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## En Cœur Foundation: A memorable evening to celebrate 40 years of commitment



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Montreal - The **20th edition** of the renowned **Soirée En Cœur**, presented by **Boralex**, was a resounding success! The annual charity event, held on **October 23rd** at the **Plaza Centre-ville** in Montreal, drew an unprecedented crowd of nearly **600 people**! An incredible **\$338,000** was raised for children with heart disease and their families.

### Involved partners and guests

We would like to extend our warmest thanks not only to the guests who took part in the evening, but also to our valued partners: **Boralex**, **Desjardins**, **Richter**, **National Bank**, **CN**, **Gloria Baylis Foundation**, **McCarthy Tétrault**, **Stikeman Elliott**, **TD Securities Inc**, **Borea Construction**, **Scotiabank**, **Fiera Capital**, **SAQ** and our many service partners.

### A magical evening

The program was rich in entertainment; the Honorary President, **Patrick Decostre**, President and CEO of **Boralex**, without whom the event's success would not have been possible, gave a touching speech testifying to his involvement, and guests were even treated to a **surprise performance** by the one and only **Alain Choquette**.



Alain Choquette

Patrick Decostre  
(Boralex)

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The **Soirée En Cœur** was successfully hosted by the En Cœur Foundation spokesperson **Jean-Philippe Wauthier** and **Patricia Demers**, who was herself born with a heart defect.

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## 40 years of supporting our little ones & the Olivia Award

The Foundation's 40th anniversary was celebrated at the Soirée En Coeur. Guests were able to visit a photo exhibition featuring several testimonials, and a look back over the past 40 years was presented.

The 1st edition of the **Olivia Award**, formerly the Volunteer of the Year Award, recognized the involvement of volunteers, including two of the co-founders, Dr. Anne Fournier & Ms. Denise Pepin, as well as Dr. Christine Houde and host Patricia Demers.

We recall that Olivia was a young ambassador who deeply touched us with her courage and generosity (2015-2023).

## About the En Coeur Foundation

In Quebec, 1 child in 100 is born with a heart disease or malformation that will require medical follow-up. That's 900 new families facing this diagnosis every year. The mission of the En Coeur Foundation is to help congenital heart children and their families by providing information and support services. En Coeur also aims to raise public awareness of the importance of supporting children with heart disease and their parents.

You can still make a donation: <https://www.jedonneenligne.org/encoeur/SEC/>

Note the date of the next edition: **WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 29, 2025**

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