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**LÉGER
FOUNDATION** 
Fostering human dignity
here and abroad

ACTIVITY REPORT 2018

AT WORK FOR HUMAN DIGNITY

Since it was founded, the LÉGER FOUNDATION has always been a pioneer. When Paul-Émile Léger inspired Quebecers to take action to end poverty in post-war Europe, he laid the foundations of international cooperation by saying that what happens around the world affects us all. Canadian Parliament created the Foundation in 1981 and named it after both Léger brothers—one a former Governor General of Canada and the other a man of faith—to create a modern philanthropic model that has inspired incredible generosity.

In 2018, the Foundation refined its program strategy so that it can continue to effectively use the money invested by its donors. It created a new brand image to reach out to even more diverse populations in Quebec and Canada. I am very much looking forward to showing you this new brand in 2019!

Our mission, however, has stayed the same and is guiding us through these changes. The well-being of vulnerable and marginalized people continues to motivate us and drive our mission. This report contains stories about people of action and about the caring and strategic organizations who support them, both in Quebec and around the world. You will also read about what the LÉGER FOUNDATION has been doing to support them and, above all, how your donation has had an impact.

On behalf of the million people you have helped this year, thank you! Your support has shown me that we are indeed stronger together. I thank you deeply for your generosity.



Richard Veenstra
Executive Director



Almost a year ago, I took over as Chairman of the LÉGER FOUNDATION's Board of Directors.

Its values of social justice, inclusion and compassion for society's vulnerable, along with the 70 years of expertise that it has developed both in Quebec and around the world, make it a strong and solid institution. Its values are what motivated me to become a Board member in 2010.

I contribute to this organization above all because of its innovative spirit, agility to implement creative solutions, collaborations with partners in the field, and future-forward vision. The problems facing the world today, such as deepening inequality and climate change, require innovation and creativity. I am pleased to count on the men and women of the Board of Directors and the Foundation team, who, like me, are dedicated to helping vulnerable and marginalized people in Quebec and around the world.

I am very proud to support the work of the LÉGER FOUNDATION. And I THANK YOU for joining me in this support.







André Dufour
Chairman of the Board of Directors

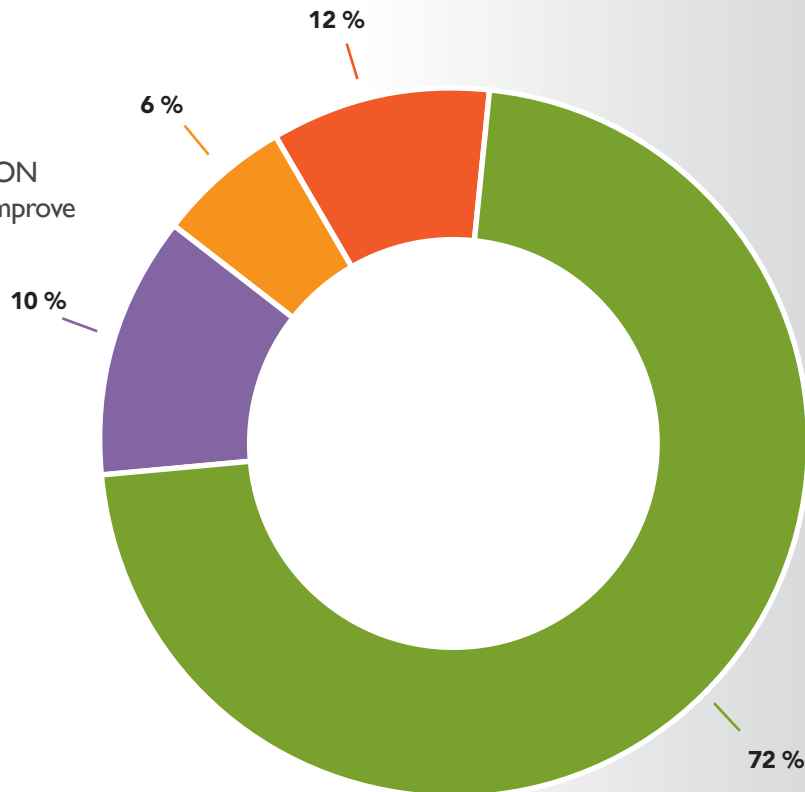
YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

In Quebec and around the world, the LÉGER FOUNDATION supports innovative and community-based initiatives that improve the well-being of vulnerable and marginalized people.

