Update on construction activities

Construction work progressed steadily since the start of the year and the pace has even picked up since May. Although the building still looks familiar - but better! - from the outside, the inside has been completely transformed, as the home and the day centre take shape before our eyes. The project professionals have completed the plans for the interior construction and finishing. All walls and divisions have been erected and the windows have been installed. The curtain wall in the main entrance is complete and flooring is being laid. Crews are now busy putting up light fixtures and installing both kitchen appliances and the elevator.

Several board members are monitoring the construction work closely and are attending all site meetings, accompanied by an architect and project manager who is acting as St. Raphael’s construction manager.

The opening is scheduled for late summer. See you at the finish line!

RBC Financing

In order to get work started as quickly as possible and reduce our cash flow risk, St. Raphael’s secured a $3.7 million construction loan from Royal Bank. The financing was finalized in December 2018 and the first funds will be disbursed in June 2019.

We wish to thank everyone who helped prepare the application and obtain this financial support.

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New Hires

We are delighted to announce that new staff members are joining the St. Raphael’s team:

Rose De Angelis, N. MSc (A), CHPCN (C)
Home Clinical Care Coordinator
For 15 years, Rose De Angelis was the Nursing Director at The West Island Palliative Care Residence and in 2018, became the Director of Special Projects, Education and Knowledge Exchange for their Montreal Institute for Palliative Care. She was the recipient of CHPCA’s 2009 Award of Excellence and the Queen’s Jubilee award. Rose has specialized in palliative care for close to twenty years. She shares her expertise on a number of national committees.

Karine Gimmig, B.Sc Nursing, CPSI, DESS
Day Centre Clinical Care Coordinator
Karine Gimmig is a clinical nurse with 14 years’ clinical and administrative experience in the health network. She has particular expertise in project management and coordination and, more recently, in team management. She is certified in Canada as a palliative care nurse and has acted as an oncology and palliative care nursing counsellor and as an oncology and palliative care pivot nurse at St. Mary’s Hospital and has also given talks and served on a palliative care research committee.

Chantal L’Heureux, B.A.
Volunteer Program Coordinator
Chantal L’Heureux holds a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology and has extensive experience as a coordinator and manager. She has been involved in grassroots organizations for 16 years and has led many teams of volunteers, employees and interns, including at Le Chaînon and at Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Greater Montreal. She has also held various positions as a coach and supervisor at pan-Canadian organizations.

Rose, Karine and Chantal, welcome to St. Raphael’s!

What’s New?

WHERE WE’RE AT

We’ve reached 90%, let’s stay the course!

With over $9 million raised, we’re approaching our objective.
We continue to meet with potential donors and would welcome the opportunity to discuss ways in which you could help.

NEWS

Andréanne Saucier, R.N., M.Sc. joins the Board.
Andréanne cares deeply about cancer care nursing and has vast clinical and management experience in the field. She is an active member of various oncology forums and committees and has served on a number of boards of directors in the health sector.

WE’RE HIRING

Now hiring
The hiring process is gathering steam!
Hiring is in full swing. Several positions have been posted on the St. Raphael’s website and on the platform of BRH, a human resources consulting firm which is supporting our hiring efforts in preparation for the opening of St. Raphael’s.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Become a volunteer today! Contact chantallheureux@maisonstraphael.org

Humour Me gala:
$1M raised for St. Raphael’s

More than 800 people attended the Montreal edition of the Humour Me event, which was held on May 13 at the Place des Arts to benefit the St. Raphael Palliative Care Home and Day Centre.

The evening was a resounding success, with one million dollars raised to help fund the first year of operations of St. Raphael’s, which is scheduled to open later this summer.

St. Raphael’s wishes to thank all those who contributed to the organization and the success of this event. Visit our website to see photos of the evening.