



## Visit by Dr. Daniel Frank

Founder of the Clinic

*From left to right: Vanessa Roy, advisor and assistant to the general coordinator; Myrille Audet, community organiser; Jocelyne Bernier, active member of the community; Dr. Daniel Frank, founder of the Clinic; Luc Leblanc, general coordinator; Émilie Corbeil, administrator; Josée Ann Maurais, president*

**Anniversary Celebration on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**

**BUY YOUR TICKET!** (details on page 4)

# The Southwest Borough recognizes the Clinic

On December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at the Southwest borough council meeting, elected officials and the deputy borough mayor and councillor for Saint-Paul-Émard-Saint-Henri-West, Mr. Alain Vaillancourt, paid tribute to the Clinic for its significant contributions to the Pointe-Saint-Charles community over the past fifty years. It was a very moving moment.

The mayor highlighted the Clinic's fight to maintain its original mandate and obtain the funding needed to continue its work. A motion (see page 3) was brought recognizing its unique, community-based approach, the individual and collective action it has taken to address the social determinants of health, and its contributions to reducing health inequities in the neighbourhood.



*The Clinic's team with elected municipal officials at the Southwest borough*



*Josée Ann Maurais, president of the board, signing the guestbook*

## Press Conference

On January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the Clinic publicly committed to continuing to fight social inequality in health and defend universal access to a public health system for the next 50 years. The opportunity was taken to present Ms. Françoise David and Dr. Richard Massé, former director of the Montreal Public Health department, as honorary heads of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The Clinic has always adopted a holistic approach to health, addressing the social determinants which affect the living conditions of the residents of Pointe-Saint-Charles. Healthcare is not enough; work must be done upstream and health promoted in all its forms.



The Clinic represents 50 years of speaking out to defend the economic and social rights of the most vulnerable. It also represents 50 years of mobilizing against the privatization of the healthcare system and for guaranteed universal access to quality care and services, without dipping into the pockets of patients.

# Motion of Recognition



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## True extract from the borough council meeting minutes

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Regular meeting, Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Résolution: CA18 22 0353

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### WHEREAS THE POINTE-SAINT-CHARLES COMMUNITY CLINIC

- is a community health organization founded in 1968, whose mandate is to organize preventive and curative services and bring community members together around health issues to improve the conditions of health in the short- and long-term;
- has offered, for 50 years, all its CLSC mandated services and healthcare, meeting the same requirements for quality as other institutions in the public healthcare and social services system;
- ensures, with its public and community partners, implementation of quality interventions and services, continually adapted to the needs of people in the neighbourhood;
- contributes, through its community approach and individual and collective action addressing the social determinants of health, to the reduction of health inequities in Pointe-Saint-Charles;
- is involved in major urban issues from a sustainable development perspective;
- has supported, for more than 40 years, local coordinating bodies;
- contributes, through its own democratic processes and inspiring initiatives like Operation People's Development, to creating spaces for democracy, reflection and decision-making, supporting community voices and collective action;
- works in the first place for and with the people of Pointe-Saint-Charles but also in solidarity with community members of the southwest, Montreal, Quebec and elsewhere;
- is an indispensable ally of the Southwest Borough and the City of Montreal in their efforts to improve the environment and quality of life for community members;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SOUTHWEST BOROUGH**  
recognizes the significant contributions the Clinic  
has made to the community and  
calls on the public to participate in its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary activities.

### Southwest Borough Council

*Alain Vaillancourt*, Deputy Borough Mayor and Councillor for Saint-Paul-Émard-Saint-Henri-West

*Sophie Thiébaud*, Borough Councillor for Saint-Henri-East-Little-Burgundy-Point-Saint-Charles-Griffintown

*Craig Sauv  *, City Councillor for Saint-Henri-East-Little-Burgundy-Point-Saint-Charles-Griffintown

*Anne-Marie Sigouin*, City Councillor for Saint-Paul-  mard-Saint-Henri-West

# 50 Years of Health and Solidarity

## The Community Clinic of Pointe-Saint-Charles CELEBRATES 50 YEARS!

guest of honor  
**YVON Deschamps  
& JUDI Richards**

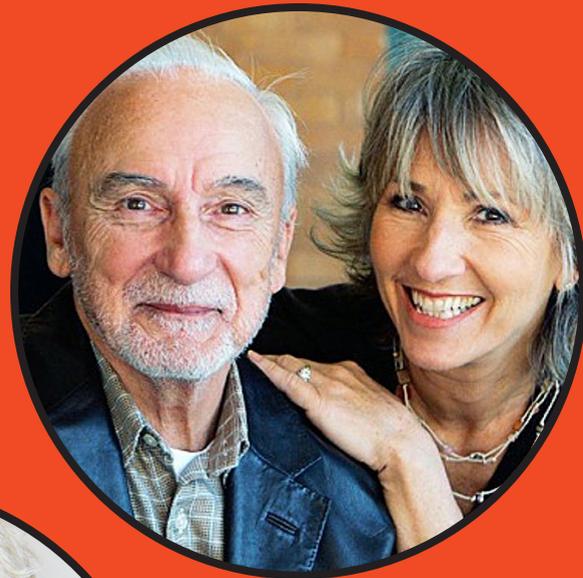
**May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 7:30 PM**

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I dream of a Clinic eternally alive, defiant, and accountable to the community of Pointe-Saint-Charles. I dream of governments being inspired by its model. Of their implementing social and health services for the people, with the people, meeting community needs.

