



News from The Auxiliary of the Montreal General Hospital  
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**May 2023** \* The Auxiliary has slowly but successfully regained some of its activities. The Board of Directors has continued to meet albeit mainly by Zoom throughout the Covid lockdown. Many members have returned to their volunteering in the hospital.

Since no actual fundraising social events have been possible, our major source of funds received remains with the Hospitality Corner Take-out and Gift Shop, MGH Catering Services, Cedar Avenue Café and Book Nook. Membership donations and other donations 'in memory' or celebrating a birth, birthday or anniversary, are graciously encouraged to support The Auxiliary.

By attentive supervision and guidance, with sincere thanks to Yves Coderre, the Hospitality Corner Take-out stayed open to provide staff, outpatients and visitors with food and a friendly rapport in these hard times. We welcome our new Hospitality Corner Food Manager, Mathieu Tordjman. His new initiatives and dedication have been so successful as he negotiates the return to "normal". Take-out service is open and although the restaurant area remains closed for service, the space is available for people to have a quiet place with their meal in between appointments.

The Gift Shop operates very well although more volunteers are encouraged to return - or to join the team! The Book Nook at Cedar Lobby has reopened for 3 days per week, Tues., Wed., Thurs., 9:30 am to 1:30 pm.

**The Auxiliary Annual General Meeting**

**Thursday, June 1, 2023**

**in the Main Boardroom E6.112 TIME: 10 am**

**RSVP ASAP for attending in-person due  
to social distancing rules**

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**RSVP as well please for on-line attendance  
with Teams.**

***The LINK will be provided when you reply***

**Thank you!**

**Welcome!**

## **The Auxiliary Bicentennial Award of Excellence was awarded at the occasion of the MGH 200th year Anniversary in 2021 to the TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury) team.**

At last update, they are in the 8-12 month stage of the project timeline secondary to the initial difficulties in the late securing of the funding in July 2022. They have selected the content of the MGH-TBI Toolbox and will now proceed to surveying the patients and clinicians regarding this content, as well as the potential needs and features of the eventual website. The next step will be to proceed to more structured focus groups to create the final production of the toolbox and to measure the pre-launch levels of satisfaction with the tool.

## **Equipment - Special Projects: for patients' improved stay at the hospital**

The Auxiliary and the Foundation have purchased 50/50 new type special wheelchairs, air mattresses and patients table for betterment of the patients on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> floors.

MGH Dialysis renovation in the future will involve the existing Dialysis units in Livingston wing 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and 7<sup>th</sup> floor. For now, The Auxiliary has purchased 3 new chairs to replace old and run-down existing chairs.



## **The MGH Auxiliary - Volunteerism at its best**

Sincere thanks to all the dedicated volunteers at the Hospitality Corner, Book Nook and various clinics. Please consider returning to your former volunteering at the MGH and/or please join a team and recruit friends and family. We welcome your return and for new volunteers who wish to donate their time and talents.

Volunteers are invaluable! Information and Registration: E6.227 Volunteer Services, 514-934-1934 ext. 43008.

Volunteer refresher and infection-control training meetings are mandatory for returning volunteers.

Regretfully, many members have left The Auxiliary membership due to illness, or sadly by death. Since our last Memoriam in the December 2021 Newsletter, we acknowledge and fondly remember: Dr. John Burgess, Myrna Southam, Mary Rankin, and Joan Paterson.

## The MGH Auxiliary - Membership

We welcome you to continue supporting The Auxiliary MGH mandate and its fundraising efforts with your Membership donation, as you prefer. Please encourage others to join! With your membership donations, you help us sustain:

- \* Our much-needed Equipment funding and department renovations: recently Dialysis.
- \* Patient support groups within this hospital: Psychiatry, Social Services and Volunteer Services.
- \* Post-care organizations within the community: Forward House Inc. and Volunteer Assisted Services of West Island.
- \* Research Institute MGH grants.

Improvement in the quality of patient care is thus supported by your generous contribution and vital to our success.

Please complete the form below and return it with your donation in person or by mail. In case by phone please leave your phone # Not your Visa #.

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(using active e-mail accounts for correspondence reduces stationary and postal costs)

### Suggested Annual Donations: 2023 – 2024

Friend: \$45. \_\_\_ Donor: \$65. \_\_\_ Patron: \$100. \_\_\_ Under 30/Over 60: \$30. \_\_\_

Life membership: \$500. \_\_\_ Benefactor: \$1,000. \_\_\_

Please make your cheque payable to **“The Auxiliary of the Montreal General Hospital.”**

If you prefer to pay by VISA please provide the following details: My Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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