Projects carried out in Quebec's 13 regions help 130,000 people, including 20,000 children and nearly 13,000 seniors.

In 2018, over 974,700 people around the world were directly helped by the work of the LÉGER FOUNDATION.

	International actions	72 %	\$10 242 491
	Actions in Quebec	12 %	\$1 721 706
	Administration	6 %	\$ 861 813
	Promotion and communication	10 %	\$ 1 365 455





AT WORK IN THE WORLD

The LÉGER FOUNDATION works for human dignity in 12 countries around the world in three essential areas: social inclusion, food security and humanitarian emergencies.



AT WORK FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION

The LÉGER FOUNDATION supports major and innovative social inclusion projects that aim to create significant and lasting changes for vulnerable or marginalized people. The projects we supported in 2018 helped improve people's ability to live in safety and fully participate in society.

In 2018, 34 social inclusion projects were carried out in Quebec and around the world and had an impact on the lives of 355,000 people.

In Quebec

Success story:

Projet Intervention-SAVA

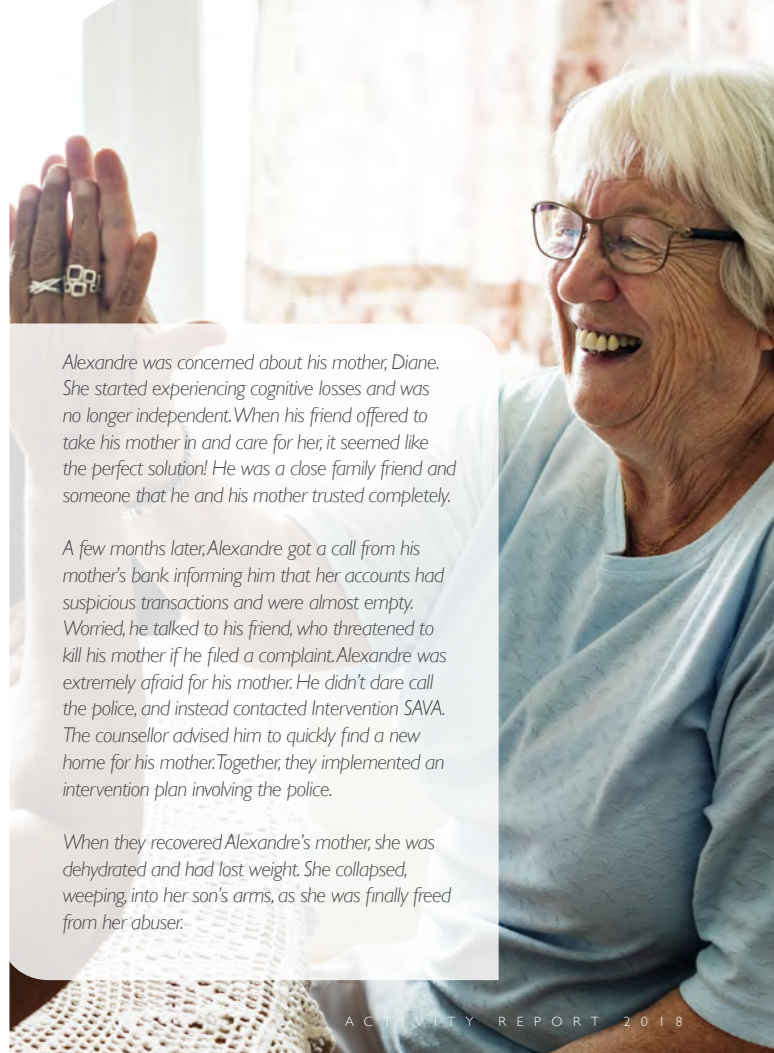
In partnership with the Carrefour communautaire Montrose

The Projet Intervention SAVA (support for seniors who are victims of abuse) aims to stop the mistreatment and abuse of seniors in Montreal.