I dream of our no longer having to fight for essentials - distribution of wealth, housing for all, good schools for children, and an economic future respecting nature. We will have to continue our struggles, for a long time, because the opposing forces are powerful. But never as powerful as the indomitable community of Pointe-Saint-Charles and its friends everywhere in Quebec.

- Françoise David, feminist and ecological activist, former politician and honorary head of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Clinic.



*McGill University's Faculty of Medicine, which includes the Ingram School of Nursing, recognizes the groundbreaking work of the Clinic in its use of a community-based health model. We are proud to have been associated with the beginnings of this visionary Clinic. We applaud organizers and workers for their invaluable contribution to the health and wellbeing of the citizens of Pointe-Saint-Charles over the past fifty years, and we commend the Clinic's commitment to continuing to fight social inequalities in health for the next fifty years.*

We wish the Clinic many more years of commitment and action for the health of the Pointe-Saint-Charles residents and their families and of our community movement as a whole.

- Welfare Rights Committee of South-West Montreal - WRC



**McGill**

*The Point is proud of its very own Clinic, and rightfully so. You provide health care services with dignity and a human touch. Thank you and all the best for the next 50 years!*

- Saint Columba House



**THE CLINIC HAS BEEN AN INTEGRAL PARTNER WITH THE ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL FAMILY. THEIR SERVICES AND SUPPORT IN SOCIAL AND HEALTH CARE HAVE ENRICHED THE LIVES OF THE ST. GABRIEL COMMUNITY. PARENTS AND STUDENTS FEEL THAT THERE IS ALWAYS A WELCOMING PLACE TO TURN TO.**

St. Gabriel School  
Jim Daskalakis, Principal

The Clinic offers an innovative model for primary health care and social and community services in Quebec. We can only hope that the people of Pointe-Saint-Charles are able to maintain and enhance this inspiring model for future generations.

- Richard Massé  
honorary head of  
the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
of the Clinic



**What do you hope for the Clinic's next 50 years?** Send us your wish: [lucie.poulin.psich@ssss.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:lucie.poulin.psich@ssss.gouv.qc.ca)

# Dr. Daniel Frank: Founder of the Clinic

**Dr. Daniel Frank planted a seed in fertile ground. Then he moved on. Fifty years later, he has returned, proud that the Clinic still exists and especially that it has remained independent and under the administration of people from the neighbourhood.**

"When I was in high school in Philadelphia (United States), I was active in Martin Luther King's civil rights organization. The philosophy of this movement strongly influenced me in founding the Clinic."

Mr. Frank studied medicine at McGill University. "As a future doctor, I dreamed of serving a marginalized community, keeping socio-economic factors in mind. It was important to me that people were involved in their own healthcare. I was struck by Pointe-Saint-Charles, a poor, isolated neighbourhood without healthcare.

We finally got a grant of \$25,000 from a United States foundation which we deposited in the bank account of the McGill Faculty of Medicine.

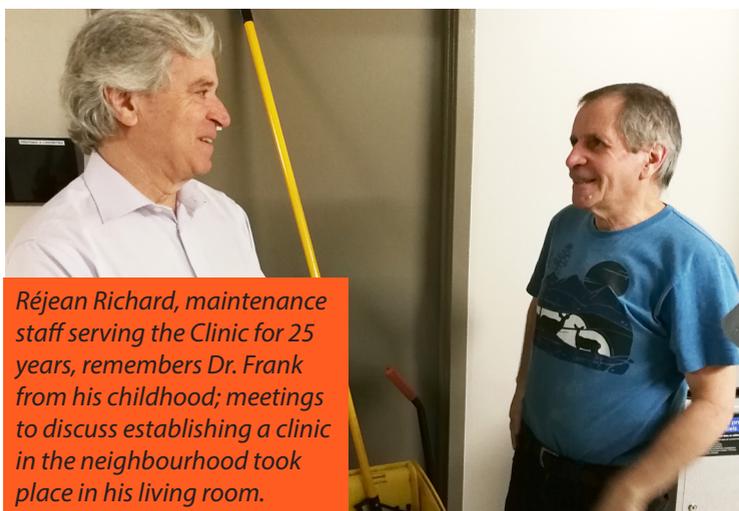
After I moved on, Dr. Charles Larson took over, as well as Stanley Spevack, François Gougeons, Margaret Ward, George Siber, and the sociologist Alain Bailin. Many other students joined the project afterwards.

"The Clinic was Daniel's dream. He is, with all due respect, the founder of the Clinic. He brought the initial group together and got the first grant which made it possible," said Dr. Charles Larson.

"I AM SO PROUD OF YOUR CLINIC AND HONOURED TO TAKE PART IN THE CLINIC'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS!"



Dr. Daniel Frank was warmly welcomed by staff.



Réjean Richard, maintenance staff serving the Clinic for 25 years, remembers Dr. Frank from his childhood; meetings to discuss establishing a clinic in the neighbourhood took place in his living room.

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