

Logifem is currently facing funding cuts to key programs.

Together, we help women build paths to independence and autonomy – and we need you now more than ever.

Across Québec, community organizations are under growing pressure and Logifem is no exception.

Recent changes to the government program Vers un chez-soi and the end of the PRCC (plan de réponse communautaire aux campements) have put some of Logifem’s key services at risk if alternative funding is not secured. Logifem lost funding for the following programs:

Post-shelter support for women moving into housing, which last year helped 27 women move into stable housing and offered support in the community to 23 recently housed women.

Pre-shelter services for women at risk of homelessness, which supported 74 women, 38 of whom entirely avoided an experience of homelessness.

More than 60% of funding for community support in social housing,

affecting 35 women and nearly 40 children, where 62% report improved housing stability.

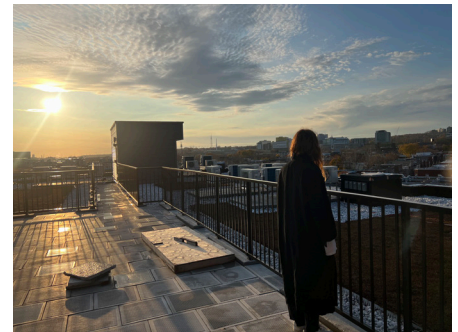
If these programs disappear, critical steps along the path to independence disappear with them.

A woman leaving shelter with her children may finally have a lease—but without furniture, food, or support, that stability is fragile from the start. In too many cases, the absence of follow-up support leads back to crisis.

These supports are often what make the difference between staying housed and losing everything. Without them, women may move into empty apartments with no basic supplies and no one to turn to. For many, that instability can quickly lead back to homelessness.

Community support helps prevent that outcome. Increased reliance on private funding is now essential.

Support of our donor community is needed now more than ever.



PREVENTION REDUCES COSTS AND CHANGES LIVES



More than **\$1 MILLION PER YEAR** the cost of providing services for 20 shelter spaces



Less than **\$300,000** can support more than **130 women** in maintaining housing



Prevention reduces pressure on emergency services while helping people remain safely housed

New projects, real impact—developed in close collaboration with Maison du Père

Preventing homelessness before it happens: A New Initiative at the Housing Tribunal

We are proud to be part of a new pilot project aimed at reaching people at a critical moment—just before they lose their housing.

In partnership with the Quebec government, Maison du Père and the Old Brewery Mission, Logifem is participating in an initiative that places outreach workers directly at Montreal's Administrative Housing Tribunal (TAL). Their role is to identify tenants facing eviction for non-payment of rent and offer immediate support.

By meeting individuals at this pivotal stage, outreach workers can assess their needs and connect them with resources. An assessment is made to see if participants are eligible for

emergency financial assistance in the form of an interest free loan to help cover overdue rent and prevent eviction. At the same time, referrals can be made to support services to address underlying challenges such as mental health issues, trauma, or financial instability.

This approach allows us to intervene at what can be a turning point. Once someone loses their housing, the risk of entering a cycle of crisis and instability increases significantly. Acting early not only helps individuals and families remain housed, but also strengthens the entire community.

The project aims to reach up to 60 people per week and will run over

the coming year. If successful, it could be expanded to other regions across Quebec.

We also recognize the importance of acting even earlier—before a situation reaches the tribunal. That's why we are working hard to incorporate different prevention strategies into our work. Whether through support services, housing stability programs, or partnerships like this one, our goal is to ensure that fewer people face the devastating consequences of housing loss.

Together, we can build a more responsive and compassionate system of care—one that helps people stay safely housed and supported.

Connecting women and children to Montréal's cultural life

Cultural mediation project

Over and above stable housing, rebuilding a sense of belonging is just as important.

The cultural mediation initiative is designed specifically for women and children connected to Logifem, offering supported access to Montréal's cultural, recreational, and community spaces. Participants take part in guided outings to museums, parks, festivals, libraries, and local events, with preparation beforehand and opportunities to reflect afterward.

The approach removes barriers that often prevent participation—cost, transportation, confidence, and isolation—while creating space for discovery and connection.

For many families and individuals, this means:

- Experiencing the city in a new way
- Feeling welcome in public and cultural spaces
- Sharing positive, everyday moments together

The program begins in 2026 with monthly outings and will grow over time. It is about more than activities—it is about helping women and their children take their place in the life of the city.

Funding was provided by Programme Itinérance et Milieux Inclusifs (2026–2028) du Services de la diversité et de l'inclusion sociale de la Ville de Montréal.



Thank you for being part of my journey with Logifem.

As I prepare to step down as President of the Board this June, I've been reflecting on my journey with Logifem—and I wanted to share a bit of that story with you.

My connection to Logifem began in 2013 when I was asked by Sally to join the Board of Directors

Over the years, my role grew in ways I didn't expect. I stepped in as interim director during two maternity leaves and later had the privilege of serving as President of the Board for three terms. It has been a meaningful and humbling experience to walk alongside this organization through times of growth and transition.

One of the things I'm most proud of is how Logifem has evolved. When I first joined, the focus was primarily on supporting single women. But we began to see more and more women with children reaching out for help. It became clear that there was a gap—and that we needed to respond.

We grew because the need was right in front of us.

Expanding our mission to include women with children has been one of the most important steps forward. I truly believe it has allowed us to reach more people and make a deeper impact in our community.

After three terms, I believe in making space for new leadership and fresh perspectives. I'm also looking forward to taking some time to reflect on what comes next for me, both personally and in my volunteer work.

These past few years have not been without challenges. With government cuts to social services, organizations like Logifem are being asked to do more with fewer resources. And yet, what continues to inspire me is the generosity of this community.

Time and again, I've seen how people step up when it matters most.

Your support has made a real and tangible difference. You are helping to fill critical gaps and ensure that women and families continue to receive the support they need.

As I look ahead, my hope is simple: that Logifem continues to grow, to reach more women and families, and to build even greater awareness of the needs it addresses.

There is still so much work to be done—but I truly believe in what Logifem can continue to accomplish.

Thank you for being part of this journey with me. Your support has meant more than I can express, and it is a big part of why Logifem can continue its important work.

Sincerely,



Ruth Bresnen
President of the Board of Directors

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CNOY 2026:

280 people walked along the Lachine Canal in St-Henri in support of La Lumineuse



This year's Coldest Night of the Year brought together a strong show of community support in direct support of La Lumineuse, Logifem's shelter for women and children in difficulty.

It was our first year walking in St-Henri starting from a new location at Centre Gadbois in St-Henri. This made the event especially meaningful, as St. Henri is where our shelters, transition houses, and permanent social housing apartments are located.

It was wonderful to see local businesses and community members come out in support of La Lumineuse.

Thank you to our partners!



All funds raised through CNOY go toward La Lumineuse, supporting women and children on their path to stability and autonomy.

- 280 participants
- 49 Volunteers
- Over \$97,000 raised

This collective effort helps ensure that women and children have access to safe spaces, support, and a path forward.

CNOY 2027 Edition
Save the date!
February 27, 2027

Congratulations to our top 10 CNOY 2026 teams:

1. Scotia Wealth Management Montreal
2. Snowboard
3. Engage for Logifem
4. We Are Up To Snow Good
5. Des Fondations Solides (DFS)
6. Snowpokes
7. Spunky Snails
8. Les Pas Frileux
9. CMP for Logifem
10. Toys and More

Congratulations to all our walkers and teams for their outstanding effort and commitment!