

**ACTIVITY REPORT 2006-2007**

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Association des  
**Grands-Parents**  
du Québec

**Grandparents' Association of Québec**

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## **The beginnings of the organization**

The Grandparents' Association of Québec was founded in 1990 by Lucienne Beudet-St- Gelais with a group of grandparents from Beauport. For thirteen years, she directed and animated the Association. She died at Saint-François-d'Assise Hospital (CHUQ) on June 3, 2003.

In 2004, the organization changed its name to expand its efforts to help and defend the rights of grandparents nationally under the name "Association des grandparents du Québec".



Mrs Lucienne Beudet  
Founding President

The organization is now particularly active in Montreal and Quebec City. Information meetings are held monthly in both regions. The organization now has members in 115 of the 125 electoral districts.

## **Help line**

We are particularly proud of our toll-free 1.866.745.6110 line, which is available to grandparents in difficulty throughout Quebec, and which we maintain seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. We counted nearly 10,000 minutes of listening to grandparents in difficulty during the year.

## **Network of lawyers and psychologists**

The Association has established a network of partners (lawyers, psychologists and mediators) in the various regions of Quebec. It is worth noting Luc Trudeau's extraordinary collaboration in the Greater Montreal Area. He comes to meet the grandparents at our monthly meetings in Montreal. He is committed to the grandparents' cause and his rates are affordable. Thank you, Mr. Trudeau.

## Highlights of the year

### *Salon des générations du Québec*

Participation in the "Salon des générations de Québec" from May 19 to 21, 2006 in collaboration with the Institut de la famille.

### *Regional Forum of the États généraux de Québec*

Organization of the Forum régional des États généraux de Québec in collaboration with the COFAQ.

### *Grandparents' Day*

Organization with the Institut de la famille of the "Grandparents' Day" in Sainte-Anne de Beaupré.

### *Participation in Seniors' Week in Val-d'Or*

From September 19 to 24, 2006, the Association participated in the Seniors' Week in Val-d'Or. Monic Avoine, Pauline Larochelle and Josette Gamache and Gilles Bernatchez and Henri Lafrance informed the Abitibi population about the rights of grandparents and the services offered by the Association, via an information booth at the Salon des aînés.

Several interviews were given to regional media, including Radio-Canada and Canal Vox. Several conferences were given by the Association's representatives in the homes of the elderly, OASIS Residence, "Domaine des pionniers", SIGMA Residence and at the Salon des aînés.

Meetings were held with various personalities: Mr. Pierre Corbeil, provincial minister, Mr. Yvon Lévesque, federal MP, Mr. Jean-Pierre Gervais, family law lawyer, and Mr. Sylvie Roy, youth law lawyer.

Meetings with several organizations were also held: Youth Centre, CLSC, Knights of Columbus and FADOQ.

### *Quebec Seniors' Day*

The Association participated in the Quebec Seniors' Day at the Centre Roc-Amadour with an information booth. A conference was given by Monic Avoine and Henri Lafrance to explain the rights of grandparents and the services of the Association.

### *Conferences before the Farmers' Circles*

The Association's leaders gave information conferences before several Farmers' Circles: from Ancienne-Lorette, Montérégie to St-Hyacinthe and La Flèche de St-Hubert.

### *Interviews with several media outlets*

Ms. Monic Avoine participated in the program "Droit au cœur" of Ms. France Castel, Ms. Lise Richard gave an interview on Radio Ville-Marie, Mr. Bernard Lefebvre, Mr. Raymond Héту and Mr. Henri Lafrance gave interviews on Radio Centreville de Montréal. Ms. Monic Avoine and Mr. Henri Lafrance gave interviews at Radio Boomer in Laval, Canal Vox and Radio-Canada.

### *Meeting of the Working Group on the Revision of the Quebec Adoption Regime*

Last year, the Association, in committee with our partners from the Confédération des organismes familiaux du Québec and Mouvement Retrouvailles, called for a thorough review of the Quebec adoption system. We had demanded that grandparents remain grandparents, even after an adoption. We had called for the principle of "simple adoption" and "open adoption" to be introduced into Quebec law. Following our demands and those of our partners, the government formed a "Working Group on the revision of the Quebec Adoption Regime". We met with this committee and shared our demands for adoption with it. The report of this group was tabled on April <sup>1</sup>. We are currently working to have this report made public and legislated.

