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ANNUAL LA RUE DES FEMMES GALA:
$ 322 661 RAISED FOR WOMEN LIVING IN A STATE OF HOMELESSNESS

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The 13th edition of the Gala for Relational Health, organized by La rue des Femmes and its Foundation, took place at Marché Bonsecours. Under Honorary Co-Chairs Lisa Giannone, President and Chief Operating Officer, BFL Canada, and Sheena Toso, Regional Vice-President, Eastern Canada, RBC Insurance, the fundraising evening, which also serves to raise awareness among the Montréal business community of the organization's mission, amassed $ 322 661 to provide the care and services that women experiencing homelessness need to heal and reclaim their lives.

The Gala, whose theme was « 30 years of Heart and Humanity », marked the 30th anniversary of La rue des Femmes. A number of dignitaries were in attendance, including Chantal Rouleau, Québec Minister of Social Solidarity and Community Action, member of the National Assembly Manon Massé, and Robert Beaudry, member of the City of Montréal Executive Committee responsible for homelessness issues. It was clear that everyone was genuinely concerned about the increasingly alarming problem of women living in a state of homelessness.

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“When I arrived at La rue des Femmes I felt love; unconditional love. They trusted me, whereas I didn't ven trust myself!” - Lyly, in a testimonial conversation with Catherine Proulx-Lemay, spokesperson for La rue des Femmes.

One of the highlights of the evening was undoubtedly the opening number by the Antichorale de La rue des Femmes. This was the first time the Antichorale, led by the Creative and Cultural Activities Coordinator, had performed for such a large audience. Accompanied by workers from the organization and the Foundation, women attending one of La rue des Femmes' three homes sang “La Route” by Les 2Frères and “La Reine” by Les Cowboys fringants, with aplomb and great emotion. They received a standing ovation from the emotional guests.

About La rue des Femmes

Every year, La rue des Femmes welcomes more than 1,500 women, providing them with 4,000 hours of specialized care (counselling, psychotherapy, art therapy, and more), 51,000 hours of relational health intervention, 112,000 meals, 23,000 overnight stays, and the services of 67 relational healthcare workers.

About relational health

Relational health is a state of profound well-being that promotes a feeling of inner security, connection and happiness with oneself and others.

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