SAVA's mission is to make initial contact with victims of abuse, provide them with support, and guide them to the right resources for their situation and needs.

Results

In 2018, 405 seniors saw their situation improve thanks to this approach. This project grows every year through training, talks, and support that the SAVA intervention team provides to a multitude of community stakeholders, such as social workers, investigators from the Service de police de la Ville de Montréal, designated tutors, medical students, and more.



Alexandre was concerned about his mother, Diane. She started experiencing cognitive losses and was no longer independent. When his friend offered to take his mother in and care for her, it seemed like the perfect solution! He was a close family friend and someone that he and his mother trusted completely.

A few months later, Alexandre got a call from his mother's bank informing him that her accounts had suspicious transactions and were almost empty. Worried, he talked to his friend, who threatened to kill his mother if he filed a complaint. Alexandre was extremely afraid for his mother. He didn't dare call the police, and instead contacted Intervention SAVA. The counsellor advised him to quickly find a new home for his mother. Together, they implemented an intervention plan involving the police.

When they recovered Alexandre's mother, she was dehydrated and had lost weight. She collapsed, weeping, into her son's arms, as she was finally freed from her abuser.

AT WORK FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION

In the World

Success story:

**Training for non-traditional vocations
In partnership with ATTOUS**

The LÉGER FOUNDATION is collaborating with ATTOUS (Association Tout pour tous) to improve the living conditions of young women from disadvantaged backgrounds by teaching them trades that have been traditionally practised by men.

In Burkina Faso, women have a hard time accessing jobs and represent only 20% of the work force.

This training program aims to integrate women into the workplace by teaching them and getting them to practise trades that have been traditionally reserved for men, such as electricity, mechanics and vehicle bodywork. These women can also become more financially independent thanks to support to start a micro-business.

Results

In 2018, 330 young women took the training (1,980 indirect beneficiaries in total).

Among the women who finished the program, 75% found a job and 25% created their own micro-business.

The program also aims for ATTOUS to be self-funded thanks to the creation of a service centre in partnership with the LÉGER FOUNDATION.



AT WORK FOR FOOD SECURITY

The LÉGER FOUNDATION supports organizations that work with vulnerable populations experiencing food insecurity by providing access to healthy, safe and nutritious food that meets their nutritional needs and helps them lead active and healthy lives. In 2018, 53 food-security projects were carried out in Quebec and around the world and had an impact on the lives of 170,860 people.

In Quebec

Despite the province's favourable economy, food needs are still present and always growing. The initiatives of the LÉGER FOUNDATION help people develop healthy eating habits while decreasing their dependence on food banks.

Success story:

**Educational cooking project
In partnership with the Cuisine Collective
Hochelaga-Maisonneuve (CCHM)**

Workshops help children who come from disadvantaged environments or who have learning or behaviour problems to build

healthy eating habits and improve their success in school.

Every week, children from the Baril primary school cross the street to take a cooking workshop at the CCHM. This space for learning is also a platform for get-togethers and discussions on a food-related topic. The CCHM and the school collaborate so that the workshop content fosters academic success.

The workshop also includes the family, as the children have to apply what they learn at home.

Results

The workshops were attended by 72 students, who developed better eating habits with their families, which represents over 220 people impacted by this initiative.

The project has helped facilitate interactions with the children and improve their behaviour not only at the workshops but also at school. One teacher said that, after the workshops, the students are "calmer and better behaved" in class.



