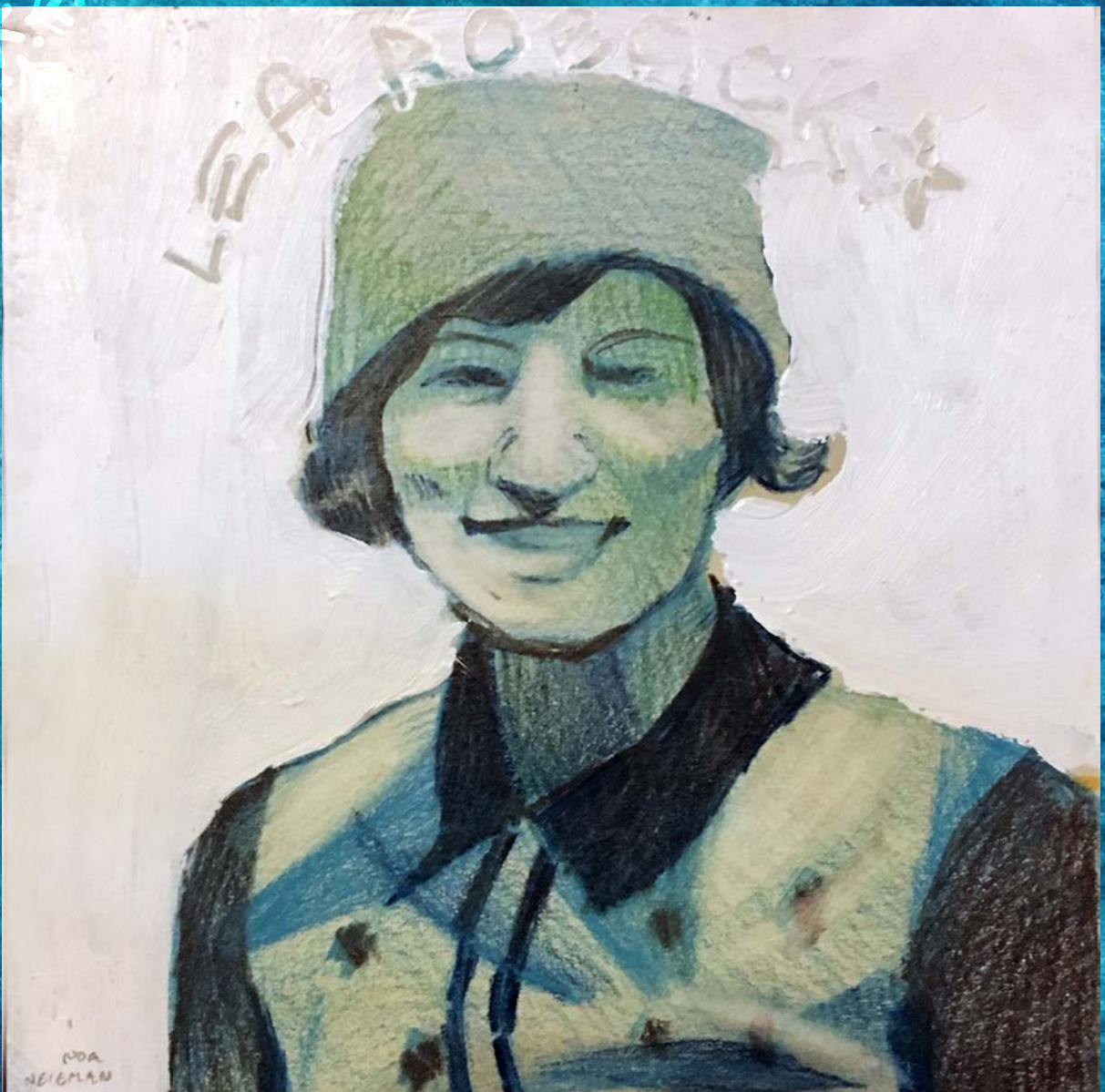


NEWSLETTER

LEA ROBACK FOUNDATION



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A Word from the President

Pride and gratitude

We sought to mark the 25th anniversary of the Foundation in a very special way. We wanted to simultaneously pay tribute to Lea Roback, draw attention to her contribution to Quebec society and raise the public's awareness of the Foundation, in order to increase our donor base.

