

# NEWSLETTER

LEA ROBACK FOUNDATION



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# A word from the president

## ★ STAND FIRM

**When I think about the year that is about to end, these are the two words that spontaneously come to mind: stand firm. Yes, stand firm, seeing as the obstacles and adversities that have befallen us are numerous.**



We've had a lot on our plate and our emotions have been battered with this pandemic that doesn't end, that confines us to our homes, depriving us of cultural outings, cutting us off from in person relations with our friends and family, with job and revenue losses mounting, with considerable uncertainty on top of the solitude, with illness and mourning that has struck us or hit our next of kin. No doubt: we have to stand firm if we're to avoid giving in to despondency, or to succeed in overcoming the monumental challenges..

Nevertheless, this exceptional situation has also enabled us to realize what's truly essential in life, to go back to what really counts, over and above the titillation of a hectic lifestyle. The opportunities we have to catch up, more rare and more valuable, with the people who are dear to us and that can help us to stand firm and to deal with the public health constraints.

In this context, it's all the more inspiring to observe women, who are amongst the most disadvantaged groups in our society, stand

firm in their desire to improve their lot and to pursue their dreams of going back to school. The difficulties and challenges will be even greater, doesn't matter! They will continue to move forward, despite the lousy weather.

The unwavering commitment of the people who support the Foundation's mission through their donations or their volunteer work is just as remarkable. We've had to rethink and re-imagine our fund raising methods, how we hold our meetings and select our scholarship recipients. But we've stayed the course, because we've stood firm.

But then again, wasn't standing firm Lea's approach and philosophy, when against all odds, and through thick and thin, she remained doggedly dedicated to her convictions throughout a lifetime of trade union, feminist and pacifist struggles.

And, as this year comes to an end, we once again wonder what next year will bring. And, seeing as this year has upended so many of our certainties, let's contemplate 2021 with hope, albeit tinged with a little trepidation.





Nature has become dormant to prepare us, once again, for a spring with an air of renewal. The sun always finds a way to rise up in the sky, and spring a way to reappear. It's inevitable. And just as reassuring to know that when we stand firm, all together, we'll end up moving forward, even farther than what we could have ever imagined.

**I wish you all a 2021 marked by the dreams that you cherish coming true and projects for which you will stand firm.**

*Lorraine Pagé*  
Présidente



## REMEMBERING PAULINE LANZ

Pauline Lanz passed away on Sunday, October 11th of this year. She was a Great Partner to the Foundation's annual campaign since 2015. Pauline first heard of the work of the Foundation through a board member during an informal chat at a community social event. As a retired teacher she was enthralled with the idea of supporting educational opportunities for women. As she said "Education changes you, even in small ways."

The Foundation extends its condolences to her family and friends.

*Frances Ravensbergen*



## COURAGE, VITAL DURING THIS PANDEMIC... LEND YOUR SUPPORT!

**Our fund raising campaign is taking place this year in the middle of the pandemic. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the space of one month, we've received donations amounting to a little more than \$10,000. But far more will be necessary to respond to the scholarship applications from women, seeking to complete high school, go to college, university or then again take another direction.**

A very tiny virus, invisible to the naked eye, has thrown our companies and services into disarray with blinding speed. Women are paying the price. A good number of them have lost their jobs. In the health care and education sectors, the pressure is enormous and is giving rise to resignations and departures. Meanwhile, others are confined and/or working from

home. And most women have to deal with increased family chores. The pandemic has up-ended our lives and our relations with our fellow human beings.

Energy and determination are indispensable these days. A bit of fire in the belly doesn't hurt either. Without forgetting mutual assistance and solidarity that's so important and that can take the form of a financial donation. Because the pandemic is also impoverishing many.

It's forcing women to reorient themselves, despite meagre income and to solicit financial assistance. The Foundation's mission is precisely to support these women. Already, the very overwhelming majority of the women currently receiving a Foundation scholarship are over 25 years old. And a good number of them are mothers.

The disruptions caused by this pandemic have rendered the Foundation's mission all the more necessary. The more donations we receive, the more we'll be able to support women's educational plans and projects.