AT WORK FOR FOOD SECURITY

In the World

Un exemple de succès :

**IMSA Project - Innovation and mobilization for food security
Partenaires locaux et canadiens**

How can we increase the food security of women, men and young people in poor and rural arid and semi-arid areas of Peru, Bolivia and Burkina Faso? Implementing innovative irrigation and agricultural production systems,

"At first, we women were a bit afraid of attending our Cooperative meetings. We were afraid of speaking up, because we are used to being at home and not being in public. But we learned to take our place in the cooperative and in society. We've also learned to work for pay and that all work must be paid. Now that we have an income, we can buy food on top of the quinoa or other grains that we harvest. We can buy milk, vegetables and even meat!

Since our husbands are not the only ones who bring in money to the household, they listen to us more, and we can dare to express what we think. Today, our greatest pride is helping our children go to university. While we could only dream of this in the past, today, thanks to our income, our children can work for their future.

IMSA has given women a voice and a place in our families and in society."

Sonia Ticona
Farmer, Peru

planting new food sources, and launching new sources of energy are some of the innovative tools and processes in agroecology being built through the IMSA project. Entire families of farmers are not only becoming self-sufficient but also increasing their production of food products for sale.

Results

The goal of helping 7,000 people in three countries was reached halfway through the project.

In Peru, 1,905 milk farmers increased their production by 46%.

In Bolivia, more than 2,000 families of milk producers can get enough to eat with grain products and vegetables that they grow themselves.

In Burkina Faso, the project reached nearly 3,000 producers, 61.4% of whom are women.



AT WORK FOR HUMANITARIAN AID

In 2018, the LÉGER FOUNDATION's humanitarian aid initiatives had an impact on 54,000 lives.

Emergency response for displaced and local populations in Northern Cameroon.

This initiative was an exemplary response to this population's immediate needs, and it reinforced their ability to cope with future crises and trauma. Implemented as a partnership between the LÉGER FOUNDATION and the CDD-Caritas Maroua-Mokolo, the initiative has immediately met urgent needs for:

- Safe drinking water
- Emergency subsistence services
- Basic health care

This initiative has also provided long-term tools that:

- Reinforce the resilience and independence of farmers and producers
- Revitalize economic activities through support for small entrepreneurs

Pilot project in camps for displaced people in northeastern Nigeria

The goal of this project is to meet the basic needs of women who have to travel far from the camp to collect firewood to feed their families and who run the risk of being kidnapped, assaulted, or even killed by Boko Haram, a militant group terrorizing the region.

The LÉGER FOUNDATION has trained two women's cooperatives to produce briquettes from plant biomass. In addition to ensuring the safety of the cooperative members, this initiative has helped the women support their families and meet their basic needs.

The next step is to create 14 cooperatives at 5 camps and reach 6,000 displaced people and their families.



OUR FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES



Cycling for LÉGER FOUNDATION

Our 5th cycling challenge was a great success! In Vaudreuil-Dorion, 77 cyclists, including Marc-André Coallier, our spokesperson for the young homeless, sped off on 50-km to 150-km courses and raised over \$50,000 for street youth in Quebec and around the world.

LÉGER FOUNDATION Golf tournament

Under the direction of honorary chair Vincent Roy, Vice President of Private Banking at RBC Royal Bank, the 29th annual LÉGER FOUNDATION golf tournament was held at the prestigious Club de golf Le Mirage. Over \$112,000 went to organizations working to help homeless youth.

LÉGER FOUNDATION Benefit concert

In 2018, the LÉGER FOUNDATION's traditional benefit concert for its Feed a Child program offered a spectacular performance by Nathalie Choquette and her daughters, accompanied with the Orchestre Symphonique de Longueuil. With classical melodies and contemporary hits, this show held in the Théâtre Maisonneuve at Place des Arts dazzled the 800 generous music lovers who attended.

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Our Spokesperson for the young homeless:
M. Marc-André Coallier

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