## Adoption Symposium

The Association des grands-parents du Québec held a conference on October 7 in Montreal on the theme "*Droit de connaître, respect for the ties of origin with the family of origin*". Several personalities attended: Me Georges Lalande, President of the Conseil des aînés, Me Alain Roy, Doctor of Law and Professor at the Université de Montréal; Me Marie Le Couffe, lawyer in family law, Mr. Roland Barbier, Director of the Hochelaga Community Centre, Ms. Normay St-Pierre, host on Radio-Boomer de Laval and Ms. Caroline Fortin, President of the Mouvement Retrouvailles.

Ms. Margaret F. Delisle, Minister responsible for Youth and Rehabilitation, Yvon Marcoux, Minister of Justice and members of the Groupe de travail sur le régime québécois de l'adoption were also invited to attend the conference and the discussions that followed.



From left to right:  
Mrs. Normay St-Pierre, Me Alain Roy,  
Mrs Caroline Fortin and Marie le Couffe

## Membership

Our membership consists of nearly 300 members and more than 200 supporters. We have nearly 800 cases of grandparents who have used our services. A campaign will be undertaken to encourage members to renew their registrations and supporters to join.

## Grandparents Association Networking

Member of the following organizations:

Inter-organizational grouping for a family policy in Quebec,  
Confederation of Family Organizations of Quebec  
Quebec Seniors' Information Network  
Fédération des femmes du Québec (FFQ)  
Centre d'Aide et d'Action Bénévole de Charlesbourg  
Centre d'Action Bénévole Aide 23  
Centre d'Action Bénévole - Service d'Entraide, Regroupement, Solidarité  
Centre d'action bénévole de Québec Inc.  
Table de concertation des personnes âgées de la région de Québec  
Table régionale des aînés de la Montérégie (TRAM)  
Table régionale de concertation de personnes âgées de l'Abitibi-  
Témiscamingue  
Regional Table of Seniors of the Richelieu Basin  
Regroupement des Organismes Sociocommunitaires de Beauport  
Radio Basse Ville de Québec

Steps are underway to become a member of the following organizations:

Table des Aînées et Aînés de Lanaudière  
Table Régionale des Aînés des Laurentides  
Table de Concertation des Aînés et aînées de Montréal-Nord

Our regional chapter, the "Association des grands-parents de Montréal", is a member of the Table de concertation des aîné-e-s de l'Île-de-Montréal.

We are partners with the Association québécoise de défense des retraités (AQDR), the Action des nouvelles conjointes du Québec and the Mouvement Retrouvailles.

## List of activities in which the AGPQ participated or organized

Date	Activities
2006-04-09	Organization, in collaboration with the COFAQ, of the Forum régional des états généraux de Québec.
2006-04-23	Conference, brunch and sharing.
2006-04-30	Brunch, sharing and conference by Viviane Dubé from the Centre d'assistance et d'accompagnement aux plaintes de Montréal.
2006-05-04	Meeting with a group of grandparents in difficulty from Victoriaville.
2006-05-06	Booth to present the Association at Promenades Beauport
2006-05-06	Participation in the annual general meeting of the National Capital Region Complaints Assistance and Support Centre.
2006-05-06	Meeting with a group of grandparents in difficulty.
2006-05-08	Meeting of the Table de concertation des personnes âgées de la région de la Capital-Nationale.
2006-05-08	Participation in the Table de concertation des aînés de la région de Québec.
2006-05-11	Meeting with a group of grandparents.
2006-05-13	Representation at the Annual Meeting of the Action des nouvelles conjointes du Québec.
2006-05-15	Meeting with the Institute of the Family to prepare for the grandparents' day.
2006-05-15	Participation in the AQDR meeting in Quebec City.
2006-05-19	Participation in the Salon des générations de Québec.
2006-05-20	Participation in the Salon des générations de Québec.
2006-05-21	Participation in the Salon des générations de Québec.
2006-05-27	Board of Directors of the C. O. FA.Q.
2006-05-28	AGPQ General Assembly in Montreal.
2006-06-01	Represent the AGPQ at the Annual Meeting of the Centre d'action bénévole de Québec.
2006-06-04	AGPQ General Assembly in Quebec City.
2006-06-06	Annual meeting of the CAAP of the Quebec City region.
2006-06-11	Participation in an open forum at Carré d'Youville.
2006-06-15	General Assembly of the Conseil du développement de la recherche sur la famille au Québec.
2006-06-18	Participation in an open forum at Carré d'Youville.
2006-06-23	Training of volunteers to listen.
2006-06-23	Board of Directors of the AGPQ.
2006-06-24	Meeting with grandparents in difficulty.
2006-07-10	Meeting with grandparents in difficulty.
2006-08-15	Working committee to organize the conference on October 7.
2006-08-26	COFAQ Board of Directors.
2006-08-27	Montreal Grandparents' Assembly.



