiday tree)

For a second and third consecutive year (2023 and 2024), children in the care of the DYP also received holiday gifts through the "Sapin des Fêtes" campaign, spearheaded by sisters Alicia and Marie-Ève Truchon. Students and academics from various campuses across Quebec rallied together to collect gifts requested by children, who wrote them down on ornaments hung up on Christmas trees at various locations.

Soirée des Grands benefit event

A flagship event that has been a resounding success

The Soirée des Grands benefit event, held in the breathtaking hall of Windsor Station, has become a can't-miss event for the philanthropic community. Our guests, partners, volunteers and contributors were quick to RSVP to further the cause of youths in care and enjoy an exceptional evening out.

With over 700 guests per year, this event allowed us to raise record amounts to support the most vulnerable youths.

2024: Net amount of \$918,000

This 2nd edition of the Soirée des Grands, themed "Prom Night Memories," raised awareness among guests about the different realities and hardships of vulnerable youths. A big moment was when 19-year-old Dustin took part in a discussion with Minister Mathieu Lacombe about their respective experiences with the DYP.

Honorary Supporter

Isabelle Brais, Wife of the Quebec Premier



TOP: Members of the 2024 Soirée des Grands Honorary Cabinet

BOTTOM: Dustin Gendron and Mathieu Lacombe, Minister of Culture and Communications and former Minister Responsible for Youth

2025: An impressive net amount of \$1,011,316

The 3rd iteration of the Soirée des Grands, themed "Festival Edition," was deftly emceed by Jean-Philippe Dion, the adoptive father of a child who was under youth protection. Once again, this successful event demonstrated that by joining forces, we can create a strong safety net for youths in care.

"Youths in the care of the DYP face many obstacles in building their future, but this evening proves that there's hope! More requests keep coming into the Fondation and thanks to the commitment of donors and partners, we can have a direct impact on the development, success and future of thousands of young people."

– Fabienne Audette, Chief Executive Officer, Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ

A special thanks to Jean-Philippe Dion for graciously accepting to emcee the 2025 edition.

Honorary supporter

Mathieu Lacombe, Minister of Culture and Communications and Minister Responsible for Youth (until September 2025)



TOP: Members of the 2025 Soirée des Grands Honorary Cabinet

BOTTOM: Jean-Philippe Dion, Mathieu Lacombe, and Anaïs Favron read several testimonials from youths in care.

A big thank you to the members of our honorary cabinets:

Our co-chairs: Sylvain Corbeil, Viviane Croux, Dominic Gagnon, Robert Karpman, Philippe Latreille and Julie Pagé.

Our honorary members: Frédéric Bastien, Caroline Bergeron, Yanick Brissette, Martin Cossette, Matthieu Duhaime,

Jean Gagné, Dominic Gagnon, Paule Labelle, Pierre-Claude Laplante, Philippe Latreille, Marc Lévesque, Kanyika Mangachi, Anna Martini, Nicolas Morin, Jean-Philippe Parent, Alexandre Perron, François Piché-Roy, Christine Pouliot, Philippe Rainville and Alexandre Timothy.

We also thank these members of the Board of the Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ for their major contribution: Catherine Beauchemin, Dominique Dupuis, Julie Pagé, and Yvon Roy.

A huge thank you to the 63 volunteers who answered the call to help put together such remarkable events!

→ [Browse photos from the past two editions](#)

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Soirée des Grands benefit event

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Soirée des Grands benefit event

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Increased outreach for youths in the care of the DYP

As the Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ expanded, so did our mission, gaining momentum across Quebec and sowing seeds of charity among individuals, businesses and organizations seeking to make a difference for youths in care.

In the past two years, a number of initiatives emerged to support the Fondation's mission.

Activities for the benefit of the Fondation

Boutique d'Anaïs

Boutique d'Anaïs was founded in the fall of 2023 by our spokesperson Anaïs Favron, who wished to promote local creations and products.

Her goal in bringing together unique Quebec brands with a mission under one roof was not only to showcase local talent, but also to give businesses a practical way to give back to a cause she holds close to her heart—the well-being of youths in care.

Here are a few businesses that joined her for this endeavour:

Les Éditions Émotion

A publisher designing teaching aids about self-knowledge, human relationships and solidarity.

Raplapla

A Montreal-based toymaker that can also repair stuffed animals, bringing comfort to children and promoting responsible consumption.