*Maroussia Kishka*

## DEPARTURES... AND ARRIVALS



Once again this year, the Foundation's Board of Directors will be undergoing some changes. For a few years now, the Foundation's trailblazing activists have left us and made room for successors who are just as committed and determined.

This year, we say good bye to Louise Roskies and Jennifer Spiegel who, while still remaining profoundly attached to the Foundation, have decided to terminate their participation on the Board. Louise Roskies has been a member of the Board for over 20 years. During all these years, she represented Lea's family, seeing as her husband Edgar Goldstein was Lea's nephew, the son of her sister Rose. We watch her leave with a certain twinge of sadness. Jennifer Spiegel was also related to Lea, given that her grandmother was Lea's cousin. As a young mother, it was becoming increasingly difficult for her to balance her family responsibilities, professional obligations, and studies with a sustained commitment within the Foundation. We'd still like to welcome a representative from the family and will continue our efforts to recruit someone in this regard.



Meanwhile, we welcome a new member. Nicole Cousineau: who worked at SUCO from 1971 to 1984 and then moved on to work as an employee at the CSN. Nicole has collaborated with the Foundation in the past, participating in the process of awarding scholarships. Welcome aboard!

Finally, Frances Ravensbergen has decided to leave her position as Treasurer, but will remain a member of the Board. We thank her for all these years as head of our finances, something that she took care of meticulously and always with the view towards preserving our capacity to fulfil the Foundation's mission. She will be replaced by Danielle Casavant, who has been a member of the Board for a few years now, and whose past experience, as Director General of the CSQ, will no doubt constitute a valuable asset.

# MORE RESPECT FOR THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY



For a quite a while now, some of our scholarship recipients have worried about seeing their names and/or photos appear in our newsletter, and also their being published on our Web site or Facebook page. Amongst the various reasons that people evoked were conflicts with their family and respect for their right to privacy.

Faced with this situation and after discussion, it was decided to use only pseudonyms to identify the scholarship recipients in our publications. In addition, their photos will not be published, unless they expressly provide us with a formal authorization to do so.

For the very first time, we're applying this policy in the present Newsletter. Accordingly, all the first names we've used are those of novelists, primarily authors of detective novels. So, have some fun, and try to guess who is who.

## OUR 2020 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS: DETERMINED AND COURAGEOUS



**This year, the Foundation awarded scholarships to 19 determined women. It's undeniable that education is a key issue in this period marked by the ongoing health crisis; after the pandemic and with an economic recovery, competition is likely to be considerable in the post-crisis job market.**

It's also self-evident that learning conditions are extremely difficult: online courses, courses in classrooms where health regulations must be complied with, and in some programs, both these formulas on a rotating basis.

Let's salute these 19 courageous women.

*Out of a concern for protecting personal data, we're using fictitious first names, but obviously the information itself is authentic.*



*Agathe*



*Kim*

## Lower Saint Lawrence



**Agathe** wants to thank the Foundation from the “bottom of her heart”. The photo clearly illustrates the pride of her four children, two of whom have serious health problems necessitating several hours of special daily care.

Agathe chose TELUQ, opting for distance learning, in order to earn a multidisciplinary studies certificate. Her goal is to acquire the prerequisites needed to enrol in a Bachelors program in geography.

She is notably active at Moisson Rimouski and the Children’s Dream Foundation.

## Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean



**Anne** invites women to go off the beaten track and move into traditionally masculine areas of work. And she practices what she preaches, because she’s been a rope access technician (spider woman), a trade that enables one to work in the deep and at heights that are not easily accessible.

However, Anne had to change her professional direction following a diagnosis she received regarding a degenerative disease. She hence enrolled in a university certificate in environmental science and is currently studying to acquire a Diploma in Vocational Studies (DVS) in construction electricity. She wants to work in erecting buildings that are more energy-efficient. She’s also hoping to have her own company one-day.

Anne volunteers notably at the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada and participates in community kitchens with Moisson Saguenay. She joins clean up teams who work on hiking trails and rock climbing sites. She’s always proud to give lectures and presentation in schools describing her career path.