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2006-08-29	Meeting to prepare for the grandparents' day.
2006-09-01	Working committee to organize the conference on October 7.
2006-09-08	Interview on Radio-Canada radio in Quebec City as part of Grandparents' Day.
2006-09-10	Participation in the Grandparents' Day in Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré.
2006-09-15	Participation in the "40th Anniversary" of the Fédération des femmes du Québec.
2006-09-16	Participation in the Board of Directors of the Confederation of Family Organizations of Quebec.
2006-09-16	Dinner and sharing at the reunion evening and sharing of radio host Normay St-Pierre and the Mouvement Retrouvailles
2006-09-16	Participation in Montreal at the Annual General Meeting of the Fédération des femmes du Québec.
2006-09-17	Brunch with grandparents from Montreal.
2006-09-17	Board of Directors.
2006-09-18	Meeting with volunteers from Val-d'Or. Planning of the week.
2006-09-19	Meeting with the leaders of the Knights of Columbus.
2006-09-19	Conference at the SIGMA Residence.
2006-09-19	Meeting of the Table de concertation des personnes âgées de la région de la Capitale-Nationale.
2006-09-20	Conference at the "Domaine des pionniers".
2006-09-20	Meeting with the community resources manager of the CLSC de Val-d'Or
2006-09-20	Meeting with Me Jean-Pierre Gervais for a collaboration agreement.
2006-09-20	Meeting with a representative of the DYP of Abitibi-Témiscamingue.
2006-09-20	Conference at the OASIS Residence.
2006-09-21	Information conference on the rights of grandparents.
2006-09-21	Meeting with volunteers from Val-d'Or (organization of a regional chapter).
2006-09-21	Participation in the Salon des aînés de Val-d'Or via an information booth.
2006-09-22	Participation in the Salon des aînés de Val-d'Or via an information booth
2006-09-22	Interview on Radio-Canada radio in Abitibi-Témiscamingue.
2006-09-22	Meeting with Minister Pierre Corbeil.
2006-09-22	Interview with a journalist from Canal 9 in Val-d'Or (TV).
2006-09-23	Meeting with Sylvie Roy, lawyer in youth law.
2006-09-23	Participation in the Salon des aînés de Val-d'Or via an information booth.
2006-09-23	Meeting with a FADOQ official from La Sarre.
2006-09-23	Volunteer dinner.
2006-09-24	Closing of the Val-d'Or Seniors' Week.
2009-09-25	Brunch with all the participants of the Val-d'Or Seniors' Week.
2009-09-25	Meeting with a group of grandparents from Saint-Jérôme.

