

THE NEWSLETTER

VALERO EMPLOYEES' ENERGY AT THE SERVICE OF THE COMMUNITY



SCHOOL PERSEVERANCE

BIEN DANS MES BASKETS : HELPING KIDS BOUNCE BACK

Martin Dusseault, a social worker at CSSS Jeanne-Mance has put together a psychosocial program built around basketball to help kids from various ethnic origins and underprivileged backgrounds stay in school. The project supports prosocial behaviour, staying in school, establishing a healthy lifestyle, personal empowerment and other aspects of young people's development, particularly in terms of making the right choices—like not joining street gangs. The Valero Energy Foundation has provided its support with a \$3,000 contribution for this unique program. Photo: Basketball in hand, Martin Dussault and his team



"It gave me self-confidence. And with confidence, you can succeed. Sometimes you're afraid to take that step forward because others will look down on you if you fail. But if you don't take that step, your life won't improve and you'll never learn. [...] Even if you fail, you just pick yourself up and try again." - BdmB program alumnus

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW GRANT RECIPIENTS

Valero Energy has sponsored more Éducaide Persévère Grants, as part of its ongoing commitment to education. The 20 students we supported last year will be joined by another 20, bringing the total number we are assisting for the 2015-2016 school year to 40. Each will receive a \$500 grant for school materials and other necessities.



Valero Energy's Geneviève Grainger and Marie-Elaine Labelle presented 5 new recipients with their Éducaide grants at the Henri-Bourassa School.



Grants were also presented to Les Etchemins de Lévis students during a fundraising gala presided over by Martine Pélouquin, who was surrounded on stage by young recipients.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



Our 2015 Christmas Baskets

McGill

Thanks to the participation and generosity of our staff, 243 articles were collected. The campaign will help 5 families from the Henri-Bourassa School in Montréal-Est. Each family received a food basket and a box of different products, including household goods and personal hygiene items.

Montréal-Est

The food collection campaign on behalf of *Action Secours, Vie d'Espoir* took place at our Montreal terminal for the fourth year. Based in Montreal's East End over the past 20 years, *Action Secours, Vie d'Espoir* is a food bank that supports needy families in the surrounding community. Thanks to everyone for your enduring support!

Lévis

Generosity was in the air again in Lévis, with 11 cases of non-perishable foods donated by refinery workers to the *Comptoir Le Grenier*. The *Comptoir* gives Christmas baskets to those in need in and around Lévis.



SPIN-O-DON FOR CENTRAIDE OF GREATER MONTREAL

On January 13, the Valeureux de Valero were among the pedallers attending the second Spin-o-don for the Centraide of Greater Montréal. The efforts of the 300 people present served to raise over \$80,000. Thanks to Sylvain Paquette, Émilie St-Jean, Julie Normand and Nathalie St-Cyr for their magnanimous work and commitment to the cause!

JEAN GAULIN REFINERY 2016 FIDÉIDES CONTEST FINALIST



It is with great pleasure that we inform you that the Lévis Jean Gaulin refinery has been selected, for the second year in a row, as a finalist in the Business and Social commitment category of the 2016 Fidéides contest organized by the Quebec Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The winner will be unveiled during the evening of the Fidéides contest that will be held on March 17, 2016 at the Quebec congress centre and we feel we have an excellent chance to win the award.

Congratulations to all the people involved in these activities that illustrate the importance of employee involvement in the community.

Good luck for the award ceremony!