*Christyne*



*Ruth*

### **National Capital Region**

“Where I come from, education isn’t on the table for everybody, Christyne explains to us. I want to go to school because my mother, my aunts, my grandmothers dreamed about an opportunity such as the one that Quebec makes possible for me. Even in their wildest dreams, they would have never imagined that one of their daughters could go to university one day.” Christyne is finishing a multidisciplinary Bachelors Degree at Université Laval. She’s pursuing her studies in order to be at the service of others and to get more involved in her community.



She’s already made a lot of progress on the path that she aspires to follow, seeing as she’s involved in the SAAI, an immigrant assistance centre, where she acts as a companion in certain situations and does translations. She did an internship in Madagascar, an internship piloted by Quebec Without Borders and AMIE, an international organization that helps children. Not to mention her volunteer work with the Little Brothers and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

### **Montréal**

*Donna* is a very young woman who lived in a foster home and who has to fend for herself. Currently, she’s enrolled at Concordia University hoping to earn a Bachelors Degree in health, kinesiology and applied physiology..



She’s involved in a number of Jewish community organizations: the Chai Center, which works with sick children, the MADA Community Centre, a food bank, and the Friendship Circle, which helps children with disabilities.

She’s very grateful for the support she receives from her community and hopes that her studies will enable her to help others, notably children with special needs.





*Linda*



***Dorothy*** is also studying at Concordia University, in electrical engineering. She's fascinated by technology and the practical side of things.

As a child, she lived in a foster home. She participates enthusiastically in the activities of her synagogue and community. She volunteered for the Federation CJA telethon for two years.

***Hélène*** is a courageous, strong and resilient woman. She spent her childhood in Montreal, until the day when, at 14 years old, her parents forcibly sent her away to live in a Muslim country. "They were fed up with Quebec culture, which enabled me to have fun as a child, that led eventually to this uprooting", she explained to us. At the age of 18 years old, she fled and asked for help. Thanks to the support of the Ministry of foreign Affairs, she was able to return to Canada.

She is currently completing a Certificate in Law at the Université de Montréal, a first step towards acquiring a Bachelor of Laws.

Upon returning to Quebec, she lived at the Auberge Madeleine for a while, with whom she has maintained contact after she eventually left. She has notably participated in writing a group handbook and painting classes with the residents.

***Kathy*** is a very young woman who is currently doing an undergraduate degree in neuroscience at McGill University. She then hopes to continue and eventually complete a PhD.

She's been active in her community since high school. She sat on the executive of the John Abbott College Student Association, belongs to the Canadian Air Cadets League and the Youth Council in her borough. More recently, she's been involved in the West Island Women's Centre and is in charge of the logistics and fund raising for the Model United Nations, a simulation of the United Nations that is conducted by the students.

***Kim*** is currently doing a Bachelor of Laws degree at the Université de Montréal. "My law studies are part of a broader plan to define the contribution that I'd like to make to our society." She's already very involved in different activities, including several that are linked to the Law: volunteering for ProBono with the Université de Montréal and monloyer.québec, law research and director of the COOP Droit. She is the chairperson of the Université de





Montréal Debate Team, and a director of the Grand Plateau community kitchen. She participated in the Quebec Youth Parliament and Montreal Youth Council.

**Linda** resumed her studies in history after a five-year break. She's currently enrolled in a Bachelor of History program at the Université du Québec à Montréal. "In 2014, I was incarcerated in a women's prison in Mexico and I was particularly moved by the injustices in their judicial system, as well as the fragility of the women inmates. I then spent a month in a detention facility for migrants and my heart stayed there."

Upon returning to Quebec, Linda undertook a research project on the issues and challenges faced by feminists and lesbians in defending the rights of migrants including that of the prison milieu. She organized a one-week feminist people's symposium in the summer of 2018 for lesbian support groups and study groups. She participated in writing an anthology on the challenges and issues facing lesbians and self-published a poetry collection entitled, *Récits de cage sur fond beige*.

She makes monthly visits to the Laval Migrant Detention Centre with the group Solidarity Without Borders, as well as organizes and participates in various events focused upon migrant rights.

**Louise** is a permanent resident and single mother of two children. This year, she's planning to complete her second year of social work at McGill University. She had previously worked as an interpreter and this was where she met social workers who thereby inspired her choice of a new career. "Working to earn my diploma is the most powerful motivation that keeps me disciplined and focused upon the future." She is active in her children's day-care centre and in various groups that provide assistance to Hungarian families, where she acts as an interpreter and will accompany them in the immigration process.