The Viva Lea exhibition that took place at the Jewish Public Library last May 3 to May 31 was an overwhelming success in terms of both attendance and quality. It's impossible for me to write this column without expressing my heartfelt thanks to the members of the 25th Anniversary committee, and above all, Karine Hébert, who was in charge of the celebration. Their creative design, their historical meticulousness, their determination in raising funds played a key role in ensuring the project's success.


A warm thank you as well to our partners and primarily the Solstice Foundation, a major sponsor of the exhibition. What seemed at the outset to be a bit of a pipe dream became, thanks to their support, reality.

A vigorous organization is founded necessarily upon enthusiasm and commitment.



More than 25 years ago, exceptional women gave birth to the Foundation, then nurtured its growth and helped it spread its wings, thereby increasing its ability to make a real difference. I could never be sufficiently eloquent in thanking each and every one of them. The women who were there at the very beginning are no longer with us, but others have replaced them and they are just as convinced and determined to achieve the Foundation's mission.

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors, we elected our executive committee. I would like to pay tribute here to the exceptional contribution made by Irène Ellenberger, who decided to leave her position on the Board. A devoted Secretary, she also put her wonderful graphic skills to great use at the Foundation, helping us produce our Newsletter, our Web site and all our publications. Not only could she be counted upon to perform these duties, but her presence will be sorely missed around the Board's table. A thank you,

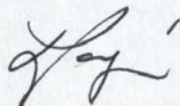


as well, to Danielle Casara who accepted to take over as Secretary of the Foundation. Likewise, a word of thanks to the woman who accepted to renew their mandate: Maroussia Kishka, Vice-President, Fund Raising, Céline Lamontagne, Vice-President, Scholarships, Frances Ravensbergen, Treasurer, and all the others who will continue to sit on our Board. Finally, a warm welcome to Céline Charpentier, who has come on board with us.

The Foundation continues to grow. And although we have to deal with some people leaving, we can also count upon a new generation of activists. Our mission is invariably supported by your generosity. All this fills us with great pride and gratitude and is thus a source of motivation for the Foundation to continue supporting women who are committed to improving their education and who need our help to do so.

The Holidays are fast approaching. However, beyond the holiday feasts, festivities and gifts, may this period be an opportunity to spend quality time with the people who are dear to us, to go back to the basics and to express our solidarity. Our world sorely needs the foregoing.

Our best wishes for good health and happiness for 2019 to each and every one of you and your next of kin. May this year propel humanity to continue marching towards “the unreachable star,” as sung so aptly by Jacques Brel.



GIVING... A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

A mother of three young daughters, the eldest of which is seven years old, Janie Poirier, is the ambassador of our fundraising campaign this year. And rightfully so! Notwithstanding the financial risks that going back to school represent, the Foundation's support from early on in her project provided her with the breath of fresh air needed to enable her to fully embark upon her studies.



This fall, she began her second year university with the goal of eventually becoming a social worker. And the Foundation is continuing to support her. She was granted a second \$2,000 scholarship. In addition to her full-time studies, Janie remains involved in her social milieu where her daughters cheerfully follow her around. This young 31-year old mother, who lives in Barraute, in Abitibi, is pleased with what she's done and hopes that other women can receive a helping hand from the Foundation. Our fundraising campaign started in early October, this year, and will continue until the end of December. We've received more than \$11,000 so far. Two weeks thus remain for you to send in your donation. Even small donations, whether it be via CanadaHelps.org or by cheque, are welcome.

Maroussia Kishka

LOUISE POTVIN, A GENEROUS INSPIRING MODEL



Margie Mendell, Louise Potvin et Madeleine Parent, en 2004.

The numbers that you can see elsewhere in this newsletter are eloquent, the scholarships that we're providing help determined and courageous women to create a better future for themselves.

If the Lea Roback Foundation is to continue to pursue its mission, it will have to count upon donations, the volunteer work of the members of its Board of Directors, on the tight management of its assets and on new donations that could boost its modest capital assets.

All donations, no matter how small, are welcomed with much appreciation, as they open the door to a better tomorrow.

