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The 2023-2024 scholarships



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



Education: a right and a duty

We usually feature our scholarship recipients in the fall Newsletter. This year, however, we departed from this tradition because we wanted to mark the issue of the Canada Post stamp in tribute to Léa Roback and the celebration of the Foundation's 30th anniversary. Two events that were both a source of pride and hope and that deserved a mention in our publication.

The year 2024 is still young. As with each new year, it leads us to believe in a brighter tomorrow even though we know, clearly, that there will be difficulties, with no shortage of challenges, and several causes will have to be defended with commitment and determination.

There has been much talk this fall about education due to the public sector negotiations and the vast mobilization that ensued. We have once again debated—at last! I should say—the right to education, to equality of opportunity, and the deterioration of the public education system. If only that could foster a new social consensus, like that which prevailed during the Quiet Revolution, on the importance of education in the development of the individual, the evolution of society, the fight against prejudice and the strengthening of democracy!

The Foundation's actions are fully aligned with this school of thought and, as such, in continuity with the values that were central to Léa Roback's commitment.

For 30 years, the Foundation has been there, enabling women to undertake or pursue studies because they wanted to improve their living conditions, realize their dreams, and contribute to society. In 2023, we supported and helped 35 women in this way.

We are presenting them to you in this Newsletter. Like the members of the selection committee and the Board of Directors, you will be impressed with their determination and touched by their journey.

We have just released information about the 2024 scholarships. If we are able to continue this action, it is thanks to your support, your individual donations, and our loyal and committed partners.

In recent years, collaboration agreements concluded with Maman va à l'école, the Fondation Pierre-Laurier-Baribeau, and the JOC Foundation have allowed us to significantly increase the number of scholarships and the total amount distributed. What's more, Nicole Ranger, a loyal donor, has also pledged to fund an annual scholarship. Starting next year, we will be able to do even more, and better, thanks to the generosity of the Fonds Baillargeon-Marleau, which will allocate \$25,000 to us per year for the next five years.

The journalist Hélène Pedneault, a great friend of and donor to our Foundation, used to say that “education is a right, but it is also a duty.” In the sense that it represents an inescapable responsibility of governments and an issue that democratic societies cannot avoid.

Our “duty to educate,” to use her words, implies that we make choices in favour of equal opportunity, that we fight to defend it, and that we take concrete action to support it. In that sense, your generosity and that of our partners represents a real mobilization and an embodied and renewed act of solidarity.

This is how, for 30 years, the Foundation has answered the call. We intend to continue doing so, thanks to you and with you.



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THE 2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS OF THE LEA ROBACK FOUNDATION

Over its 30 years of existence, the Lea Roback Foundation is proud to have awarded 380 scholarships—worth \$1,000 to \$3,500—to 346 recipients.

These scholarships have supported women during their studies, which range from literacy training to a bachelor's degree at the university level. In 2023, we had two new partners: scholarships from the JOC Foundation and from Nicole Ranger were added to the existing Fondation Pierre-Laurier-Baribeau scholarships and those awarded by our Foundation. Thus, in 2023, 22 new scholarships were given to women all of whom were equally deserving.

The Pierre-Laurier-Baribeau Scholarships



Sednaé Bernier-Plante

Sednaé is a dynamic young student from the Bas-Saint-Laurent. Her personal journey has been fraught with difficulty, as she was raised in a challenging family environment.

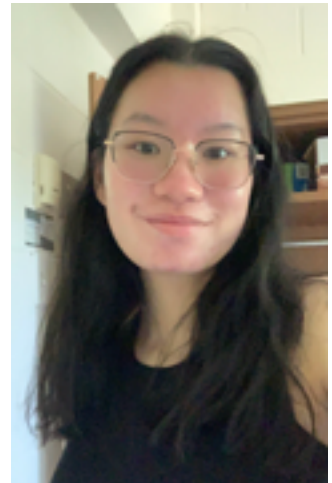
Despite this, she has continued her studies in special education at Cégep de La Pocatière.

