

Stand with Centraide

Are you ready to stand with Centraide to make a difference in our community?

We in Richelieu-Yamaska, have been enriched with golden opportunities and have enjoyed a vibrant and caring community environment. Yet, not everyone has been able to share in these bounties.

We all, at some point in our life, face obstacles that test our strength. As a community, we must overcome these obstacles together we must share a common bond.

Centraide provides the common bond that is helping us reach our collective goals. Together, we can put forward the necessary resources that improve the lives of people in need, planning together for the many challenges of our future.

You, in partnership with Centraide, can make a positive difference by daring to dream, believe and commit to the ideals of a caring, vibrant community.

As we strive to meet the challenges we face as we head into the 21st century, we are now asking you to become a vital force that continues to make a positive investment. Your gift today, can have a real impact on the community in which you live it does more than reach out to those in need it touches the whole community.

We thank you for accepting the challenge.

***"Each of us is but a single stitch
in the fabric of our neighbourhood;
And the seam will grow stronger
when sewn with common threads."***

What does it mean to give "the Centraide way" ?

Centraide Richelieu-Yamaska invests in human service programs that impact our community life; in other words, positive results and benefits that make our communities stronger, healthier, safer and more productive.

Centraide is focused on four key outcomes that, together, build caring, vibrant communities:

- **HEALTHY CHILDREN:** more than 10,000 children and youth accessed a variety of preventive programs through social, recreational, educational and cultural activities.
- **STRONG FAMILIES:** thousands of families received counselling or parenting assistance from our local volunteer centre.
- **SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES:** food assistance, clothes, shoes, back to school supplies, shelter, friendly phone call to the lonelies and hundred of other small services are rendered daily in your community.

- **SELF RELIANT-INDIVIDUALS:** thanks to continued community investment, the physically and intellectually disabled are able to develop skills to help themselves become full, productive participants in a challenging world.

And there's more!

Centraide is entrusted to generate, manage and deploy resources in the most efficient, most effective way. Our cost of fundraising continues to be at the lowest levels in the country. Thanks to our thousands of volunteers and donors.

Who benefits from your donation?

There are countless dedicated volunteers in our network of 83 community agencies and programs who are there to help our neighbours deal with an endless list of critical, sometimes life-threatening issues.

These people, friends or yours and mine, are out there on the front lines doing everything they can to help those who need support:

- People living on the streets with no shelter, little food and no hope.
- Women and children whose homes have become the one place in their world where they can never be safe.
- People with devastating handicaps who cannot take daily life for granted the way the rest of us can.
- Lonely older people who should be enjoying the benefit of life experience, but who instead, live meagrely in isolation.
- Young people whose right to grow into healthy adulthood is being stolen from them by adults.
- People from all walks of life being denied opportunity because of other's hateful and fearful attitudes.
- Children who come from homes with not enough to fulfill their hunger even less their dreams.

These are the things that break the human spirit. These are the things that all of us are working so hard to stop. Working to help those who are able to help themselves and by helping others who are defenceless.