

St. Raphael's: going from dream to reality!



Artist's rendering of the design concept for St. Raphael's, front view.

THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES RECENTLY CONFIRMED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT BY MEANS OF A SUBSIDY THAT WILL FUND APPROXIMATELY ONE-THIRD OF THE OPERATING COSTS OF THE 12-BED HOME.

Companies, philanthropists, entrepreneurs, directors, and volunteers are all putting their shoulder to the wheel in order to go from dream to reality.

Our \$10M major fundraising campaign is in full swing. Several large donors have been solicited and we hope to reach the 50% mark before the end of the year. At that time, we will be able to start construction. Meanwhile, we are going ahead with the finalization of plans and estimates.

But we still have a way to go...

We want to thank our donors to date for their confidence in us and their essential support: the **Montreal St. Patrick's Foundation**, **Groupe Maurice**, the **Roasters Foundation**, the **Rossy Family Foundation**, the **family of Romaine Ardizzon**, the **RBC Foundation**, **Future Electronics**, **Capinabel**, **CN**, the **BBB Foundation**, **Power Corporation**, the **Estate of Julienne G g in Larose**, **GMP Securities**, and **Fiera Capital**.

St. Raphael's will be the fruit of a collective effort that every one can be proud of, and to each of you we say: thank you!

The very first day centre in Montreal

IN ADDITION TO ITS 12 PALLIATIVE CARE BEDS, ST. RAPHAEL'S WILL OFFER FREE CARE AND SERVICES TO TERMINALLY ILL PEOPLE WHO ARE STILL LIVING AT HOME.

For people suffering from an incurable illness, the benefits of initiating a palliative approach as soon as curative treatments end have been clearly demonstrated* – to the extent that in some countries, such as England, the number of day centres far surpasses the number of palliative care homes. Here in Quebec, a few day centres are in operation, but so far none exists on the Island of Montreal.

St. Raphael's day centre will be a warm gathering place where patients can relax, confide in others, and find comfort. A complete range of out-patient care and services will be offered: consultations, physiotherapy, group discussions, therapeutic baths, music and art therapy, and recreational activities.

** It could even increase life expectancy by almost three months, according to the New England Journal of Medicine!*

The day centre will be able to service roughly 20 patients per day, or the equivalent of 5,000 patient visits per year.

We need your help.

OBJECTIVE:
\$10 M

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What is palliative care?



THE RELIEF OF PAIN AND SUFFERING TO EASE THE END-OF-LIFE TRANSITION WITH COMPASSION, RESPECT, AND DIGNITY

The Quebec Government's Act respecting end-of-life care came into effect in December 2015. This law affirms the right of everyone to quality end-of-life care that is respectful of their dignity and their autonomy.

What we don't hear enough about is palliative care. These are medical services committed to easing the end-of-life transition, founded on an approach that accepts death as a natural part of life.

Palliative care (including palliative sedation) aims to relieve physical and psychological pain and suffering and to enhance the quality of life for terminally ill patients.

What's more, this approach advocates taking into account the wishes and desires of the dying person and includes the family members, friends, and caregivers who accompany the terminally ill person and who may need support and services as well.

Palliative care homes offer free, high-quality palliative care and services in a warm and reassuring environment that welcomes both patients and their loved ones.

What's new?

LATEST NEWS FROM THE MAJOR FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN THAT'S IN FULL SWING

WHERE WE'RE AT



We're nearing the \$4M mark, but it's not over!

At \$4M, we will be able to start construction of the home and day centre. We could be starting in early 2017. We need your donations!

WHO'S "WE"



Who's managing this project?

The 12 volunteer members of St. Raphael's Board of Directors are the ones working on this project. They are supported in their efforts by a Director of Development. Visit our website to find out more.

VOLUNTEERS



More than one way to give!

A project like St. Raphael's lives off the support of its volunteers. Interested in giving your time? Friendly contacts and enjoyable moments guaranteed... Join us!

Open-house events

WATCH FOR THEM IN YOUR MAILBOX AND EMAIL INBOX!

Over the coming months, we will be organizing a series of open-house evenings to give everyone a chance to visit the site and find out more about our plans to transform the old church into a palliative care home and day centre.

Several dates will be offered.

Come by for a visit!