During the past year, we received a very significant amount from a friend of the Lea Roback Foundation and we wish to draw special attention to it, so as to express our gratitude, but also because we hope that this donation will have a domino effect and perhaps encourage others to follow her example.

In November 2017, Ms. Louise Potvin received the prestigious Pierre Dansereau Award granted by the ACFAS to pay tribute to her social commitment as a researcher.

Ms. Louise Potvin, researcher and professor, holds the Canada Research Chair in Community Approaches and Health Inequality, and is the Director of the Institut de recherche en santé publique de l'Université de Montréal. She is likewise the Scientific Director of the Lea Roback Research Centre on social inequalities in health care in Montreal.

Louise Potvin is recognized around the world for her research and expertise in community health, her concern for underprivileged populations and her determination to improve "social equity in health care". She puts her expertise to excellent use in Europe, the United States and Brazil. Her publications, conferences and interventions in French, English and Portuguese are virtually incalculable.

One might think that Louise Potvin, Director of the Lea Roback Research Centre on social inequalities in health care in Montreal is perforce a friend of the Foundation, with the same name; but this didn't create an obligation for her to so generously donate the entire amount of the Pierre Dansereau Award money to the Foundation.

Once again, through her grand gesture, she has demonstrated her social commitment and, here, her desire to help women realize their autonomy.

Above and beyond the generosity of her donation, she provides us with a formidable example of social commitment.

Through her action and influence, both nationally and internationally in public health, Louise Potvin proves that talent and commitment can indeed compel Governments and companies to take action.

She is thus an inspiration for young women everywhere.
For that as well, we say to her: Thank you Ms. Potvin.

Jeanette M Biondi



GETTING TO KNOW THE 2018 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Since 1994, the Foundation has awarded 270 scholarships to women, all of which adds up to nearly one-half million dollars. Several other bodies similarly grant scholarships, not to mention the Government of Quebec's Bursaries and Scholarship Program. So, we are sometimes asked what differentiates us from these other organizations.

The Lea Roback Foundation Scholarships are only granted to women, to women of any age. We're focused upon playing a role in the struggle for women's equality. Because, "Women who reads are dangerous" * and an educated woman is all the more autonomous.

To receive a scholarship from the Foundation, in contrast to other programs, school performance is not a selection criterion. Of course, we require that the scholarship recipient be enrolled in a recognized school program, but one's academic record is simply not on our radar.

Meanwhile, social commitment in the community is a criterion that we take to heart, "Les femmes qui s'engagent sont dangereuses**". This commitment may take several forms and of course, the selection committee takes into account, amongst other things, the potential scholarship recipient's parental responsibilities.

Financial needs often put a brake on a woman's desire to continue her education or go back to school. It can be a major obstacle, particularly for women who are mothers. We accordingly place a lot of importance upon a candidate's resources and we prioritize the most underprivileged.

We are one of the rare Foundations to offer scholarships to women who seek to enrol in a literacy program and those who want to go back to school to complete a general high school diploma; for example, the Government and the Fondation Desjardins exclude the foregoing from their programs.

It's accurate to observe that the School Commissions' Adult Education programs do not charge tuition. However, for any woman who is a mother in a family, a single-parent mother,

or who has a spouse, going back to school can represent a significant financial burden and major lifestyle change. And without a high school diploma, job market opportunities are severely limited.

For a few years now, the Lea Roback Foundation has partnered with *Maman va à l'école* (Mother goes to school), a Quebec nonprofit organization whose mission is “to help mothers of single-parent families to acquire an initial diploma and integrate the job market, while still developing their parenting skills.” ***

This partnership has expanded the Foundation’s horizons and magnifies our role in helping women enrolled in High School programs.

Several testimonies from our scholarship recipients confirm, even when the scholarship is modest, that the Lea Roback Foundation’s contribution to the education of women remains valuable and stimulating.

Camp de vacances Cave Springs, le 7 août 2018
La Fondation Léa-Roback
11600, av. De Lorimier, bureau 106
Montréal, QC
H2K 3W5

Mesdames,

Je vous remercie du fond du cœur pour la bourse généreuse de la Fondation Léa-Roback. Ce soutien me permettra de continuer l'apprentissage qui me fascine, ce qui m'aidera à atteindre mes objectifs futurs. La bourse facilitera aussi mon service continu à ma communauté, en tant que bénévole. Je crois fortement dans la mission de la Fondation, et je suis très reconnaissante d'être boursière. Merci infiniment!