She is very involved in numerous student committees at the CEGEP, in particular those related to environmental issues. She is also involved in a respite service for families of young people with disabilities. She hopes to pursue her studies at the university level because she would like to help people with intellectual disabilities, or those living with an autism spectrum disorder or mental health problems.

Irène

Irène is a young refugee. She describes herself as a person living with autism. This doesn't prevent her from being very involved in numerous committees at Collège Lionel-Groulx, in particular the Student Association, the Feminist Committee, and in study assistance. She is also active in a housing cooperative and volunteers with Mission Nouvelle Génération (a food bank). Currently a student at Collège de Maisonneuve in the humanities, she would like to pursue her studies in sociology at university to nurture her passion for the study and understanding of human behaviour.

"I am blessed and delighted to learn about receiving the scholarship!"



Charlotte Fournier

A young Montrealer in her twenties, Charlotte began studying psychology at UQAM in the fall of 2023. She is very involved in various committees concerning young members of the LGBTQ+ community and their fight to overcome addiction. Motivated by values of social justice, she hopes to obtain a doctorate in psychology in order to work as a clinical psychologist with marginalized or disadvantaged youth.

"This financial support also helps me to avoid making painful choices in order to maintain a certain equilibrium and make ends meet next year, such as not having to give up some of the volunteer activities that I've undertaken alongside my studies. In this sense, receiving a scholarship from the Léa Roback Foundation also guarantees the quality, in the long term, of my social and community involvement."

Alicia Gauvin

Alicia, a young resident of the Bas-Saint-Laurent, is very involved in her school and community. In particular, she helped set up the student council at the Centre d'études collégiales Témiscouata, where she is a student.

She is currently pursuing studies in special education as she would like to work with children with special needs, a field in which there is a severe shortage of personnel, as we often hear on the news.

"I want to thank you. I am so happy to receive this scholarship. It will help me a great deal!"



Melly Girardin

Melly is a young Montrealer pursuing a bachelor's degree in psychology at the Université de Montréal. She volunteers doing mental health counselling and offering homework assistance for young teenagers.

Deeply concerned about the mental health of these young people, she hopes to continue her studies and complete a doctorate in psychology, in order to work as a psychologist with teens in the public system.



Lailaah

Originally from Montreal, Lailaah is currently completing her final semester at Cégep de la Gaspésie et des Îles. Her goal is to pursue studies in psychology at a Montreal university.

In Montreal, she volunteered with an organization that helps the homeless, "Welfare Avenue," and became co-director of operations. In high school, she was involved in numerous social activities. She works part-time in the CEGEP library, where she is much appreciated: "a determined and conscientious employee," says the head librarian.

Bourses de la Fondation de la JOC



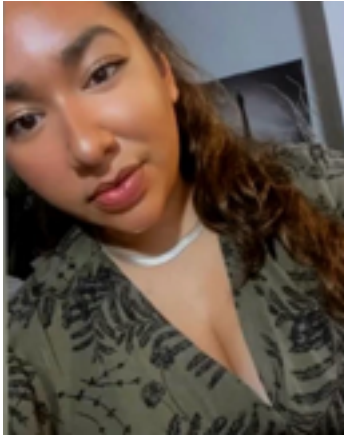
Delice, a very young woman from the Montérégie, is currently completing studies in the social sciences at Dawson College. Her goal is to become a lawyer specializing in, among other things, the rights of minorities and disadvantaged communities.

Delice has many activist commitments to her credit. Among her many activities, she was a volunteer at the L'Octogone Library, supervising children's activities. At her school, she tutored students in French and sat on the student council. Delice has also been involved in the *Symposium Jeunesse Volunteer Committee* and *Iran Awareness*.

Last winter, she prepared an exhibition on neo-colonialism.

"What great news!