→ [Visit the shop](#)



Bôsapin

A business making nutcrackers from natural fir wood and delivering them straight to homes for a good cause. Now, that's holiday magic!

Lost & Faune

A Montreal-based company striving to manufacture quality sustainable goods while having a positive impact throughout the community.

Community in action

Grassroots initiatives and community events

Year after year, individuals, businesses and organizations come together to support children and youths in the care of the DYP. The Fondation has been inviting them to be part of its *Community in action* and contribute to this worthy cause with like-minded people since 2024.

Through fundraisers and events for the benefit of the Fondation, such as tournaments, sports games, shows and dinners, these individuals and organizations muster up support from their network and the community as a whole so that youths at risk can pursue their studies, play their favourite sport and grow their self-confidence.

→ **AFFQ x FJDPJ**

→ **Alan Allman Associates**

→ **"Défi 30 jours : je prends soin de moi" wellness challenge (2023–2024)**

→ **Demers Beaulne | Aidons les jeunes à emménager (Helping youths move into their place)**

→ **Cosior Group**

→ **Hommage à Nirvana (Nirvana tribute show)**

→ **Les Vêtements Marigold Inc.**

→ **Madame Mai**

→ **Marathon Beneva de Montréal, by Courons MTL**

→ **Out of the Boxe**

→ **Projet 140**

→ **Collège André-Grasset fundraising dinner**

→ **Bean bag toss tournament (Jacob loisirs)**

→ **Triathlon, joie et partage (Triath-lon, joy, and sharing)**

→ **Univesta Insurance and Financial Services**

→ **"Faut que ça roule" cycling fund-raiser**

Emerging Leaders Committee

Our Emerging Leaders Committee brings together young professionals who are aware of the plight of youths in care and sought to make a difference in their lives.

Committee members draw on their respective networks to ensure youths have access to positive and rewarding experiences, year after year. Here is an overview of their actions in the past two years:

Fruit and vegetable market

As part of a joint initiative, the Emerging Leaders Committee and 14 staff members from Morgan Stanley handed out 200 fruit and vegetable baskets free of charge to youths and families in the care of the DYP (produce courtesy of wholesaler Courchesne Larose).



Caroline Tremblay, Cynthia Clark, Myriam Lévesque, Camylle Lafrance, Gabriel Goulet and Amélie Lemelin (absent from the photo), with 5 staff members from Morgan Stanley

Backpack operation

Thanks to financial and volunteer support from TMX Group and to the work of our Emerging Leaders Committee members, 300 youths in care attending elementary and high school received a backpack full of supplies in fall 2024 to start their school year strong.



Cynthia Clark, Gabriel Goulet, Camylle Lafrance, Catherine Couture and Stéphanie Bellemare

"Giving back to society by getting involved with its most vulnerable members has always mattered to me. Not every young person had the opportunity to be born in a caring environment where they can thrive. It's our responsibility to be there and support them. Getting involved with the Emerging Leaders Committee allows me to raise awareness about the Fondation's vital cause and gives me the sense that I'm making a real difference where it matters most."

