



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

## **FRIENDS OF HOSPITAL STELLA-MARIS-DE-KENT FOUNDATION PROVIDE INTERNET ACCESS TO PATIENTS!**



It has taken some time to get this photo, but this is such a wonderful story that we have to share it.

There was an elderly lady in palliative care last year, who, when she arrived, had her own laptop, but unfortunately, there was no access for her to get on the internet. Her health continued to deteriorate, and she continued to tell the nursing staff that she wanted to converse with family and friends outside of the province before she died.

After receiving requests from different family members, patients and staff, the Advisory Committee of the Hospital and the Friends of Stella-Maris-de-Kent Foundation decided to support the project. Requests then went to the IT department and they got access to the internet a couple of days before Christmas in 2012. The staff were extremely excited to get her connected as soon as possible.

Marthe Leger, Facility Manager recalls "When I arrived the next day to work, the nurse told me, with tears in her eyes, that we had given this lady the greatest gift of all. That same day, she was able to converse with family and friends far away, who would not be able to visit her and she was so grateful. She spent a large part of the first night on Facebook!!! On top of being able to connect with loved ones, it occupied her mind, instead of continually thinking of her illness. She passed away not long after that."

The Foundation purchased a laptop with a special table so that patients in wheelchairs will also be able to use it. Pictured above with the new equipment are the Foundation Members (L to R): Adélard Cormier, Chair, Marie-Paul Robichaud, Oliva Guimond, Léona Bernard, and Marthe Léger, Facility Manager at Hospital Stella-Maris-de-Kent.

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## **SISTER GAËTANE SOUCY, rhsj 1934–2013**

On October 23, 2013, Sister Soucy died in hospital in Bathurst, NB at the age of 79. She had entered the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph in Valley Lourdes in 1955.

Sister Soucy joined the team at *Enfant-Jésus RHSJ+ Hospital* in Caraquet, NB in 1990 as a pastoral care volunteer, after working from 1970 to 1987 in the Mission in Peru. She was very active with the patients at the Hospital and assumed several roles over the years aimed at continuously improving patient care. She was Director of Spiritual and Religious Care at the Hospital, a member of their Advisory Committee and of the Foundation *Hôpital de l'Enfant-Jésus*.

Sister served for 23 years on the Board of Directors for the health authorities in New Brunswick, most recently *Vitalité Health Network*. Sister Soucy also served on a vast number of committees and working groups relating to charity for the poor and other social causes. Readers may remember her from the Joint Leadership Council meeting we attended in Miramichi in 2011. She was very active in catholic healthcare in New Brunswick and all those who knew her, will miss her presence and contributions.

## **MISSION AWARDS AT HOTEL DIEU HOSPITAL, Kingston, ON**

At the Mission recognition ceremony, CEO Dr. David Pichora noted, "The employees we honour today epitomize the culture and spirit of excellence in our hospital and in Catholic health care generally. They're examples of many more people at Hotel Dieu who provide excellent care and service year in and year out."



Those honoured this year: (L to R): Rita Carey (Volunteer), Julie Reed (Infant Development), CDC Run Committee: "Carla Michaud, Darlene Derbyshire, Marvin Switzer, Marianne McLure, Emily Jackson, Michelle Owen (Focus Eye Centre)", Pat Murray (UCC).

## IMPORTANT DATES! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### 2014 Catholic Healthcare Leadership Program May 7, 8, 9 - Module 1, October 1, 2, 3 - Module 2

The location will be determined based upon the number of attendees from each of our facilities. All persons seeking advancement to a Senior leadership position within one of our organizations must commit to taking the program within the first 24 months of employment. More information or to Register contact Eileen at [ebowes@chpci.com](mailto:ebowes@chpci.com)

### Catholic Health International Joint Leadership Council April 3 & 4, 2014 Fairmont Hotel, Montreal

### Catholic Health International Board of Directors & Corporation meeting dates for 2014

February 19, April 23  
Annual meetings: June 11, 12 & 13  
September 11, November 19

## CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP - UPDATE

### Values Integration Assessment Program (VIAP)

This Pillar reports the recent assessment of two institutions. They were able to use the newly revised documentation that had evolved from the pilot site assessments done in the past 2 years. All facilities within the CHI system will participate in the VIAP on a regular basis.

As more site assessments are completed assessment benchmarks will be established. Success stories will be shared across our system and will create networking opportunities between our organizations.

### Catholic Healthcare Leadership

This Pillar received approval from the CHI Board in September, to move forward with a project designed to survey the status of Catholic Leadership training and development in CHI member organizations.

Data collected through the survey process will be used to:

- ◇ create a database of current competencies,
- ◇ help inform the development of training plans for organizations;
- ◇ identify gaps in Catholic leadership within member organizations;
- ◇ advise CHI on appropriate program curriculum and delivery models;
- ◇ assist organizations in the development of staff succession plans.

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## CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!

**Hotel Dieu Hospital** in Kingston, ON was recently recognized by the National Research Corporation of Canada as the top performer for Day Surgery - among 28 hospitals! 100% of those surveyed, rated Hotel Dieu's day surgery unit as "good," "very good," or "excellent" when asked how they would assess the quality of care they received during their overnight stay.

**Hotel Dieu Shaver Health & Rehabilitation Centre** in St. Catharines, ON was awarded the 2013 Quality Healthcare Workplace Award—Silver, from the Ontario Hospital Association and Ministry of Health and Long Term Care.

## CHI TO RELEASE NEW ORIENTATION GUIDE !

We are working on a new Orientation Booklet for use by our facilities for new Directors, Trustees and Advisory Committee members. It will be a standard document that will provide the history of each of our founding congregations, a description of our corporate structure in regards to the Holy See and our sponsor, and an overview of the roles and responsibilities we each have as a Catholic institution.

## SISTERS SAY THANK YOU FOR BOOK CELEBRATING 125 YEARS!

**"People of Faith: The Story of Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital 1888-2013"**, by author Marty Gervais, traces 125 years of dedicated care from the RHSJs to the people of Windsor and Essex County. In this book, you will get a behind-the-scenes look at the women who came to Windsor from Montreal in 1887 to help at an orphanage for black children and to establish a hospital.

They overcame tremendous hardship and challenges with very limited resources throughout the years of service to this community.

Pictured here are three of the Windsor Sisters: Sister Aurore Beaulieu (left), Sister Cécile LeBoeuf (holding the book), and Sister Evelyn Emery.



## Foyer Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes, Bathurst NB



Catholic Health International recently assisted with the creation of a "History Wall" at Foyer Notre-Dame. It contains pictures of the Sisters and of the facility from over the years. The wall was created to pay a special tribute to their founding congregation, the RHSJs.