It's an honour to have been selected by the Léa Roback Foundation's Board of Directors for a JOC Foundation scholarship. Thank you so much for this opportunity."



Ariana

Ariana is a young adult in her late twenties who lives in Montreal. Due to difficulties encountered during her school years, she dropped out of high school. In 2023, she decided to return to school to obtain her high school diploma.

She would then like to pursue her studies at college and university to acquire a degree in psychoeducation. She is involved in school and community motivation. As the daughter of immigrants, she would like to work with her compatriots and those in need towards a more inclusive society.

Eugénie Lafleur

Eugénie’s background is atypical: she was home-schooled without government supervision in a very religious environment. Trained in music, she is a violinist and member of the Orchestre symphonique des jeunes de Montréal. The OSJM’s managing director has been impressed by her determination, enthusiasm and efforts to finish high school. Enrolled in CEGEP in arts, literature and communications, in the media studies option, she hopes to go to university. She works as a waitress and barmaid at the Randolph Pub, where she is a union delegate. This young woman always finds a way to further her studies and be involved in her community. The situation of women is a constant concern for her as she feels that she experienced injustice, and she is opposed to her parents’ way of living which confines women to the role of housewife.



*“What wonderful news!
I’m honoured to have been chosen. Thank you for
considering and selecting me for this scholarship.”*

Bourse Nicole-Ranger

Ayana Monuma

An activist with the Black Community Resource Centre, she helped create and distribute the book *The Evolution of the Black Anglo Community in Montreal*. Following its success, she directed an outreach initiative based on the book with a group of young people she recruited.

A student at Concordia University, she began studying towards a bachelor’s degree in early childhood education in September 2023. She hopes to continue her studies to obtain a master’s degree in educational technology. She would like to develop programs that equitably represent BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Colour) communities.



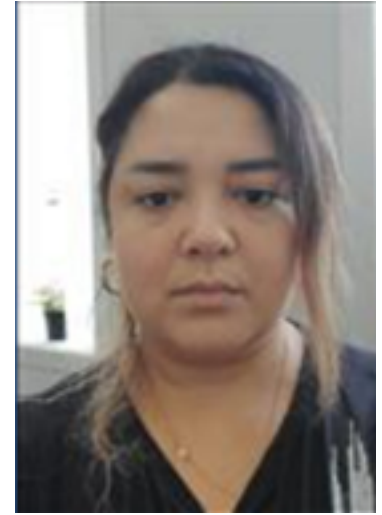
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Imen

Imen has been living in Canada for nine years. After a difficult separation, she is now solely responsible for the well-being and education of her four children, who range in age from four to eleven years old.

As soon as she arrived in Quebec, Imen rushed back to school to obtain a DEP in sales consulting and another in secretarial work. Alongside her studies, she became involved in volunteer activities.

She was a student supervisor at École Carillon and took part in various activities at CLSC Simone-Monet-Chartrand. She is now pursuing a bachelor's degree in early childhood education at Cégep Édouard-Montpetit. With no job or family support, she manages to combine her responsibilities as a single mother and her studies. Her dream is to open her own day-care centre.



Nancy Cardinal

It's a wonderful story. A whole life without knowing how to read and then, thanks to her daughter, learning how to write. Once, when she was going through a "good period," Nancy stayed home to look after her daughter, which led to some very special moments, in particular since her daughter showed her how to write. Nancy decided to go one step further and enrolled at Alphabelle Vanier, to finally learn how to read and write. She soon realized that this knowledge gave her a lot of confidence in herself.

She can now manage her budget, do her grocery shopping without any help, use public transportation, and enjoy a normal social life. She currently sits on the board of directors of Alphabelle and volunteers for a collective kitchen and for Dysphasie Québec. The scholarship will allow her to study full-time and to complete her studies.