Je vous prie d'agréer, Mesdames, l'expression de mes sentiments les meilleurs.

Affion Hughes



The 2018 Scholarship Recipients

This year, the Foundation disbursed a total of \$32,500 to 16 scholarship recipients and sponsored 12 education incentive scholarships of \$500 each, as part of our agreement with *Maman va à l'école* (Mother goes to School).

High School and Vocational Training Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Christelle St-Denis Potvin from Gatineau, wants to use her scholarship to finish her elementary school and get her high school diploma. She's attending the Alpha Papineau Centre, not only to pursue her studies, but she also participates in the Centre's community activities, food banks and assists new pupils. Christelle has a two-year old daughter.

Kadidia Nikiema is a permanent resident, originally from Burkina Fasso, who had to ask for political asylum in Canada. She's enrolled in a program to complete her high school diploma at the Champagnat Adult Education Centre in Montreal. She's also active in the Multiethnic Association for the Integration of Disabled People in Montreal (AMEIPH) and the Centre d'intégration à la vie. As she says, studying will help her "succeed in life, find a job and contribute to the social and economic development of the Province of Quebec and Canada".

Sandra Bilodeau, from Victoriaville, chose a non-traditional trade, namely, a machining technology vocational program. She's doing her courses at the Paul-Rousseau Vocational Training Centre (Drummondville). Sandra has four children, three of whom are minors. She continues to volunteer at her children's schools. She wants to become a machinist and uses every opportunity to master her trade. She says that she's able to adapt easily to male milieus.



Stéphanie Chartré is also returning to the school benches. She wants to earn a certificate in massage therapy from the Lachine Vocational Training Centre. She's a single parent mother of a 9 year old daughter, and wants to set an example for her. She participates in the chores of her Housing Co-op and is active in her daughter's school activities.

Vicky Deschamps from St-François de la rivière du Sud, is studying at the Envolée Vocational Training Centre in Montmagny to acquire a DEP (Diploma of Vocational Studies) in precision sheet metal working. Vicky has three children, she is the only one responsible

for two of the children. In going back to school, she wants to increase her income and provide an example to her children.

Émilie Noël is studying to earn a DVS (Diploma of Vocational Studies) in secretarial and accounting studies at des Bâtisseurs Training Centre in Ste-Marie de Beauce. A resident of St Narcisse de Beaurivage, Émilie has two children for whom she's entirely responsible, as the father has passed away. Despite her considerable family obligations and some major health problems, Émilie finds the time to participate in the student committee. With all her heart, Émilie hopes that she can improve her children's living conditions.

One of her teachers told us that *"This scholarship will make all the difference in the world in her life, because it will be the difference between having to surrender and lose hope, or being able to have a little break, recharge her batteries and receive valuable moral and financial assistance."*



Maman va à l'École: Scholarship Recipients

The MVE scholarship recipients come from all regions across the Province of Quebec, they all have children and for the most part, they're seeking to finish their high school studies. MVE selects the scholarship recipients that the Lea Roback Foundation will then sponsor, but they will take our criteria into account, including a candidate's social commitment.

Annie Gendron, from the Joliette area, has run into several difficulties. She wants to continue with her studies for her children. For more than 12 years now, she's been volunteering and helping people with problems, so it isn't all that surprising that one day, she'd like to earn a Social Work degree.



From the Victoriaville region, **Audrey Lehoux**, is enrolled in a general training program at the André Morissette Centre since 2017. She participates in various Alter Idéo projects, a group devoted to promoting healthy living habits. Appreciated by her peers, she represents them on the Centre's Governing Board.

Méganne Morin is a very young single-parent mother, 17 years old; her son is two years old. Very motivated to finish her high school studies so that she can pursue her studies in the health care field, Méganne nonetheless finds time to get involved in the Témiscamingue Carrefour jeunesse-emploi.