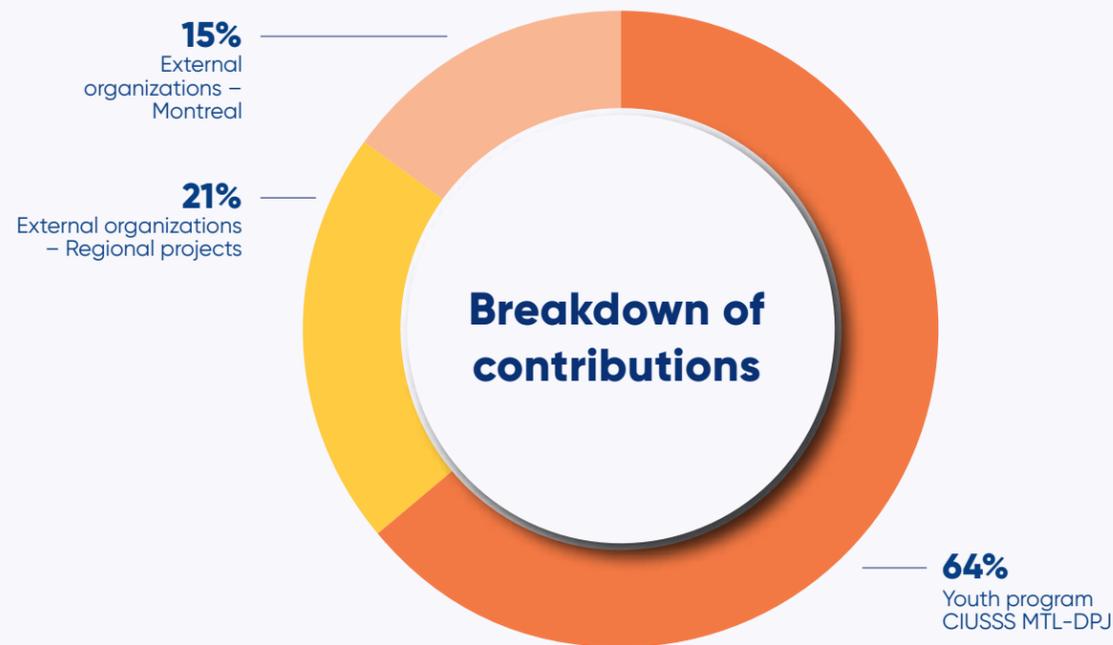
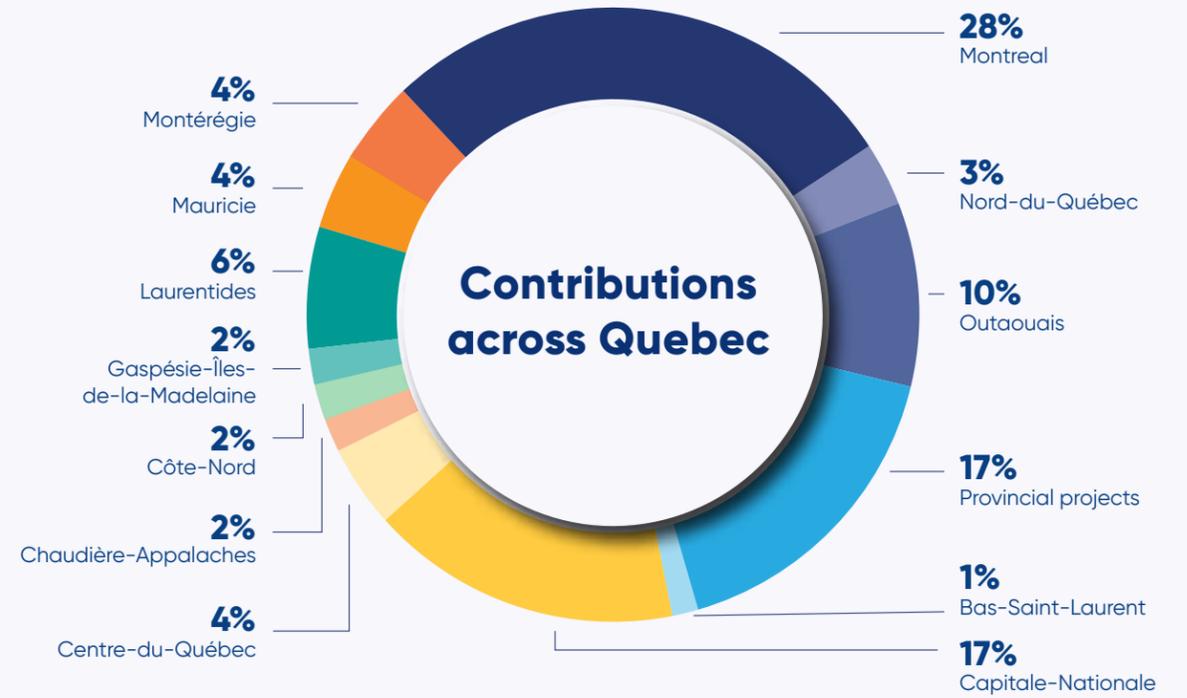
- Gabriel Goulet, Director, Strategic Partnerships,
Formula 1 Canada Grand Prix and Chair of the Emerging Leaders Committee

