



## Have a good start to the school year!

The members of the Board of Directors  
and the ABC Center team wish you  
a great start to the school year filled  
with great projects and success.



## For the better integration of newly arrived youth

A great project was started in early summer that is taking some newly arrived Saint-Laurent youth (aged from 12 to 20) accompanied by young ABC Centre volunteers on weekly trips to discover some of Quebec's landmarks and iconic places, while French-speaking, or attempting to do so, with people of their own age ! To date, their visits have included Old Montreal and its surroundings, Quebec City and its Château Frontenac, the Montmorency Falls and some others wonderful places.

The project is proving to be a great experience for the students who are all learning more about Quebec while accelerating the learning of French for our newly arrived young friends.



# The ABC Centre's 2022 Annual General Meeting

The virtual Annual Meeting took place Thursday, June 9, 2022. Approximately 50 people were present, including a large majority of volunteers and partners. During this important event in the life of our organization, the new board of directors for the year 2022-2023 was formed. Under the presidency of Mr. Roger Risasi, the board is composed of five other members:



**Pingyu Qi**, Vice President

**Antoine Karoichan**, Treasurer

**Paulina Elisa Herrera Saravia**, Secretary

**Guillaume Lesly**, Administrator

**Nilgun Dakak (Lyne)**, Administrator

On behalf of the ABC Centre working team, we would like to thank all members for their commitment and dedication in volunteering their skills, expertise and leadership to serve our community.

We strongly encourage them to continue the work they have already begun to make the ABC Centre a reference in terms of citizen involvement in Saint-Laurent.

## International Day of Older Persons

### CONFERENCE : TO US, HAPPINESS

Our Seniors will be celebrated again this year as part of International Seniors' Day. Speaker, author and emotional management therapist, Jacinthe Chaussé, will give a talk entitled **To us, Happiness** on Zoom, Saturday, October 1 at 1:30 pm.

To register, contact us at (514) 744-5511, ext. 224 or write us to : [communication@centreabc.org](mailto:communication@centreabc.org)



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## In memory of our volunteer Thierno Abdoulaye Diallo



We would like to pay a vibrant tribute to a volunteer Thierno Abdoulaye Diallo who left us suddenly at the beginning of summer. Originally from Guinea and volunteer for 13 years with us, Mr. Diallo has been involved without counting in many projects, whether collecting Toys from the ABC Center, at the CHSLD Saint-Vincent-Marie or at through various food banks in Saint-Laurent. Mr. Diallo was a person dedicated to his practice as a doctor, a profession that he honored with numerous missions around the world.

Today we would like to highlight the contribution of this great gentleman to the community and to thank him for his empathy, his devotion, and his civic involvement.

We will never forget you!

## Come September, a renewed cross-generational experience at Centre ABC Volunteer Centre

The project aims to bring together students from immigrant families attending welcoming class with senior citizens benefiting from the Centre's home care assistance. Throughout the school year, both groups will be encouraged to start corresponding and share in writing their life experience, respective customs and traditions as well as elaborate on future aspirations.

Thanks to the Promotion et valorisation de la langue française Fund, the project will be adapted to several welcoming classes attended by newly arrived immigrants as a means to facilitate the integration of their family in their new country.



To register as a senior pen pal, please contact 514-744-5511, ext. 224.

## Centre ABC's toy drive

This month of October, while counting on the generosity of the Saint-Laurent community, Centre ABC will hold its annual toy drive to ensure the distribution and sharing of toys, intended this year for the Enfant-Soleil and Henri-Beaulieu schools as well as the annual family Christmas grocery shop.

The festive season is a time of stress for many families with incomes below the poverty line. It's time to share with the less fortunate a little of what we have received to give them hope for a better future.

Please drop off toys at Centre ABC (910 Sainte-Croix, Saint-Laurent, QC H4L 3Y6) starting October 17 until November 18.



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# Volunteer Ambassador Awards 2022-2023



Organized in cooperation with local businesses and corporations, the Volunteer Ambassador Awards intend to recognize the devotion and merits of five Saint-Laurent volunteers who distinguish themselves in the community by acting as agents of social involvement toward fellow citizens.

Monday, October 3<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the ABC Centre will launch the third edition of the Volunteer Ambassador Awards and invite Laurentians to submit the candidacy of one or more volunteers before 4:30 pm, Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Saint-Laurent community organizations and associations as well as public institutions and commercial enterprises known for volunteer participation in their ranks are also encouraged to submit nominations for possible recognition on International Volunteer Day.

The Awards will be presented to the five winners chosen by the selection committee at a tribute event to be held at Le Crystal Reception Hall on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The nomination form will soon be available on the organization's website: [www.centreabc.org](http://www.centreabc.org)

## Youth Committee Soccer Festival

As part of the ABC Centre's Youth Committee mandate to promote volunteerism and civic involvement among the younger generation, a soccer tournament was held at Marcel Laurin Park on Friday, August 19, 2022.

The Committee members oversaw the good organization of the event under their responsibility and were happy with the turnout.

We wish them much success in their future initiatives!

