



Our Mission at Catholic Health International is to ensure the presence of Catholic values in our Corporations.

St. Joseph's Community Health Centre in Dalhousie NB is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. This is one of a few notable anniversaries being celebrated by facilities within the CHI family this year, so watch future issues of The Torch for updates!

At St. Joseph's their celebration included many employees as well as a number of Sisters from the Congregation Daughters of Jesus, one of the founding partners of CHI.



From left to right : Sr Sylvia Boudreau, Sr Jeannine Leclerc, Clem Tremblay (mayor), Bishop Msg Daniel Jodoin, Sonia Roy (from Vitalité), Father Maurice Frenette, Eugène Leblanc, Robert Stewart, Sr Fernande Chiasson et Dina Haché

Sister Fernande Chiasson, vice-provincial of the maritime community, mentioned that "this celebration brought a lot of joy to the sisters and that they are flattered by how everyone always welcomes them with open arms and how to this day, the original mission statement they created still stands." The sisters were also present for the 50th anniversary when it was still a Hospital.

In 2004 the hospital was transformed into a community health centre. Ms. Dina Haché, Facility Manager explained how the Centre stopped the delivery of acute care in order to focus more on primary health care. They do a lot more promotion and prevention within the community, while increasing availability to various services.

Most Reverend Daniel Jodoin, the new Bishop of the diocese of Bathurst was present to celebrate the 60th anniversary. He blessed the statue of St. Joseph before it was returned to its pedestal at the entrance of the facility. Dina explained how the statue had not been present for a few years due to numerous renovations, and is happy to situate St. Joseph back in its place of honour to welcome all visitors to the Centre.

Catholic Health International Board of Directors & Corporation meetings for 2013:

June 5,6,7 2013 (Annual Meetings/CHI Board and Corporations)
September 11, (October TBA), November 20

CATHOLIC HEALTH INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE AWARD

Thank you to all of our facilities who have sent in their choice for this years' recipient! Don't forget to share presentation photos with us for upcoming issues of The Torch.

Mount St. Joseph Nursing Home, Miramichi, NB
Pictured here is Sister Isabel MacLaughlin receiving the award from Florence Petrie (left—Board chair) & Debbie Walls (middle - CEO). It was given on the night of their volunteer celebration in April.



CHI received a wonderful letter from Becky Lyons-Standring, RT Recreation Supervisor at the Mount, nominating Sister Isabel. In the letter Becky wrote, "Sister has a profound respect for the residents we serve. There is an authentic connection fostered between resident and Sister Isabel. The benefits of her volunteering for our residents include but are not limited to; relief from loneliness, restoration of dignity and hope, renewal of connection to the outside world and a sense of support in their daily lives."

St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre, Cornwall, ON

Tammie Menard, Community Engagement Officer (left) and Father Raymond Dumoulin present the Volunteer Excellence Award to Mrs. Gail Brisson-Landry (centre) in April at the Centre's Annual Volunteer Appreciate Tea.



Gail was nominated by several fellow volunteers for exceptional contributions in Spiritual Care support to residents and patients.

Congratulations Sister Isabel and Mrs. Brisson-Landry! Thank you so very much for all that you do!

**Catholic Health International
Centre for Excellence in Leadership** (update)

Each of the Pillar Committees have either met or have meetings scheduled, and have begun the task of developing their individual priorities for the 2013 - 2014 fiscal year. The mandate of each Pillar and their primary objectives have been identified and reviewed.



Recommendations will be made to the Board of Catholic Health International through their individual Sponsors regarding their work-plan and any budget requirements for the coming year. Click [here](#), to see the organizational chart for the Centre of Excellence.

Ethics Pillar - update

The following is an update from the first meeting of the members of the Ethics Pillar, who identified two key areas of focus:

1. To ensure that ethics programs and services are available within our family of facilities; and
2. To develop a systematic roll out of the new Health Ethics Guide.

Their starting point in approaching this work was to identify those characteristics that make our facilities faith based.

We share these four characteristics here:

- ⇒ **Heritage and lineage** – we can trace our origins back to a congregation of women who established our organizations to meet a need in the community - this is our touchstone.
- ⇒ **Faith** – we believe that faith is an integral part of health care and what we do – we invest in pastoral care.
- ⇒ **Ministry** – we have a defined ministry in caring for the disenfranchised, vulnerable and needy
- ⇒ **Ethics** – we believe that ethics is a foundational element in how the hospital/health centre operates and how leaders comport themselves.

Partners in Mission Food Bank in Kingston ON was busy stocking its shelves with about 92,000 pounds of non-perishable goods after the 28th Annual **Hotel Dieu Hospital Food Blitz**. Collection bags will continue to come in over the following few weeks, so they hope to reach the 100,000 pound mark. Hotel Dieu organizes dozens of volunteers each year, to go door to door in the Kingston community to pick up and then sort, non perishable donations.



Collection bags are placed inside a local Kingston newspaper, so residents can gather their contribution prior to the blitz, and leave it on their front doorstep for volunteers to pick up. The Food Bank has launched their new web site. Check it out at: <http://www.kingstonfoodbank.net> Sign up for their newsletter while your there too!

Hotel Dieu Shaver's Health & Rehabilitation Centre in St. Catharines, ON has opened a new Parkinson's Rehab Clinic, which was funded through a private donation by former NHL player and coach, Steve Ludzik. The clinic is not being supported by tax dollars, but is funded entirely by community donations raised through his annual celebrity roast and "Hockey Night in St. Catharines" event.

Steve is a Parkinson's patient and has had a vision for such a program to be available in the Niagara region so those affected with Parkinson's do not have to travel outside of the Region for rehabilitation care specific to this disease. The therapy team is to include:

- ⇒ Nurse Practitioner
- ⇒ Physiotherapist
- ⇒ Occupational Therapist
- ⇒ Speech language Pathologist
- ⇒ Social Worker
- ⇒ Rehabilitation Assistant



From Left to Right: Steve Ludzik, Dr. Ron McTavish, Board Chair, Mary Margaret Murphy, Foundation Board Chair, Francis Hallworth, United Way, Jane Rufrano, CEO and Rick Dykstra, MP.

The new Centre will be named the **Steve Ludzik Centre for Parkinson's Rehab**. For more [information](#)

Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick



CHANB 2013 Annual Convention
September 19 & 20
Rodd Inn Miramichi, NB

Catholic Health Association of Ontario
Association Catholique de la Santé de l'Ontario

CHAO 2013 Annual Convention
October 2, 3 & 4
Toronto Marriott Bloor Yorkville Hotel
[Convention Brochure](#)

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TRUSTEES / DIRECTORS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM - update

The **Catholic Health Association of Ontario** continues to work on the Leadership Program for Trustees of CHAO member organizations. The Program is one of the first deliverables resulting from the redesign of CHAO. It will focus on the unique "value added" governance responsibilities of Trustees of Catholic health organizations and focus on topics related to governance. The Program is intended to supplement the more generic governance programs offered by other groups such as the Ontario Hospital Association and the Ontario Association of Non Profit Homes and Services for Seniors.