Florence Caron

Originally from St-Jean-Port-Joli, Florence is passionate about language and languages. After completing an International Baccalaureate at Collège Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatière, she is pursuing a bachelor's degree in language sciences at the Université Laval, with a view to becoming a speech therapist. This young woman who already speaks five languages is interested in the sciences related to speech therapy, psychology and neuroscience. Very active on a number of committees both at CEGEP and university, she has, among other things, taken part in linguistic twinning with a new immigrant. She is a volunteer and in charge of communications at the Bibliothèque Lamartine, in L'Islet.



Florence's aim is to help people with language disorders so as to become an agent of positive change for them and for society as a whole. She plans to teach at the university level, to share her knowledge and give back to the community.

Esther

Since her late teens, Esther has been interested in the environment and all her volunteer activities are linked to her career choices.

In L'Assomption, she was coordinator of an urban sharing garden, a concept that is becoming much more common in cities. As a student at the Cégep du Vieux-Montréal, she sits on the Envieuxronnement and Ser-O-Vieux committees.

After completing a DEC in the social sciences, she is pursuing a bachelor's degree in environmental geography at the Université de Montréal, where she is also a research assistant. According to Esther, "we can't deal with the climate crisis without highlighting social justice and the importance of women's role in the fight against environmental change."

"Thank you so much for this scholarship. It means a great deal to me."

Léa Delambre

Léa was the recipient of the 2023 Hélène Pedneault scholarship awarded by our Foundation. Faithful to her ideals and convictions, Léa is completing a bachelor's degree in sociology, with a major in feminist studies at the Université de Montréal.

To raise awareness of gender equality issues within in the academic community and to encourage critical reflection on feminist issues, she spares no effort and gives generously of her time.

She sits on the organizing committee of the Symposium international de l'Observatoire francophone pour le développement inclusif par le genre; is a member and editor of 3SEX, a non-profit engaged in the fight for sexual health; and a member of the board of directors of *Quartier Libre*, UdeM's independent magazine. She is also very active with the Société féminismes et philosophies at the Université de Montréal and was secretary of the board of directors of Colloque VocUM. Her goal: to become a university professor "to make knowledge and research more accessible."



Christine Dubois

While she was living on a farm with her husband, Christine completed two DEP (vocational studies diplomas), one in dairy production and the other in accounting. The mother of three children aged 8, 10, and 11, in joint custody with their father, she also has a baby who lives with her and her partner. Being on maternity leave does not stop her from continuing to be very active, and because she aspires to a better job and wants to offer her children a bright future, she is pursuing her college studies by distance learning.

Her big project: to extend her education through university, in social sciences and human resources.

"It's a relief to be able to continue my studies. In these difficult financial times, I am very grateful. Many thanks!"

Kim

The full-time mother of a nine-year-old daughter, Kim lives in Gaspé. With a diploma in early childhood education, she has had various jobs as an educator, substitute teacher and special educator, and has also worked as a home day-care supervisor.

She enrolled at the Cégep de la Gaspésie et des Îles to obtain a diploma in social work. She is a curious, highly professional and very responsible woman.

She is a full-time student, while actively volunteering for her daughter's sports activities and the school's fundraising campaigns and parents' committee.

Youveline Gervil



"I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude for this scholarship from your foundation. Thank you,"

writes Youveline, a very young woman who has permanent resident status.

She is currently studying political science at the Université de Montréal.

Her record as an activist is astonishing. For the past five years, starting in high school, she has been a member of the youth collective "La voix des Jeunes Compte." This collective was formed after complaints were made to the Commission scolaire de Montréal by a group of young girls. A protocol for intervention in the schools was subsequently adopted.

She is also a member of the Forum Jeunesse Saint-Michel. Her volun-

teer work includes cooking for the homeless. She participated in the production of an anti-racism, awareness-raising short film and has facilitated workshops on women's rights for young people.

My chief motivation in pursuing my studies is to spread the word about my community.

Later on, I would like to work in a field that allows me to effect societal change so that everyone will be able to navigate in a world free of systemic barriers."

