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The Newsletter of the Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick

Lifetime Achievement Award

Each year the Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick honors an individual or group who have excelled over the years in assisting the promotion of health care in their community or environment. This year the CHANB was very pleased to present its "Lifetime Achievement Award" to Adélard Cormier of St. Paul, New Brunswick.

Adélard, a retired school principal and community activist has been involved in volunteer work in his community and surrounding areas but none more than at Stella-Maris-de-Kent Hospital in Sainte-Anne-de-Kent. He is currently the Chair of the Advisory Committee for the Hospital and one of the Founders and Chair of les Amies de Hôpital Stella-Maris-de-Kent, the Foundation of the Hospital. The Board of CHANB congratulate and thank Mr. Cormier for his many years of dedicated service.



Dr. Robert Stewart with Mr. Adélard Cormier

2023 Catholic Health Association of **New Brunswick Annual Meeting and Conference**

On September 21st and 22nd the CHANB held its annual meeting and conference in Miramichi, N. B. The theme of the conference was Mental Health: The Power of You. This was the first conference with the attendance meeting face-to-face since 2019. Powerful and helpful sessions were facilitated by Rachel Robichaud of Studio meiux-etre in Tracadie, Annette Comeau, social worker in Lamegue and Greg Zed from Rothesay. Each of the sessions was very inspiring. The over 110 participants were very animated and involved in the discussion. This conference also provided an opportunity for the newly appointed Hospital Activity Directors to meet each other and for them to grasp the broader reach of Catholic health care in New Brunswick and elsewhere.



Dr. Robert Stewart with Ms. Nadia Losier

Catholic Health Alliance of Canada Award

At the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada annual conference held in May, Nadia Losier, Executive Director of l'Accueil Ste. Famille was recognized and received the CHAC/ACCS Tomorrow's National Leaders Award. At the CHANB annual conference this year, Nadia was recognized for her great achievement and presented with a gift on behalf of the Association. Nadia's deep concern for women, children and families experiencing violence led to her determination to assist and protect the vulnerable families in the Acadian Peninsula. She has demonstrated tremendous leadership. Her passion for social justice led her to expand services and provide support to thousands of families.

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SAVE THE DATE 2024 CHANB Annual Conference

September 19-20, 2024 Rodd Miramichi River Hotel

More information on the conference will be available in the Spring. Watch the CHANB website for more details: <u>www.chanb.com/annual-conferences</u>

Mount St. Joseph Announcement



On September 21st, Miramichi Bay-Neguac MLA Réjean Savoie announced preparations are underway to open 30 new long-term care beds on the third floor of the Mount. The nursing home beds are also in addition to two 18-bed licences granted for memory care beds for dementia and Alzheimer's patients and generalist care beds in the same building. The Mount, operates as a non-profit, communitybased organization sponsored by Catholic Health International.

Mount St. Joseph executive director Mike Kingston said he hopes the beds are operational by Nov. 1."We're so thankful and excited to continue providing person-centered care with respect, dignity, and compassion," said Kingston. Congratulations to all involved in making Mount St. Joseph's what it is today. Adapted from a Brunswick News (Miramichi Leader) article by Nathan DeLong

Catholic Health International Update

Catholic Health International continues to be very involved in the Catholic healthcare community. Our Board of Directors meet regularly. A couple of our sponsored facilities are in the midst of or have just finished renovation projects. Members of our staff continue to be involved at the national level with membership on the CHAC's Governing Council, Communications Committee and Ethicist's Network. Our CHI Centre for Excellence is also very active with regular English and French Leadership Formation sessions, planning for upcoming Values Integration Assessment visits, Ethics, Mission and Spiritual Care activities. For more information on CHI Activities, visit our website at catholichealthpartners.com

UPCOMING CHANB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

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