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2009-09-26	Participation in the Table de concertation des personnes âgées de la région de la Capitale- nationale.
2006-09-26	Participation in the Table régionale des aînés du Bassin du Richelieu. Presentation of the Association's services.
2006-09-27	Meeting with the multidisciplinary Roy-Rousseau team: Social workers, psychiatrist and a grandmother.
2006-09-29	Interview on the program of Normay St-Pierre of Radio Boomer.
2006-10-01	Participation in the Salon des aînés de la région de Québec via an information booth at Patro Roc Amadour in Quebec City.
2006-10-01	Conference on the services offered by the Association and on the rights of grandparents.
2006-10-07	Symposium on adoption at the Hochelaga Centre.
2006-10-10	Participation in the Table régionale des aînés du Bassin du Richelieu.
2006-10-15	Meeting with a grandmother in difficulty.
2006-10-20	Working Committee "Submitting an application for a grant for Seniors involved in the action".
2006-10-21	Action de l'Action des nouvelles conjointes du Québec meeting.
2006-10-27	General Assembly of the COFAQ family.
2006-10-28	COFAQ Family General Assembly
2006-10-29	General Assembly of the COFAQ family.
2006-11-01	ROSCB
2006-11-03	Participation in the General Assembly of the Regroupement inter-organisation pour une politique familiale au Québec.
2006-11-06	Invitation from the Minister responsible for the National Capital Region to a 5 to 7, volunteers.
2006-11-08	Interview with Stella Tremblay of Radio-Centre-ville de Montréal.
2006-11-09	General Assembly of the Regroupement inter-organisme pour une politique familiale au Québec.
2006-11-10	Meeting of Abitibi volunteers visiting Quebec City.
2006-11-19	Meeting with a group of grandparents in difficulty from the Saguenay region.
2006-11-19	Meeting of the Table de concertation des personnes âgées de la région de la Capitale-Nationale.
2006-11-25	Board of Directors of the Conseil du développement de la recherche sur la famille au Québec.
2006-11-27	Interview for the recruitment of a coordinator.
2006-12-03	Brunch-share with grandparents and presentation by Luc Trudeau.
2006-12-09	20th anniversary of Single Parent Living Sources.
2006-12-17	Brunch sharing grandparents.
2006-12-19	Participation in the Table régionale des aînés de la Montérégie.
2007-01-09	Interview with Stella Tremblay, host at Radio Centre-ville in Montreal.
2007-01-10	Meeting with the Working Group on the Review of the Adoption Act.
2007-01-10	Conference at the Cercle des fermières de L'Ancienne-Lorette.

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2007-01-18	Conference at the Cercles des fermières de la Montérégie in St- Hyacinthe.
2007-01-26	Interview with Stella Tremblay at Radio-Centreville.
2007-01-28	Brunch with grandparents from Quebec City.
2007-02-03	Computer training at the Volunteer Bureau.
2007-02-04	Brunch with grandparents from Montreal.
2007-02-07	Course at the Help Centre <sup>23</sup> How to be well understood by your interlocutor.
2007-02-16	Board of Directors of the CDRFQ.
2007-02-19	Course at the Centre Aide <sup>23</sup> Preparation and holding of a meeting.
2007-02-19	Course at the Centre Aide <sup>23</sup> Presentation of our organization.
2007-02-21	Course at the Help Centre <sup>23</sup> Role of administrators.
2007-02-23	COFAQ Board of Directors.
2007-02-26	URLS Training: Funding for non-profit organizations. Learn how to develop and plan financial resources.
2007-02-28	Course at the Centre Aide <sup>23</sup> Power of directors.
2007-03-06	Meeting with the President of the Elders Council.
2007-03-07	Interview with France Castel on Radio-Canada.
2007-03-12	URLS Training: Sponsorship Negotiation: Learn how to plan, manage and research sponsorships.
2007-03-19	URLS training: (Continuation of the previous week).
2007-03-20	Courses at the Help Centre <sup>23</sup> . Funding for a non-profit organization.
2007-03-25	Board of Directors.
2007-03-25	Montreal Grandparents' Meeting.
2007-03-26	Quebec City Grandparents' Meeting.
2007-04-04	General Assembly of ROSB.
2007-04-18	Meeting of a group of grandparents from L'Ancienne-Lorette.
2007-04-21	Colloquium of the Movement Reunion of Origin and Adoption.
2007-04-25	Participation in the tribute meeting of Centraide-Québec's Solidarity Seniors.
2007-04-26	Working committee for the organization of the grandparents' day.
2007-04-27	Board of Directors of the Conseil de développement de la recherche sur la famille au Québec.
2007-04-28	Meeting with Luc Trudeau
2007-04-28	Meeting with the person in charge of the Father's House.
2007-04-29	Board of Directors and Grandparents' Meeting of Montreal.
2007-05-15	Grandparents' Day Organizing Committee Meeting.
2007-05-16	Conference at the Centre des fermières de St-Hubert.

I would like to warmly thank all the volunteers who have generously dedicated themselves to the Association for the cause of grandparents, families and grandchildren. THANK YOU!

We have received several testimonies from grandparents who have achieved great victories. Some of them will come to share their happiness with you during our next meetings.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henri Lafrance". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'H' and 'L'.

Henri Lafrance, President