

# Message from the Chair

As Chair of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to present this summary of the activities of the Fondation Hôpital de l'Enfant-Jésus for the fiscal year 2018–2019. First, I wish to thank you for your ongoing and crucial support of the Foundation and hospital.

## **Impact of your support**

Here is a summary of our investments over the past year, which, once again made it possible to improve the health care and services we deliver:

- \$118,732 – Patient care, and diagnostic, treatment and follow-up services (78%);
- \$21,729 – Specialized regional services and services in the fight against cancer (14%);
- \$11,819 – Training and continuing education (8%).

These amounts form part of the over \$2 million that the Foundation has invested in health care services since it began. Existing services have been maintained and strengthened and new services have been established here in our region. Thank you for renewing your partnership with us year after year.

## **First major campaign in our history**

The last year was certainly marked by the launch on October 15 of the first major campaign of our history, with a \$600,000 financial objective to redevelop the hospital's oncology clinic. It is important to note that the Foundation was the facility's financial partner when the service was established in 2007 and has, over the years, continued to support this important service for the Acadian Peninsula through the purchase of equipment and training of staff.

The Board of Directors accepted this significant challenge and formed a dedicated campaign committee that quickly rallied the community behind this project that is touching so many lives. Only four months after the campaign launch, the committee announced that the objective had been reached – with \$635,307 raised – and that other needs related to the fight against cancer had been targeted for the facility. The committee agreed to continue its work with the same objective, namely to improve health care services in the region. Two units were added to the campaign and a new objective was set at \$815,000.

We must never forget that the Foundation's success is based on the dedication of its volunteers and the great generosity of the community. Thank you to the companies, organizations and individuals who continue to believe in the Foundation's mission. Thank you also to the organizers of, and participants in, our various fundraising activities such as the Northern Star Campaign, the guest artist benefit supper and the Roses Radiothon. The Foundation is flourishing thanks to your commitment.

## **Succession**

I am stepping back from my role as Chair this year but will always have very good memories of my participation in the Foundation's activities. I have on many occasions witnessed how a community coming together can significantly improve the health care services available here in our region.

I wish to thank the members of the Foundation's Board of Directors for their confidence and commitment over these past few years. Thank you to the hospital's employees for their dedication and to you, dear members, for always standing behind patients who need your support. You are all irreplaceable partners!

In closing, thanks to your support, I am leaving with my head held high and am confident that the people remaining in leadership positions will continue promoting the Foundation's mission and meeting the hospital's urgent needs. Long live the Foundation and the hospital!

Normand Mourant  
Chair of the Board of Directors