



COMMUNITY CONNECT NEWSLETTER

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January 2023

West Island Community Sector:
**Rooted in Unity,
Empowering Community**

Welcome to the December/January edition of Community Connect. Our goal for this newsletter is to create a space to share news of interest to community group teams. We welcome your feedback! Click [here](#) to share your thoughts.

VOLUNTEERISM

Volunteer West Island is here to help organizations and institutions recruit volunteers that meet their needs. By posting volunteer opportunities on their website, social media pages, and through mass emails to their volunteer bank of over 8000 people, they find members of the West Island community who are interested in contributing to your cause. To utilize this free service, visit the "Support to organizations" section on their website at www.cabvwi.org

Looking for a way to give back to the West Island community? Volunteer with **Corbeille de pain** to help out in one of their programs! They are always looking for volunteers so if you are interested, please fill out the volunteer [application form](#).

NOVA West Island is actively recruiting [volunteers](#) for their thrift shops!

FUNDRAISERS

December 2-18

Holiday Market

The second Dorval outdoor Holiday Market, benefiting **West Island Community Shares** will take place on weekends from December 2nd to the 18th. A delightful experience, inspired by traditional European markets, that will bring the magic of the Holidays to young and old alike. Visit their [site](#) for additional details.

January 30

Red & White Event

Whether you became a friend of **West Island Community Shares** years ago or recently learned about their mission, join them in celebrating 25 years of philanthropy at the upcoming Red & White fundraising evening. Click [here](#) for more information.

NOVA Annual Campaign

NOVA West Island has launched their Annual Campaign. Click [here](#) to view their campaign letter and see how every donation makes a difference.

Giving Tuesday Campaign

In November, **Corbeille de Pain** held a Giving Tuesday campaign to raise funds to support, increase access and expand programming in the West-island. Corbeille de Pain has successfully reached their goal thanks to the support of the community. The Giving Tuesday link is still active and is still accepting donations. Click [here](#) to donate today.

AMCAL Annual Campaign

AMCAL Family Services' annual fall donation campaign is currently taking place and, as a non-profit organization, they are in need of the community's support. Together let us promote healthier families, happier homes and stronger communities. Donations can be made through [Crowd Change](#).

Click to see more
fundraisers!

TRAININGS

December 7

Preventing a Depressive Episode

Join the **West Island Crisis Centre** for a free conference discussing various ways to help prevent depressive episodes. For more information, click [here](#).

EVENTS

December 2 & 16

Community kitchens

Corbeille de Pain has released new dates for their Community Kitchens. Starting from 10:00AM to 1:00PM, join others from your community as you cook and eat together. During the December 16th kitchen the team will be doing their annual Holiday Potluck. Don't forget to bring containers so that you can bring home some portions and let's celebrate the end of the year 2022! Please visit their [website](#) for upcoming workshops. Registration can be done by emailing corbeilledepain.cuisines@gmail.com or call 514-894-5850

December 8

Jingle and Mingle

Hosted by the **CRC**, Jingle & Mingle is the chance for everyone that works in the West Island community sector to come together, network and celebrate the holidays together. Register [here](#).

December 15

Holiday Network Meetup

Join the **Table de concertation Enfance Famille Jeunesse de l'Ouest-de-l'île** and celebrate the Holiday season in a festive and social setting with other TCEFJOI members at the Gerry-Robertson Community Centre. Click [here](#) to register or call (438) 528-2553,

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community events!

JOB POSTINGS

Kitchen Workshop Animator
Corbeille de Pain

Specialized Educator
WIAIH

Manager- Pat Roberts Development Centre
WIAIH

Animator
WIAIH

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community jobs!

PROGRAMMING NEWS

- **Executives Available – Cadres Disponibles** is continuously looking for new members to join their programs, as well as corporate partners. Visit their [website](#) for more information!
- The **West Island Cancer Wellness Centre** is hosting their 2nd Annual Challenge the Brave fundraiser this April and team registration is open! Click [here](#) to register.
- **AMCAL Family Services** has started hosting in school workshops, the first being Emotional Management for high school students. Visit their [website](#) to learn more about their new and upcoming initiative.
- **Projet Communautaire Pierrefonds** will be launching their first day camp during spring break for children ages 6-12. Registration will take place last week of January, visit their [website](#) for updates.
- The **West Island Women's Shelter** is offering Empowerment Group meetings for victims of conjugal violence. The meetings started in November and will continue until January 12, 2023. For more information, visit their [website](#).

DID YOU KNOW?

- The **Centre Ricochet** is in need of winter clothing donations (hats, scarves, jackets, boots, warm socks, etc.) Contact them at adjoint@ajoi.info for more information
- The **West Island Assistance Fund (WIAF)** is collecting toy donations to be given as Christmas presents for children. For more information, click [here](#).
- Did you know that **AMCAL Family Services** offers an 8 week voluntary residential program for families with teenagers between the ages of 12 and 17? Click [here](#) for more information.

NEXT EDITION

January 13th, 2023

Deadline to submit content for the February 2023 Newsletter

Does your organization have: news to share? An event, fundraiser, or training of interest to community group team members? A new program or milestone to celebrate? Send your information to news@crcinfo.ca.

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