Rosalie Laliberté

Rosalie would eventually like to teach, to share her knowledge and to open minds. After exploring studies in various fields and at different universities, in 2023 she decided on sociology at the Université du Québec à Montréal. This year, she was awarded the Madeleine Parent scholarship by our Foundation.

Before arriving in Montreal, she was involved in activism in Sherbrooke and in her own region, the Bas-St-Laurent. She had taken charge of Philosofèm, a feminist philosophy group, at the Université de Sherbrooke, and of Aide aux devoirs avec des jeunes. She was also active in the organization SAFRIE (Soutien aux familles réfugiés et immigrantes de l'Estrie), in addition to becoming involved in various art projects and in promoting Le Récif, a non-profit organization in the Bas-St-Laurent.



Leila Melouani

Leila arrived in Quebec in 2015, full of hope: she already had a nursing assistant diploma and thought she would soon find work. A big disappointment awaited her: she would have to start her high school studies all over again. Leila is full of determination: while she devotes much of her time to her studies, she also looks after her two children and takes part in numerous volunteer activities.

Despite sharing resources with her husband, she lacks the funds required to finish high school and enrol in a practical nursing program. Thanks to the Foundation's scholarship, she will be able to carry out her studies under better conditions and, at last, practice the profession she loves.



Sophie Séguin



Sophie Séguin is the mother of two children aged 11 and 13, for whom she has shared custody (40%) with their father.

A highly engaged and determined activist, she acts, organizes and fights for greater social equity, putting her skills at the service of others.

She has a DEP in accounting and is a self-employed massage therapist and doula. Sophie helped create a network for the defence of midwives and the rights of pregnant women.

Because she believes in equal rights in health and in health care services for all, she decided to go back to school to become a nurse. Sophie is well aware of the limits of private practice and knows that her experience will be better recognized if she has a degree to back it up.

She would like to work in the Great North or with the Red Cross.

Megan

Megan lives in St-Jérôme and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing at the Université de Montréal, Laval Campus.

She offered support and counselling to women who are victims of violence and their children at Maison Sofia, a resource that is now closed. She also offered support to patients at the Pallia Vie palliative care centre.

And with the Coffret organization, she helped young immigrants learn French and assisted them with their homework.

She worries that her financial needs could get in the way of achieving her goal. Hopefully, receiving a scholarship from the Foundation will allow her to feel more secure.

**Let's wish these courageous and determined women an excellent 2024.
May their projects and ambitions come to fruition.**

Written by: Jeanette Biondi, Guylaine Henri, Céline Lamontagne.

LEA ROBACK FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS 2024-2025

Every year since 30 years, the Lea Roback Foundation has been giving out scholarships to women who are either going to school or who wish to go back to school. It grants its scholarships to women who have financial needs and who are active and engaged in their communities.

The scholarships range from \$ 1500 to \$ 4000.

The application deadline is
April 1st 2024

To become a candidate

Follow the instructions on the Foundation's website
www.fondationlearoback.org/en/lea-roback-foundation-scholarship

A remarkable trade unionist and feminist, Léa Roback (1903-2000) fought all her life for women's access to education.



MAMAN VA À L'ÉCOLE

“School to lift women and children out of poverty” is the motto of Maman va à l'école (MVE). Since 2013, MVE has supported 577 women who are single parents, did not have a diploma and were going back to school. Since 2016, the Léa Roback Foundation has funded 77 of these \$500 scholarships. This year, 13 scholarships have been awarded by our Foundation. Next year, we hope to do even more.

Maman va à l'École Scholarships

Kharratia Hanane, Grand-Portage



Kharratia is a single mother of two children (aged six and a half and five).

She is studying for a DEP in accounting. Her living conditions are precarious, as she is her family's sole breadwinner.

Her peers and teachers describe her as a person of boundless energy and great rigour.

Despite her coursework, childcare and financial needs, she still finds time to be involved in her community. She works for the “Un Élan pour la Vie” foundation. This foundation prepares food baskets and, during the holiday season, Christmas gifts for families in need.