Arriving in Montreal in 2011, **Marie Claire** is a Canadian citizen and mother of a little girl for whom she has custody. Active in the residents committee in the supportive housing facility where she lives, as well as the church that she attends, she is also a volunteer translator at the Morgan Education Center.



*Louise*



Marie Claire has a Bachelor of Arts that she earned at the *Dalian University of Foreign Languages* in her country of origin (China) and she is an experienced translator. However, her desire to help others motivated her to make a career change and become a rehabilitation assistant

In spite of all her good intentions, she had to temporarily interrupt her studies to work and assume her parental responsibilities. Living in Montreal, she quickly understood that it would be necessary for her to master the French language, as well as the English language, so she enrolled herself at UQAM, to acquire a certificate in French Language skills, so as to one day complete a Bachelor of Communication

### **Chaudière-Appalaches**

**Martha** est une combattante qui n'hésite pas à suivre un cours après l'autre en fonction de ses intérêts, de ses besoins et de son désir d'une vie plus confortable pour elle-même et sa famille. Mère de quatre enfants âgés de 6 à 19 ans, dont trois pour lesquels elle a partagé la garde et une fille à besoins particuliers, cette native de la Beauce rayonne d'énergie, de ressources et d'un dévouement sans faille.



Elle possède un DVS en coiffure et un DCS (Diplôme en Études Collégiales) en arts plastiques, auxquelles elle a ajouté un DVS en comptabilité et un autre en compétences secrétaires, afin de devenir une assistante administrative.

Très impliquée dans l'éducation de ses enfants et diverses autres activités scolaires, elle est également membre du Conseil Étudiant au Centre de Formation des *Bâtisseurs*.

**Margaret** vit dans un village de la région de la Chaudière-Appalaches; une jeune mère de deux enfants, elle et son conjoint partagent le désir de participer au développement de l'autonomie alimentaire. Après

earning a DCS in special education, she first worked as a youth counsellor and educator. Meanwhile, her time spent as an agricultural worker became increasingly important, so she decided to enrol in an agronomy program at the Université Laval, even though this choice meant that she had to move to Quebec City.



As an agronomist, she will be able to devote her time and know-how to developing alternatives to the use of chemical products in crop production and animal husbandry.

Since 2012, she's been involved in several committees and Boards of Directors, both in the field of education and agriculture. Her dynamism, convictions and sense of responsibility are much appreciated in her community.

**Marie** is exceedingly generous with her time and enthusiasm when it comes to supporting the causes that she believes in. After completing her studies in animal production techniques at the ITA in La Pocatière, Marie started a DCS in nursing at the CEGEP de Lévis, which didn't prevent her from participating in many activities in numerous groups.



This young diligent woman, who struggles with mental health problems, saw her considerable effort rewarded in 2016, when she was awarded the Lieutenant Governor's Medal.

Forced to interrupt her studies to satisfy her basic needs, she didn't abandon her ideals.

A proactive volunteer, she has been giving her time, energy and blood to Hema Quebec for more than six years now. Her volunteer initiatives have met with great success.

As she wrote in her presentation letter: "This scholarship would make me proud of all that I've accomplished, notwithstanding the obstacles that have appeared on my path over the past few years. It would validate and acknowledge all the effort I've invested to move forward."

## Lanaudière

Following a string of family difficulties, **Nancy** found herself with four children in her custody, a number of volunteer projects to be supported and social work technician courses to be completed.



With no choice but to patronize the local food bank and community kitchen, she becomes a volunteer, invites the community to get to know the resources and prepares and writes a screenplay for a video series to be broadcast over the Internet.

Nancy supervises and encourages her children in their schoolwork, presides over a community garden and manages a home day-care centre. Upon returning to her social work technician program, she shares the knowledge and experience that she's acquired with her peers.

With her studies, Nancy wants to go from being a "volunteer to becoming a professional". There's no doubt she's on the right path.

