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LA RUE DES FEMMES: 30 YEARS OF HEART AND HUMANITY

On September 19, La rue des Femmes, a not-for-profit organization that provides the care and services needed to rebuild the relational health of women living in a state of homelessness at its three houses in downtown Montréal, celebrated its 30th year of existence.

Founding President Léonie Couture and co-founder Suzanne Bourret were surprised by participants at the Olga House day centre.

“The participants were absolutely determined to mark this important anniversary. Léonie and Suzanne are always there for the women and are much appreciated. You could feel how grateful the women were to La rue des Femmes and how happy they were to celebrate this moment together.” – Brigitte Lebreton, Executive Director, La rue des Femmes

“30 years... wow! Time flies! I’m proud to see how far La rue des Femmes has come thanks to our persistence in doing things differently to help heal women experiencing homelessness... and we’re not finished yet: we’re opening a fourth house soon!” – Léonie Couture, Founding President, La rue des Femmes

In the wake of this 30th anniversary, 2025 will see the completion of a number of long-term projects, including the publication of a research report on La rue des Femmes’ relational health intervention practice and the opening of a relational care home.

Since 1994, La rue des Femmes has assisted more than 16,800 women living in a state of homelessness.