Last May 17, Lorraine Pagé, President of the Foundation, presented a scholarship in St Hyacinthe to **Priscilla Jeannette-Bourelle**, a mother of four children. Priscilla left school at 15 years old, but returned to the school benches after her separation.



She's active in The Voice of Parents group and is a parent escort, when the students go on school outings.

A single-parent mother of a 6-year old girl, **Marie-Claude Labonté** put in a lot of effort into taking back control over her life and going back to school. A mother, a student, she participates in organizing various activities at the Adult Education Centre, as well as different activities at the Carrefour Jeunesse in her region. She recently received the Coup d'Éclat award at the end of the Let's Build our Region challenge. She lives in the beautiful Gaspésie region.



Jade Guilbault from the Laurentians, is really eager to get her High School diploma and then become a dental assistant and ultimately earn a diploma in aesthetics. She's a student at the des Cimes Centre. Over the past year and a half, the path she's followed stands out owing to her determination to succeed for her son and to be a role model for him.

Anouk Adam-Bergeron, a single-parent mother of five children, aged 2 to 15 years old, is currently finishing high school and planning to do a double DEC (Diploma of Collegial Studies) in special education in a daycare milieu. Anouk has been participating for several years now in the Moisson Mauricie's major food drive and has led psychomotor and fine motor skills workshops for children at the Trois-Rivières Family Home.

Jennifer Côté-Desrosiers, from the Bas Saint-Laurent region, decided to take herself in hand notwithstanding all the effort it would require. She finished her training in June 2018 and will continue her studies in a vocational training program in the fall 2018. She hasn't spared any effort in terms of being active in her Education Centre, to make it a lively place, and to provide many services: volunteering in the library, the cafeteria, student activities and end-of-year special trips.



Valéry Tremblay finished high school in the spring 2018, after going back to school in 2016. Armed with her new high school diploma, she's planning to go to CEGEP and study creation and media. She has a 6-year old son who requires a lot of attention owing to certain behaviour disorders. Despite her

difficulties, she doesn't hesitate to pay it forward by getting involved in the Student Council and the cafeteria. Valéry lives in the Beauce.

Jessica Léveillé Zélézen a mother of a young 6-year old daughter, went back to school five years ago, in the hope of providing her with a better life. The Emploi Québec program My

Place in the Sun helped her finish high school. And this year, she's completing a training program in surveying techniques and hopes to find work in the construction industry. She participates in various volunteer activities, notably with the Auberge du cœur (preparing food baskets, the Night for the Homeless and the resident selection committee).

France Brisebois, from Repentigny, is a mother of three very young children, one of whom has an autism spectrum disorder. In addition to her studies and school work, France is involved in her community: car pooling, food banks, collecting clothes for the impoverished and volunteering at the Terrebonne Mutual Aid Centre.



CEGEP

Maggie Rousseau Lavoie lives in Sherbrooke. Living in a foster home until the summer 2018, she had to go out on her own, with very little income. Appreciated for her perseverance and determination, Maggie is now enrolled in the Tremplin program at the CEGEP de Sherbrooke. Once done, she wants to earn a DEC (Diploma of Collegial Studies) and one day, become a doctor.

She's active in a group project at the Carrefour jeunesse emploi in Sherbrooke and is likewise involved in Moisson Estrie.



Mary-Pier Lampron-Drolet, in addition to receiving a \$2,000 scholarship from our Foundation, received a \$500 MVE scholarship, sponsored by our Foundation. She lives in Villapierrot in Magog, in a community residence for female breadwinners and their young children. Her son is 1-year old. In June, she completed her required high school science credits at the Adult Education Centre, which were prerequisites for her to get into CEGEP.

She's currently enrolled in the Tremplin program (a general training course) at the CEGEP de Sherbrooke. She's hoping to eventually earn a degree in bio-ecology technology.

She's very active in the Mother and Earth committee in her residence: where she takes care of the gardens and plants trees. She explains "I ultimately hope to find work to improve the condition of human life by protecting biodiversity."

Lisa Marie Roy is doing a course in special education technology at the CEGEP d'Abitibi Témiscamingue in Rouyn Noranda, the city where she lives. Her choice was unquestionably influenced by her children. She has three children, two of whom have disabilities and it was following a meeting with an occupational therapist for her children that her passion for special education materialized and bloomed. She's a member of the Big Brothers Big Sisters Board of Directors and participates in her children's extracurricular activities.

