



## An evening to say **THANK YOU** *to volunteers for everything they do*



*During the evening, actress Suzanne Champagne chatted with volunteers about their activities.*

The volunteers and staff of the Office municipal d'habitation de Montréal (OMHM) will remember the evening of April 27, 2017, for its warm and friendly atmosphere. Some 250 people gathered at the Plaza Antique reception hall to celebrate community and volunteer action, "because every little bit counts" within Montréal's low-rent housing.

Spirits were high during the event, hosted by nice actress Suzanne Champagne and Deusdedit Mutima, a young tenant from Habitations Sackville. Both worked the room during dinner to chat with volunteers. A dozen or so attendees talked about their projects and initiatives and the positive effect that these have on their environment.

Various prominent guests also spoke during the event. Christian Champagne, member of the OMHM Board of Directors, reiterated that the work of volunteers on the Comité consultatif des résidents (CCR or Advisory Committee of Tenants) influences the direction the Board takes. He said he was also pleased to see young people in the room because the upcoming generation is important and "it is up to these young people to take up the torch."

During the evening, OMHM Executive Director Danielle Cécile pointed out the many ways in which low-rent housing tenants can volunteer. This ranges from the *A Vigilant Volunteer is Watching Over You* program to taking responsibility for common rooms, and includes MOUV, in which young people get involved to improve their living conditions. Not to mention the role that tenant committees and the CCR play. She took the opportunity to give them a thousand thanks, as close to 1,000 volunteers in total are active in Montréal's low-rent housing in various capacities.

Russell Copeman, the mayor of the Côte-des-Neiges–Notre-Dame-de-Grâce borough, was also in attendance. As the executive committee member responsible for housing for the city of Montréal, and therefore the low-rent housing file, he took the floor to thank the volunteers who were there for their commitment, reiterating that their role is not always easy because it requires a good sense of organization and selflessness, among other things.

The guests then continued to have fun dancing and mingling to music from the playlist prepared by DJ François "Franck" Marchand.

See inside for our photo report.



Suzanne Champagne, actress, and Deuseddit Mutima, young tenant from Habitations Sackville, were brilliant and enthusiastic hosts.



Throughout the evening, Executive Director Danielle Cécile went from table to table to chat with volunteers. She is pictured here speaking with two tenants from Habitations De Fleurimont: Yollande Trachy (right) and Nicole St-Germain (left).



During the evening celebrating community and volunteer action, tenants talked about mutual support, community meals, activities, generosity, kindness and much more. You will no doubt spot in these photos the volunteers whose work lights up your environment.





Deusdedit heard from Lucille Deschênes, who lives at Habitations Pierre-de-Coubertin.



Front row, from left to right: Christian Champagne, OMHM board member, Russell Copeman and Karine Boivin Roy, respectively executive committee member responsible for housing and associate counsellor, housing, for the City of Montréal, Danielle Cécile, OMHM Executive Director. Back row: Jean-Jacques Bohémier, political advisor for the City of Montréal, Sylvain Labrecque, tenant OMHM board member, Doris Roussy, from Habitations Jacques-Cartier tenant committee, and Ghislaine Laramée, tenant OMHM board member.



# New tenant committees

These past few months, tenants from some 20 low-rent housing buildings elected their representatives. In two cases, they formed a brand new association. Congratulations to the numerous volunteers who dedicate their time to improving the everyday lives of their neighbours!

## SOUTHWEST SECTOR

### Saint-Raymond **S**

Bagarone Clerici, Maria Sofia  
Kagan, Lianne  
Labranche, Marcel  
Lavoie, Audette  
Clerici, Davide

### De Carillon **S**

Dallaire, Guy  
Rollin, Michel  
Roach Buckingham, Carol  
Moreau, Claudette  
Dufour, Madeleine

### De Terrebonne **S**

Kennedy, Melody  
Gouthro Wilson, Linda  
Burachevsky, Larisa  
Nolet, Pierrette  
Cyr, Lucille

### Shevchenko **S**

Hibbard, Ann  
Leblanc, Shirley  
Gracie, Karen  
Beaudin, Diane

### De Montmagny **S**

Tinsley, Lynn  
Boelens, Christine  
Molea, Elena  
Lamothe, Rolland

### NEW ASSOCIATION

### Montmorency **S**

Quesnel, Wayne  
Barbier, Arlette  
Pasto, Daniel

## EAST SECTOR

### De Mentana **S**

Goyette, Yollande  
Joyal, Renald  
Drapeau, Michel

### Jacques-Cartier **F**

Roussy, Doris  
Anzer, Jamila  
Asma, Mohamed-Rachid  
Labrecque, Sylvain

### Les Jardins Châteauneuf **S**

Verreault, Irénée  
Brisson, Denis  
Dagenais, Francine  
Lefebvre, Serge  
Tétreault, Pierrette

### Marie-Victorin **F**

Mohamed, Amal  
Jules Guillard, Marie-Nensa  
Elankainathan, Lavanya  
Clenor, Edemonde

### Parc-Frontenac **S**

Ladouceur, Diane  
Longval, Noella  
Languedoc, Michel  
Juge, Yvette

### Séguin **F**

Gauvin, Gaétan  
Murray, Michel  
Aubin, Joanne  
Faress, Siham  
Léveillé, Catherine-Michèle  
Chassé, Sylvie  
Bisson, France

### Terrasse Ontario A et C **S F**

Arbour, Serge  
Kerkes, Jozef  
Renaud, Pierrette  
Pineau, Rachel  
Lefebvre, Colette

## NORTHWEST SECTOR

### Émilien-Gagnon **S**

Moisan, Jacqueline  
Simkus, Norman  
Lapierre, Francine

### Gérard-Poitras **F**

Chouarhi, Kamal  
Rivest, Mario  
Bouffard, Claire  
Daneau, Chantal

### Pelletier **F**

Lavoie, Guylaine  
Lemieux, Rosie  
Fortin, Guylaine  
Roy, Suzanne  
Léveillé, Karine

### Saint-Roch **S**

Savard, Dorothée  
Bétancourt, Armando  
Ostorga, Maria Francisca  
Cordero Bonilla, René  
Abal, Juan Antonio

### Badeaux-Sauvé **S**

Gordon, Cécile  
Darouni, Hayat  
Grainger, Diane

### NEW ASSOCIATION

### André-Corneau **S**

Vigneault, Rose  
Eliscar, Silfise  
Tanguay, Michèle  
Pham, Van Hue  
Hurtado Cardens, Teresa  
Vallières, Raynald



Anyone living in OMHM low-rent housing who is over 18 years of age automatically becomes a member of the tenant association of the housing project. No membership fee, no membership card.

**S** OMHM low-rent housing for seniors

**F** OMHM low-rent housing for families and people living alone

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