

President's report 2022 – 2023

Summer is here and another fiscal year is ending with pride and a feeling of satisfaction! We're getting out of the pandemic to a new normal, so it is finally time to get back to our old fundraising and program activities that did not take place for a few years!

Our Senior Activity Program is now back in person to provide activities to help reduce our members' social isolation. Some activities are continuing in hybrid mode for people that prefer to stay home. A few weeks ago, some of you probably came out at the Fritz Farm in Baie-D'Urfé for the LAA Art Expo. 35 years of support from the Lakeshore Artist Association! In May, A new team member, with the role of Carousel Bereavement Program Coordinator, joined the NOVA WI team. A decision was made to postpone our Spring Carousel Camp weekend at the Cap St-Jacques to the Fall where hopefully we will be able to support more kids in need. I am truly looking forward to this important weekend!

On the financial side of my report for the year ending March 31st, I always like to first acknowledge the generous Thrift Shops that have been dealing with difficult times over the past couple years. Hard workers we have there, supporting our cause. The Thrift Shops were able to raise an amazing \$780,000! Thanks to Liz, Edith and their wonderful volunteers!

Another successful year for Marie-France's team in terms of our income from foundations, events and fundraising activities. I will let her tell you all about it in her own report. It does reflect the generosity and dedication of people in our community mixed with the important effort and hours spent by lots of employees that are nurturing donor relationships. I am definitely very proud of the work of our fundraising team as well as our Board of Directors, who also contributed very generously to this collective effort.

I encourage you to read Marie-France Juneau's report which describes in detail the amazing impact that we have in the community. This year NOVA was able to support 82 clients who wished to peacefully die at home amid their loved ones. From all our programs combined, 663 persons have used our quality services. Thank you to our 31 employees, as well as to our 185 volunteers, without whom NOVA West Island would not be what it is today!

During the fiscal year, the Board of Directors met 9 times. Three Directors, Barry Reynolds, Paul Bissonnette and Nathalie Fauteux, left during the year or did not renew their mandate for another year. In return, we welcomed a new director to the Board: Sylvie Denis, bringing to the table excellent management skills and a business background.

In closing, I feel lots of projects in the works that should and will make this next year very interesting at NOVA. Looking forward to attend as many fundraising events as possible this summer and fall. And hopefully encouraging everyone here and our community to do the same!

Thank you again for your remarkable support and all of your kindness over this past year!



Thierry Faucher
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