Funds allocation

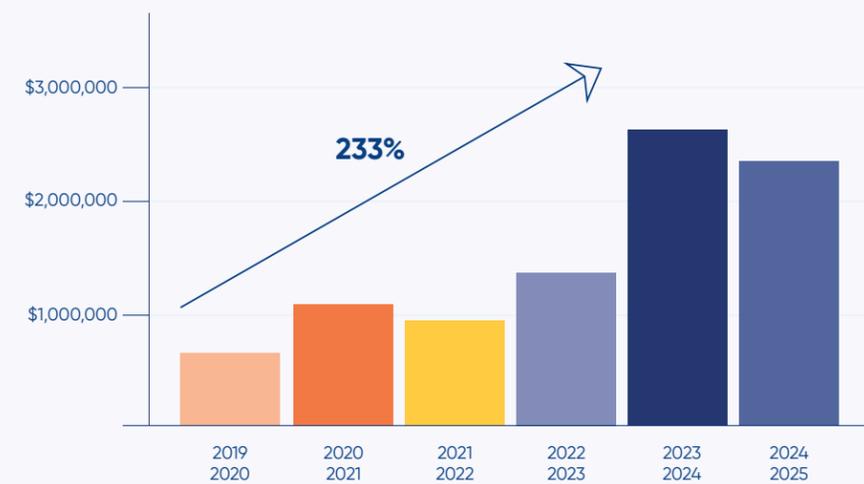
Thanks to its committed donors, the Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ has greatly helped improve the well-being of youths in care over the past two years.



Funds allocation



Increased support for youths in the care of the DYP



*Audited financial statements available upon request.

Champions of kindness

An extraordinary gift

Record **\$1.2 million** donated to help young children

It is with infinite gratitude that the Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ announces a historical \$1.2-million donation from Maud Leclerc and Rémi Racine through their family foundation in 2023.

This donation will be directed towards the development of children aged 0 to 5 followed by the Director of Youth Protection (DYP) and will have a significant impact on the well-being of vulnerable young children in **several regions across Quebec**.

Thanks to this donation, the Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ was able to extend its support for children aged 0 to 5 in the Quebec North Shore and Nord-du-Québec as well as for foster families province-wide.

The funds will support perinatal care, overall child development and food security, giving hundreds of young children the chance to enjoy a normal daily life and get a serene start as they prepare to enter school. This act of philanthropy is the largest personal donation in the Fondation's history. It reflects deep commitment from a couple inspired by its own adoption experience, who sought to take real action for vulnerable youths.

→ [Learn more about this donation](#)

Maud Leclerc and Rémi Racine, Fondation Leclerc-Racine; Fabienne Audette, Chief Executive Officer, Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ; Yvon Roy, Chair of the Board, Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ; Marie-Hélène Vendette, former Senior Director, Philanthropic Development and Communications, Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ; Bianca Laroche, Assistant Provincial Director of the DYP at CIUSSS du Centre-Sud-de-l'Île-de-Montréal; Danika Bouchard, Senior Analyst, Philantra Foundation

"Having adopted two young children from abroad, we both know, Rémi and I, how much the first years of life are crucial and have a decisive impact on someone's life. So the idea came to us while we were listening to a moving radio interview about the difficult transition for youths in the care of the DYP when they reach adulthood. We would work with the Philantra Foundation to partner with the Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ."

– Maud Leclerc, Donor

"We are immensely grateful to Maud and Rémi. They have not only shown a desire to act and an extraordinary generosity, but also share our organization's vision of the future and desire to

make an impact. The couple lives in Montreal and wanted to make a real impact on their community. They are also making funds available to other regions to help even more youths in Quebec. This is an inspiring example of a vision based on modern philanthropy."

– Fabienne Audette, Chief Executive Officer,
Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ



Changing lives on a daily basis

Two testimonials of unique journeys and callings.

Reading these interviews will give you a real-life glimpse of professions that require so much more than a degree.

Meet Michel and Karine, two people who help change lives, support dreams and build a fairer society, each in their own way.

A driven worker with an optimistic soul

Tell us a bit about yourself.

I have worked for 31 years as an educator at the Cité-des-Prairies rehabilitation centre.* For the past 21 years, I served in an exciting role with a dynamic, involved team that provides youths with complementary arts, culture and entertainment programming so they can thrive.

What led you to this profession and encourages you to continue today?

Although my early academic background did not directly prepare me to be an educator, I have always taken an interest in counselling and delinquency prevention.

I strongly believe that having a positive impact in young people's lives can be quite simple: you spend quality time with them, share experiences, and listen to them attentively in a respectful and nonjudgmental way. This approach helps acknowledge their skills and resilience as they cope with the many struggles of adolescence. I feel privileged to support these young people in such a crucial step of their development.