Christine Wright-Tremblay has received the help of social workers to overcome numerous difficulties and to “believe in myself”. She’s doing better now and wants, in turn, to help and support others. She’s been active in several groups, notably the Saint Michael Mission. She participates in workshops led by CLES (Coalition Struggling against Sexual Exploitation). Her involvement has enabled her: “To become familiar with intervention from a feminist perspective, both individually and in group settings”.

Christine is continuing with her studies at Dawson College (Montreal) in Social Work. We hope that she will continue on to University.

University Studies

Carole Bernard, has been a hairdresser for over 30 years, but her physical condition no longer enables her to continue exercising the profession that she loves. She thus decided to go back to school to learn how to teach hairdressing. She’s now enrolled in the UQÀM Bachelors Program for Teaching in a professional and technical education milieu.

30 years in the hairdressing industry, but also 30 years of activism, notably in her community in Montreal’s South Central area: aquaform courses for underprivileged women, organizing post natal appointments, community organizer, active in the CÉAF (Montreal Woman’s Action and Education Centre). In addition, she was involved in the Bread and Roses March. “My social commitment will likewise surely help me in my future profession as a teacher.”

Ffion Hughes who just turned 20 this past summer, already has an impressive résumé. During a 2-year stay in India, she went to school, but was also active in community groups working with children. She then continued her involvement in Ontario, at the Camp Cave Springs for young people.

She’s now studying at McGill University enrolled in a Bachelors of Arts program (majoring in history, with a minor in political science), while still volunteering at l’Accueil Bonneau in Montreal and at the University. She’s also very concerned about mental health problems.

Clarisa Mendoza realized the importance of education because, as she says “the more educated we are, the less likely we’ll be swayed by populist leaders”. A Quebecer today, she’s originally from Venezuela, and has been active in the Canada-Venezuela Democracy Forum group.

She has a DEC (Diploma of Collegial Studies) in professional photography, but wants to move on to the next stage. She’s currently enrolled in Communications, audio-visual production at Concordia University. She was awarded the \$2,000 Hélène Pedneault scholarship. She’s happy with her adopted homeland, even though she had to work hard to get to where she is now.



Kathy Nodzinski, a 2nd time Foundation scholarship recipient, she enrolled in a Bachelor of Rehabilitation program last year, as she was waiting for her acceptance into Medicine. This

year her dream came true, she's now studying Medicine at the Université de Sherbrooke. Even as a young girl in high school, Kathy was an activist. She was also very active in her CEGEP John Abbott: in the student association, international development, but also in various sports activities. Amongst her many achievements, she volunteered in Peru in 2016. Her dedication is preparing her well for her future profession as a doctor.

Janie Poirier is also a 2nd time Foundation scholarship recipient. This year, Janie accepted to share her story with us in the solicitation letter used for our fundraising campaign. Even as she embarks upon her second year in university, with a tight budget, Janine spontaneously exclaims: "I'm happier and also more involved in my volunteer activities."

The 2018 Madeleine Parent scholarship was awarded to **Claudia Serrano**. Claudia will be completing a Bachelor of International Studies at the Université de Montréal in its Political Science program. She already masters four languages, but in 2019, she's planning, in addition, to continue her studies in the Chinese language and culture module. Seeing as she was living in a foster family, once she turned 18, she had to go out on her own and fend for herself, and thus work several hours a week. Notwithstanding all this, she didn't hold back in doing lots of volunteer work: Oxfam Québec World March, co-ordinator of the Exceptional Montreal Women volunteers, active in Cœurs espoirs Canada (which sends teachers to the Ivory Coast). She also worked on preparing an internship in Benin, as well as participating in it, under the auspices of the Paul Gérin-Lajoie Foundation.

We, members of the Board of Directors, are proud to support these courageous women. There are sometimes bumps in the road, but we wish you all a very bright future.

Céline Lamontagne

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Editeur : Merrell Publishers Ltd; Édition : 01 (18 novembre 2014)

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VIVA LÉA!

