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Fabienne Audette Appointed Executive Director of the Fondation du Centre jeunesse de Montréal



Montreal, May 6, 2020 – The members of the board of directors of the Fondation du Centre jeunesse de Montréal are pleased to announce the appointment of Fabienne Audette as executive director.

Fabienne Audette holds a bachelor's degree in communications from the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) as well as, specialized leadership training. In her career spanning close to 20 years in the fields of social and economic development, and philanthropy, Fabienne delivered stellar results. Fabienne's career started off as coordinator of an affordable housing project for a community centre. As her career progressed, she went on to hold the positions of executive director of the Solidarité Mercier-Est neighbourhood working committee, executive director of Suicide Action Montréal and, until very recently, director of development and administration at the Fondation Charles-Bruneau. During this time, she also served on numerous working committees and boards, including as vice-chair of the Coalition montréalaise des tables de quartier. In 2014, Fabienne was awarded the Medal of the Quebec National Assembly for her outstanding contribution to the development of the Mercier-Est neighbourhood. Her track record and experience as a manager of not-for-profit programs and charities is well known and highly regarded.

“A key component in the Fondation du Centre jeunesse de Montréal's 2019–2023 strategic plan is to significantly increase awareness of our organization and our mission by building on our established partnerships, by developing and implementing new programs, and by giving a stronger voice to all Quebec children under the Director of Youth Protection (DYP). Thanks to her diversified management and development background in the not-for-profit and charitable sectors, her extensive experience in partnership relations inside the health and social services network, as well as her polished political and communications skills, I have every reason to believe that Fabienne Audette is the person best qualified to give the foundation the direction and momentum it needs to achieve its ambitious objectives for the good of all DYP kids,” explained foundation chair Patrick Palerme.

“I’m really excited about joining the foundation’s team. The privilege of helping to orchestrate the activities of the Fondation du Centre jeunesse de Montréal so we can maximize support for our DYP stakeholders is totally in line with my values, my ambitions, and the skillsets I have developed over the years. I couldn’t have asked for a better way to contribute to such a worthy cause. In my opinion, the situation facing vulnerable children in need of protection is one of the most urgent, most important, and most critical social issues in Quebec today. You can be sure that I will devote all my energy and total commitment to working closely with all the Centres jeunesse so that the well-being of our DYP kids becomes the public priority it deserves to be,” said Fabienne Audette.

The members of the board of directors are very grateful to outgoing executive director Isabelle Levesque for her passionate commitment to carrying out our mission during her seven years at the Fondation du Centre jeunesse de Montréal. Isabelle’s many contributions went a long way to improving the lives of DYP kids and in helping them fulfill their potential. “We wish her every success in any future projects she undertakes,” Patrick Palerme said on behalf of all members of the board.

Fabienne Audette assumed her new position on April 27. She can be reached by email at fabienne.audette@fondationcjm.ca or by calling 514-593-2672. You can also consult her profile on LinkedIn at <https://www.linkedin.com/in/fabienne-audette/>

About the Fondation du Centre jeunesse de Montréal

Since 1998, the mission of the Fondation du Centre jeunesse de Montréal has been to mobilize the community in support of the Centre jeunesse de Montréal–Institut universitaire (CJM-IU) in activities designed to improve the well-being and social integration of DYP kids on the Island of Montreal. The foundation is dedicated to ensuring that all children receive the support and tools they need to become loving and responsible citizens and to develop to their full potential. <https://fondationcjm.ca>

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