Balancing work and family is a puzzle with which all parents are familiar. Balancing family and school is equally demanding; especially when, as in **Patricia's** case, one is a single parent of three children aged 2, 4 and 6 years old. Patricia caresses a personal ideal: provide her children with a stable, comfortable life, without having to worry about sufficient food or clothes. Patricia also cherishes a professional ideal: becoming a nurse. She's convinced that her drive and determination will culminate in success and that she'll be able to help people, to help save lives.



Patricia is a very active member of the Maison Pauline-Bonin Board of Directors, a community group that provides housing and support to single-parent women who are going back to school.



## Montérégie



**Ruth** has spent a lot of time at L'Ardoise, a grass-roots literacy group, over the past nine years. At 50 years only, single, after having lost a child seven years ago, without an education, and without any financial assistance from her milieu, Ruth is a model of courage and perseverance.

Justifiably very concerned about social equity, building on the progress that has nourished her hard-earned determination and self-confidence, she's very involved and active in the struggle for social housing and to combat climate change.

Thanks to her work, she has developed her capacity to take action and play a vigorous role in her milieu. A member of the Richelieu Social Rights Defence Group (ODDS) for the past three years, she was first a member of the Board, before recently becoming the President.



The trajectory of **Gabrielle's** life has been fraught with pitfalls and obstacles. Obligated to live alone with her daughter since she was 16 years old, she has assumed full responsibility and depends upon financial assistance provided by the social safety net, including family allowances.

Gabrielle left high school to take care of her needs, and worked as a babysitter and a cleaning woman. She is now completing high school in French and Mathematics thanks to the help she is receiving from *L'Escale* for young mothers in difficulty.

Gabrielle is a young woman with a positive outlook who is very diligent in her studies and is deeply committed to mutual assistance; where even as an adolescent, she volunteered regularly, notably at Sun Youth. She also participates actively in projects run by *L'Envol*.



**Josée** has two children who live with her and who spend one weekend out of two with their father.

A volunteer for a few years now on various committees at *L'Envol*, she gives her time to Dr. Julien's Guignolée, as well as to Centraide.

Before to going back to school, Josée worked in residential housekeeping, as well as in the restaurant industry. She knows only too well how one's academic experiences or lack thereof impact upon a person's quality of life and she hopes to acquire more satisfactory training, which led her to register full-time in order to do her high school studies.

Josée wants to set a good example for her children and to practice a trade that she would find interesting. She emphasized her deep acknowledgement towards *L'Envol* that she describes as a "genuine blessing".

**We offer our congratulations to each and every one of our scholarship recipients. They all deserve our admiration for their courage and determination.**

**Each of them can look at the paths they've taken with both hope and considerable pride. Bravo!**

*Jeanette Biondi and Céline Lamontagne*

# MOTHER GOES TO SCHOOL



The Lea Roback Foundation has been a partner of *Maman va à l'école* (Mother goes to school) since 2016, and grants \$500 education incentive scholarships to women, single-parent mothers who are studying to earn their first diploma



La Last spring, when the Vocational Training Centres and Adult Education Centres were shut down, this resulted in *Mother goes to school* being unable to recruit the usual number of scholarship recipients for the coming year. However, one chapter, located in Jonquière, did give out a scholarship.

In other words, the Lea Roback Foundation was only able to grant one scholarship. Which takes nothing away from the fact that it was well deserved, given that the recipient manifests such tenacity.

**Lisa** (pseudonym) came back to her region after spending seven years working very hard in Lévis. She's now enrolled in a secretary training program at the Adult General Training Centre in Jonquière. Her seven year old son is in grade one, so she has to juggle and balance, her studies, family responsibilities and work. She persists, because she's determined to provide a better future for her son.

About 40 years old, her teacher observes that Lisa stands out owing to, "her generosity towards her classmates, who are often younger than she is, and that Lisa is always ready to encourage them and make a difference in the classroom."

The partnership between the Foundation and *Mother goes to school* is still very much alive. No doubt that next year we'll be able to grant more scholarships.