Rebel, fighter, humanist : Léa Roback

With the goal of celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Lea Roback Foundation, raising people's awareness of Lea's life, her work and her contribution to the evolution of Quebec society, the Board of Directors decided to organize an exhibition, in co-operation with the Jewish Public Library, where Lea's archives are currently housed.

To carry out this enormous task, I surrounded myself with a working committee made up of Rivka Augenfeld, Jeanette Biondi, Irène Ellenberger, Maroussia Kishka, who later had to leave us, and Jennifer Beth Spiegel, all members of the Board of Directors, as well as Bernard Vallée, a long time friend of the Foundation, and specialist on the history of activists in the City of Montreal.

The many talents of the committee members were an essential element in getting this event to take place and in generating the numerous flattering comments we received during and after the exhibition.



On May 3, 2018 at 18:00, more than 200 people came to the Gelbert Conference Centre for the VIVA LEA Rebel, Fighter, Humanist exhibition's inaugural evening! Monique Simard, a long-time friend of Lea, who played a key role in the very creation of the Foundation, hosted the evening with brio.

One after the other, speakers shared their thoughts with the Foundation's friends in attendance: Lorraine Pagé, President of the Foundation, Howard Krosnick, President of the Jewish Public Library, Tara Goldstein, representing Lea's family, Sue Montgomery, Mayoress of the CDN/NDG borough and Hélène David, then Quebec's Minister of Higher Education and the Status of Women, and MNA from Outremont.

Henri Oppenheim and Bronna Levy raised the already high emotional pitch in the hall up a notch, when they sang songs in each of Lea's three languages (French, English and Yiddish) capping it all off with a rendition of "Bread and Roses" where the whole room joined in the sing-along. It was a very beautiful and inspiring moment.

As was the case for the one-month long exhibition that we believe was seen by more than 8,000 people.



Inspiring, committed, reliable, generous, demonstrating solidarity for all the causes that promote and defend human dignity, Lea Roback was an exceptional woman. The exhibition sought to be a motor for social action; in other words, not only hope for a better world, but like Lea: Act to make it happen!

The exhibition assembled together both well known and many lesser-known documents. Accordingly, an aspect of Lea that was less known to us came to light: namely, her involve-

ment in the arts and how they play a key role in education, but also their role in all her struggles.

VIVA LEA! demonstrated that the person who was Lea Roback and her contribution to the evolution of Quebec society are still current and relevant today. The exhibition reminded everyone that social transformations are rooted in social solidarity, collective action and equality between individuals and that anything is possible.

Our exhibition drew attention to the importance of education in a woman's economic, family, conjugal, social and personal situation. It also underlined the courage, determination and commitment of the Foundation's many scholarship recipients, in other words, women with diverse profiles, but who have one thing in common, their involvement in their milieus. These women, who have embarked upon or who are continuing their studies are thereby acquiring more power over their own lives and improving their living conditions, as well as those of their families. These scholarship recipients confirm that it's always possible to become an agent of social transformation and, in turn, models of success.

The tone and scope of the exhibition and its contents lead us to believe that it's now possible to have it go on tour. This has led to the creation of a presentation document and technical guide that will be offered to union organizations or any other relevant group, which might be interested in making use of it.

The 25th Anniversary committee and the Foundation's Board of Directors would like to thank everyone who contributed, from near and far, in time and in money, to this wonderful adventure that took us some two years to fine-tune and set up, in co-operation with the Jewish Public Library.

We would like to especially thank the Solstice Foundation for its considerable support in this endeavour to educate, inspire commitment and raise popular awareness.

Karine Hébert, in charge of the 25th Anniversary committee

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25^e anniversaire de la Fondation Léa-Roback