Maimouna Saidou, The Eastern Townships

Originally from the Central African Republic, Maimouna transited through a refugee camp in Cameroon before arriving in Canada. The mother of a two-year-old daughter, she is currently studying at the high school level, but had to go through literacy and pre-secondary education to get there.

Resolute and tenacious, she is determined to achieve her goal of becoming a nursing assistant, not only to improve her living conditions but also to do her part to help others. She finds time to volunteer at a help centre for new Canadians.



MAIMOUNA SAIDOU (Eastern Townships) is a volunteer interpreter with Service d'aide aux Néo-Canadiens. Photographed with her daughter and Claire Lalande of MVE's Board of Directors.

Jocelyne Delinord, Jonquière

Since November 2022, Jocelyne is back at school full-time, at the Centre de formation générale des adultes De La Jonquière. She is working hard to realize her dream of becoming a patient care attendant, and to provide a good education for her daughter, who is her pride and joy. She earned a volunteer diploma for her social involvement. She is active with the Red Cross and sorts clothing at the Maison du quartier. She is always ready to help those in need.



VALÉRIE LADOUCEUR (Victoriaville) appears with Julie Durand, director of CEA Monseigneur-Côté and CEA André-Morissette, and Frédéric Lehoux, teacher and sponsor of the Victoriaville/Plessisville chapter.

Valérie Ladouceur, Victoriaville

Valérie is the mother of two children (aged 11 and 17). She has experienced some difficult years and had the courage to seek help to get out of a long toxic relationship. She is her children's sole parental support.

When she arrived at the centre, she had a Grade 6 education. She has now completed Secondary V French and English, Secondary III mathematics, and Secondary IV history and computer science.

Valérie devotes much of her time to the cause of end-of-life care. In particular, she looks after her mother, who requires such care. She is convinced that access to resources can help change the world and contribute to the well-being of the community.

Vanessa Simard, Mitis region

Vanessa is the mother of three children (aged 7, 9 and 13). She had a difficult family situation and had to leave home with her children, so she sought help to rebuild her life.

Vanessa has also had to deal with a new situation, that of her son's ADHD diagnosis with oppositional disorder.

In spite of this, she continues to pursue her studies and shows remarkable resilience.

She hopes to obtain a DEP in dental assistance. Vanessa's generosity has led her to become involved in her community. During the pandemic, she distributed grocery baskets, along with her children. She is currently involved in school activities.



Stéphanie Ste-Marie, Montreal

Stéphanie is the mother of a 10-year-old girl, for whom she has always been the sole support.

Stéphanie is currently completing Secondary V and, as such, is finishing the prerequisite courses that will allow her to go on to CEGEP, in thanatopraxy. After a few attempts at going back to school, this time is the right time, as she just has to complete two more credits before entering CEGEP.

Despite the responsibility of raising her daughter alone and working full-time, Stéphanie has volunteered at her daughter's school as part of a special project. The facilitators who work with her describe her as a model of perseverance and determination.

Yenny-Patricia Restrepo-Lopez, Longueuil

Originally from Colombia, Yenny-Patricia arrived in Canada in 2007. She has a bachelor's degree in accounting, which was not recognized here. She did odd jobs to survive but had to stop due to a workplace accident. With the help of a guidance counsellor, she decided to get a diploma in dental assistance, which will allow her to balance work and family life.

Despite her situation as a single-parent family, she finds time to be very active as a volunteer at the Centre communautaire le Partage Saint-François-de-Sales, in Longueuil, where she is much appreciated in the kitchens.

Marie-Louise Sepo, Lanaudière

A native of Cameroon, Marie-Louise has refugee status here. Despite the difficulties this presents, as she has to manage alone with her four-year-old son, she has been able to adapt to, and integrate into, the school environment.