How do you make a difference in the day-to-day lives of these young people?

I remain stable, caring, honest, and attentive to their needs to ensure they have a positive experience at the centre. I also act with generosity and dedicate myself to providing a constructive, safe and normalizing experience.

Michel Brière

As adults of reference, we have the duty to give the best of ourselves and translate our passions into real action. Looking up to a cause is not enough, as your actions need to follow.

What do you want young people to remember from their relationship with you?

I hope to leave them with this key message: "You can always hope and embrace change, no matter the circumstances!"

I would also like to acknowledge the resilience they demonstrate throughout their life, which is a real asset to overcome hardships and trauma. Nurturing resilience can help us emerge stronger from difficult situations.

If you could wave a magic wand to make one major change in the lives of young people who need protection, what would it be?

I would use this magic wand to bolster our collective ability to meet the real and specific needs of vulnerable children. I would help make the system even more accessible, equal and responsive to young people's special needs so it can help them develop to their fullest.

*The Cité-des-Prairies rehabilitation centre provides accommodation to teenage boys, most of whom are under the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA) and the Youth Protection Act (YPA).



Karina Fleury

Flexibility and active listening

Tell us a bit about yourself.

My name is Karina Fleury, and I have been the director of Tandem-Jeunesse* for almost 25 years. I am trained in psychoeducation and have always worked in community-based organizations. I strongly believe in the principles of independent community action, namely social justice, autonomy and social transformation.

What led you to this profession and encourages you to continue today?

First and foremost, my love for young people led me to this profession. I have always wanted to make a real difference in the lives of those going through hard times. This passion still fuels me today. Seeing young people regain hope, build themselves up and find joy in living again is truly priceless.

How do you make a difference in the day-to-day lives of these young people?

Every day, I strive to create a space where young people feel seen, heard and welcomed for who they are. My role is to be a constant presence and a guiding light on their path. I want them to have the chance to relax, feel important and believe in their potential.

What do you want young people to remember from their relationship with you?

I hope to have instilled in them the belief that they are worth it, that they matter and deserve to fight for their happiness, even if life can be difficult at times. My goal is also to inspire them to believe in themselves, dream big and show empathy towards others. Lastly, I want them to remember that they can enjoy themselves even in times of adversity and live a beautiful, meaningful life.

If you could wave a magic wand to make one major change in the lives of young people who need protection, what would it be?

I would offer them a stable and loving home, a safe harbour with adults who are important to them and will remain at their side. This safe space would allow them to grow confidently, surrounded by people who love them for who they are and not what they do.

*Tandem-Jeunesse is a community organization based in the Bas-Saint-Laurent that provides housing and support services to youths aged 15 to 25 experiencing various financial, family or personal issues. In 2024, the Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ funded its project to build a "village of support" around youths transitioning to independent living.



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Letter to our emeritus members

Invaluable allies for youths in the care of the DYP

We extend our gratitude to **Eva Maglis, Carl Deslongchamps, André Morrissette, Martin McNicoll, Patrick Palerme and Denis Poirier** for their outstanding commitment, which left a mark on the Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ's history.

For many years, we have been fortunate to work alongside these loyal partners. Their generosity, availability and active support gave both momentum and structure to our mission while strengthening its reach across the community.

Working in a spirit of leadership, strategy and strong attachment to our cause, they have put their expertise, skills and networks to the service of our most vulnerable youths. Their concrete assistance helped the Fondation meet ambitious challenges, keep vital support programs in place and achieve a new level of excellence.

Through their actions, they helped forge strong relationships with the community, engage new partners, and raise public awareness about the realities of children and youths in the care of the DYP.

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As part of its commitment to acknowledging and valuing diverse forms of expertise to manage and distribute resources more efficiently, the Fondation des jeunes de la DPJ partnered with **Le Chaînon** in 2025. The partnership allows donors to make gift-in-kind donations to youths in care through Le Chaînon, who pursues a mission similar to ours and has the infrastructure to maximize the donation of goods (two stores, a warehouse, a truck and more).

In exchange for donations, the organization provides youths and families in precarious situations being followed by the DYP with generous gift cards to buy basic necessities at Le Chaînon stores. Items can include furniture or clothing as youths transition to adulthood.

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