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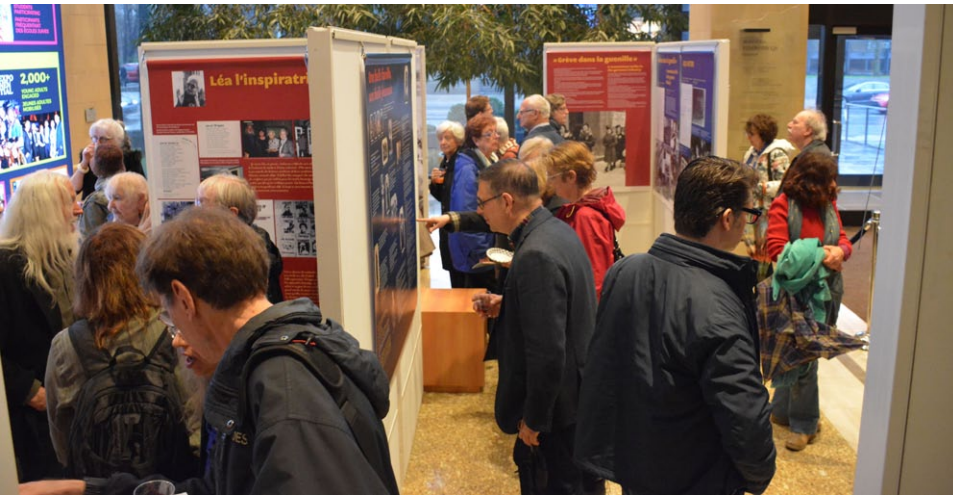
du 3 au 31 mai 2018



VIVA LÉA!

AN EXHIBITION TO BE SHARED

The VIVA LEA! exhibition attracted a lot of interest and was seen by numerous people in May 2018. Several groups and institutions have communicated their desire to the Foundation to present the exhibit on their own premises; given that Lea's life and actions are still today an inspiring source of commitment.



The exhibition was originally conceived to be mobile and easy to displace from one site to another, so that it could be seen by the largest number of people possible.

All the visual elements were printed on papers that can be hung on walls or panels, with a rod equipped with two eyelets inserted on the top of each printed board. All one needs are walls or panels that have an adequate hanging system. It goes without

saying that these printed panels cannot be attached to a wall with glue or adhesive bands, or fastened with staplers that would create holes.

The panels cover all of Lea Roback's activities, her life and family, her travels, testimonies on her union activity and her involvement in other causes, her commitment to the arts and culture. Other panels describe certain locales and works that have been dedicated to Lea, as well as other marks of public recognition that she received when she was alive, as well as posthumously. Finally, a section is devoted to the Lea Roback Foundation and the Foundation's scholarship recipients.





Another series of accessories with quotations from Lea can be added to the exhibition.

If you're interested in hosting this exhibition, please contact the Lea Roback Foundation (info@fondationlearoback.org), with the relevant information regarding dates and locations. We have prepared a model contract that spells out the terms and conditions of hosting it (setting up the exhibition, dates, insurance in the event of damage to any of the elements, etc.).

As an extension to the exhibition, we're able to provide you with additional related documents.

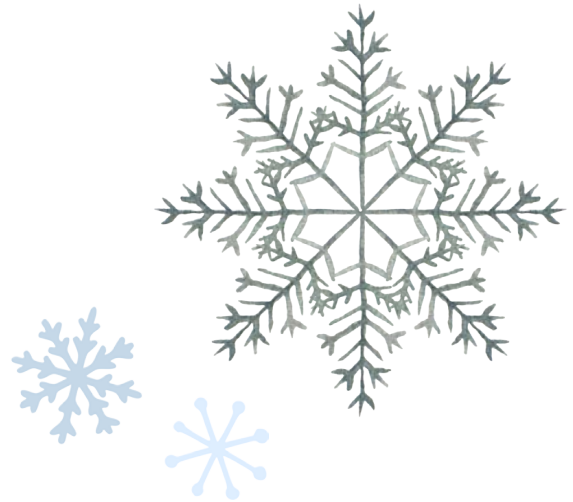
Let's also recall that Montreal Explorations prepared a bus tour Following in Lea's steps: an activist's journey across the Twentieth Century, that tracks the various neighbourhoods in the City, whose inhabitants have been marked by workplace exploitation and by precarious living conditions, but also by demonstrations of resistance and social solidarity, in which Lea played a key role.

Today, more than ever, it's important to underline the importance of citizen commitment and solidarity. Lea Roback's life and commitments serve as practical and valuable reminders, as well as an example of the vitality of social movements that have contributed to the advancement of democracy and social justice.

Irène Ellenberger

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The Centrale des syndicats du Québec (CSQ);
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