

Little bit of history

The history of Centraide Richelieu-Yamaska

The Centraide movement was born in Montreal in 1917 from the fusion of charities organisms looking to limit the number of competing fundraising campaigns. The United Way movement is active in 19 different countries. All have the mission to **promote mutual aid, sharing and volunteerism.**

A Centraide in answering to its community needs in offering services and financement to the non for profit organisms helping the more unfortunate people. There are 126 Centraide in Canada. In Quebec province, **18** Centraide are sharing the territory.

Each Centraide is autonomous...

so, we can adapt its structure to the problems and social needs of its region. It allocates money to allow its agencies to help:

- people needing moral or material support immediately;
- women, youth and families in difficulty to find solutions to their problems;
- the elderly to combat loneliness;
- the handicapped to have an active life and to obtain the services that they need;
- alcoholics and drug addicts to recover their health.