



fondation en cœur

Anne-Marie's Story

“I found out about the En Cœur Foundation on August 24, 2018. My son was 7 days old then. This day was one of the most difficult of my life. One of the scariest. That’s when we learned that our little love had a heart defect, an anomalous pulmonary venous return. A malformation that would require an open-heart surgery. This day, the CHUL’s pediatric cardiology team gently explained to me the normal functioning of the heart, the normal circulation of blood and what they needed to transform so that our little one’s heart could function adequately and grow.

I was listening. I tried to understand. But above all, my heart was beating wildly. My heart as a new mother who was already experiencing an unimaginable challenge. It was therefore on this day that the support of the En Cœur Foundation began for us. This support in all its forms was so precious. Monetary support through meal coupons, allowing us to go down at any time of day looking for something to eat during hospitalizations.

Practical support, lending us a breast pump that I could never have afforded, and which allowed me to feed my child during force-feeding, but also during the months that followed. But above all, the human support. A gentle and comforting presence, particularly from Guylaine and Marie.

These two incredible women, whose smile and attentiveness soothed us.

For all these reasons, I will be eternally grateful to the En Cœur Foundation and that’s why I’m really proud to become their ambassador!”