Her excellent academic results will enable her to quickly pass the prerequisite courses to enrol in a DEP in the healthcare field. She hopes to have a stimulating job that will allow her to provide adequately for herself and her child.

Marie-Louise also works as a volunteer at Mon Afrique à Lanaudière, providing support for the elderly and the homeless.

Isabelle Gadoury, Haut Richelieu

Some time ago, this mother of three decided to reflect on her future. As a result, with pride and perseverance she went back to school, with the help of COFFRE (Quartier de l'emploi). A student in general adult education, she wanted to complete the prerequisites to start a DEP in secretarial studies in September 2023, which was a long-held dream. Her involvement in a tenants' association as a secretary confirmed her career choice. Despite the obstacles she encountered, including having a sick child, she maintained her good humour and positive attitude.

ISABELLE GADOURY (Haut-Richelieu) - Photo: Nickolas Emery, Isabelle Gadoury, Jacinthe Côté



Alexandra Lacroix-Brasseur, Repentigny



Thanks to her resilience, determination and empathy, this young woman has overcome academic and personal difficulties.

The mother of two little girls, she finds time to be involved in her community, notably with the Rivière Bleu cooperative and the Opération Enfant Soleil Foundation.

ALEXANDRA LACROIX-BRASSEUR, (Repentigny-Des Moulins) with her two daughters. She is flanked by Foundation President Lorraine Pagé and Serge Fortin, teacher and head of MVE at Centre La Croisée.

Marie-Claude Brière, Les Laurentides

Returning to school in 2021 to take a nursing assistant course, having worked for 18 years as a personal care attendant, Marie-Claude is the mother of four and a single parent. She has managed to balance her student and family schedules, working full-time: three days a week at the Centre de formation professionnelle Des Sommets, and three days each week and every other weekend at the hospital.

In spite of the stress she has experienced, she has never thought of giving up school, because for her it's the goal to achieve to improve her life and that of her children.

She is grateful for the support of her friends and colleagues, to whom she attributes her success since returning to school. In addition, she has been involved in Nourri-Source Lamater since 2016, as a breastfeeding godmother, and participates in the Federation's management committee. She stands out for her great aptitude for helping others and for teamwork with both volunteers and the CLSC staff.



MARIE-CLAUDE BRIÈRE (Laurentides) SASI student, Centre de formation professionnelle des Laurentides, Pavillons des Sommets.

Éva-Laurence Demers, Abitibi

When she received her scholarship, Éva-Laurence was completing one of the last days of the internship leading to her college diploma in professional cooking.

The restaurant owner who took her on as a trainee and the staff at the Centre de formation professionnelle du Lac-Abitibi were all impressed by the commitment and enthusiasm of this single mother who chose to return to work as a reforester.

She is very involved in her community. She volunteers at her local library and takes part in a transportation program for seniors, accompanying them to medical appointments.

Her main commitment is as a member of the board of directors of the Skinoramik Cross-Country Ski Club. She also organizes their fund-raising activities, making use of her culinary talents.



DIANA, CRISTINA PALACIOS NOVOA, with her two children, her teacher Marie-Christine Sergerie, and Lea Roback Foundation representative Céline Lamontagne.

Diana Cristina Palacios Novoa, Saint-Hyacinthe-Acton

Newly arrived in Quebec, Diana is a student in francization. She has a law degree from Colombia, her country of origin which, for reasons of safety, she had to flee along with her two young children.

Diana is the sole support for her family but finds time to be involved with the children at the church she attends. She would like to set up a tutoring service for Spanish-speaking youngsters who need help at school.

Active in the Scout Movement, which she appreciates for its teachings on life skills and social skills, she participates in the troop in which her children are enrolled. She also

uses her experience as a consulting lawyer and an immigrant to help others with their immigration applications.

While hoping to have her degree recognized in Quebec, she is continuing her studies in francization with the intention of becoming an immigration consultant.

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Text: Céline Lamontagne*

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(SJSJ solidarity committee).

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