## THE SEARCH FOR A LOST PORTRAIT

In 2018, the Lea Roback Foundation celebrated its 25th anniversary and organized **VIVA LÉA!**, an exhibition on the life and legacy of our dear friend. It took place in May 2018 in the lobby of the Jewish Public Library. In co-operation with the Archives of the Jewish Public Library, where Lea Roback's archives are conserved, the preparation of this exhibition required months of work by the organizing committee, which notably included searching for documents

and images in the archives, contacting numerous eyewitnesses, members of Lea's family, her friends, collaborators and creators, as well as doing what was necessary to obtain the rights to reproduce some of these documents. All the people and institutions who were contacted collaborated with the Foundation, and we were thus able to use and reproduce all the desired documents. Or rather, almost all of them...

In the course of perusing Merrily Weisbord's book *The Strangest Dream: Canadian Communists, the Spy Trials, and the Cold War*, one of the members of the committee discovered a photo of a portrait of Lea Roback by Frederic Bouchier Taylor (1906-1987). She immediately decided to reproduce it in the exhibition or, better yet, to exhibit the original. But the picture couldn't be found. Ms. Weisbord remembers having seen it in Lea Roback's home, one can even see it in a photo that was taken in her apartment, but nobody knows what became of it. And this portrait is not mentioned in any of the writings describing the work of Frederic B. Taylor.



The search thus began in Lea's archives. A first glimmer of hope, a portrait is mentioned in the inventory list, however, but despite several hours of searching and searching by the archivists, it just couldn't be found. On the other hand, they did discover another portrait of Lea Roback in an office, which was probably painted in the 1930s, a portrait that everybody had forgotten that it even existed...



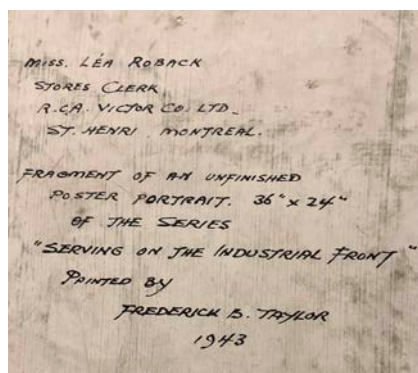
The exhibition thus goes on without the portrait by Frederic B. Taylor, to the great chagrin of our researchers and organizers. Several months later, a volunteer at the Archives Centre discovers the famous portrait in a cupboard, stored behind a number of other panels.



Too late for the exhibition, obviously, but not for Lea's friends, who can now admire this work that was painted in 1943, by F. Taylor and that, according to what is written on the back, was initially part of a series entitled "Serving on the Industrial Front".



*Irène Ellenberger*





# SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE FINANCES OF THE FOUNDATION



As I leave the post of Treasurer after 8 years, I've been reflecting on the changes in the finances of the Foundation. Did you know that our annual campaign has held steady at generating between \$35,000- \$40,000 per year for the last 5 years? While we have lost some longtime donors, new donors have come forward and several donors have substantially increased their donation amounts. In 2019 the campaign generated \$36,484..

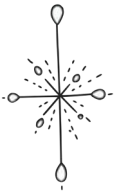
**Over the last several years we have also increased the number of grants we give. Most notable is our partnership with *Maman va a l'école (Mom goes to school)* which allows us to support over 10 additional women with their educational needs each year. We now give grants totaling around \$40,000 on a yearly basis. In 2019 the total value of grants awarded was \$43,000..**

Meanwhile we have been working hard to reduce costs. For example: our office expenses continue to decrease due to moving more work on line; it was just over \$5000 in 2016 and \$2459 in 2019. However, cost of living increases and needing to find new storage space a few years ago have incurred increases in expenses. The total expenses for 2019 was \$60,474.

The Foundation has a strong commitment to giving educational grants to low income women. In our 2015 Board reflection entitled "*Donner un nouvel élan*", we acknowledged that this means withdrawing funds from our investment account when needed to meet our grant objectives. However, despite needing to cash in \$20,000 from our investments in 2019 and despite the low interest rates, we have been able to maintain approximately \$250,000 in our investment portfolio since 2015; thanks to our donors. If every donor could speak about the Foundation to several others and generate new names on the donor list, imagine how many more women we could provide grants to. Are you up for the challenge? Sharing the stories of the impact of our grants on women is fun to do and who knows what kind of donations it can lead to.

Looking forward to continuing to working with the Foundation as a Board member,

*Frances Ravensbergen*  
*Outgoing Treasurer*



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