

ACTIVITY REPORT 2010-2011

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ASSEMBLY**



GRANDPARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF QUÉBEC

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Ms. Monic Avoine and Ms. Renée Hudon at the Fédération
des familles souches conference (February 2011)
Monic holds in her hands Madame Hudon's book "Whose granddaughter is it?"
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The year 2010-2011 was a pivotal year, a year of relocation and relocation.

The Association des grands-parents (AGPQ) was notified in spring 2010 by the Borough of Beauport that it could no longer continue to live at the Centre de loisirs du Petit-Village (2900 boulevard du Loiret Beauport). The Association des grands-parents de Beauport had been receiving rent at \$250 per year for the past 15 years or so. In 2004, it changed its name and extended its action to all of Quebec. It is because of its new national mission that the Association can no longer be housed in the premises of Québec City.

As a result, the AGPQ's leaders began looking for a new office at a price that took into account its financial resources. We have done a lot of work and effort to address this problem. We finally found a suitable location at the Centre communautaire de Beauport. The price of our offices is affordable. Moreover, it is much larger than the one in Beauport. However, we had to do a lot of work to make this room correct. We are now satisfied with it.

The priorities for 2010-2011 were to maintain the Association's core services (helpline and information meetings), limit travel expenses and optimize representation expenses. That is indeed what we have done.

We cut several expenses, including entertainment expenses, in order to balance our budget. However, we had new expenses due to the move and the development of the new office.

We also had another local problem in the Montreal area. In fact, t,

we also had facilities for using a meeting room at Square-Angus Apartments. We held regular meetings for five years in these facilities. The owner needed the room for the residents.

Our services

First, there is our toll-free listening line to grandparents throughout Quebec via 514-745-6110 in Greater Montreal or 1-866-745-6110 in the Quebec City metropolitan area. It is the gateway to the organization for the majority of the people we help. During 2010-2011, we received 838 calls from grandparents on the crisis line.

This year, information meetings and conferences were organized in Montreal, Quebec City, Beaufort, Montmagny, Drummondville, Saint-Hyacinthe and Laval.

Seniors' groups have invited the AGPQ to give conferences to their members, including the Amitié-rencontre group in Lebourgneuf and the Alliance multiculturelle de Montréal group.

Defending the rights of grandparents to the media and political authorities has always been important to the AGPQ. In this regard, our main concern is still that grandparents, having developed attachment ties with their grandchildren, may continue to have contact with them even after a possible adoption.

When grandparents feel the need, individual meetings with grandparents are offered to answer their questions about their rights and refer them if necessary.

And now, through coffee meetings (discussion groups), we have applied for and obtained a grant to develop this new aspect of our action. This will make it possible to prevent irritants between parents and grandparents from escalating to the detriment of grandchildren, families and intergenerational ties.

Information sessions

During the year, several information sessions were offered to members, supporters and grandparents who felt the need.

Date	Event	Location
2010-04-11	Conference meeting for grandparents at Montreal, Angus Square	Montreal
2010-05-02	Meeting for grandparents at Montreal, Angus Square	Montreal
2010-05-30	20th Anniversary and Annual General Meeting of AGPQ, Quebec	Beauport
2010-06-13	Meeting for grandparents at Montreal, Angus Square	Montreal
2010-09-26	Grandparents' meeting in Montreal	Montreal
2010-10-23	Working Committee on the renovation of the Web	Beauport
2010-10-24	Grandparents' meeting	Charlesbourg
2010-11-20	Meeting with grandparents in Longueuil	Longueuil
2010-11-21	Grandparents' information meeting in Laval	Laval
2010-12-04	Meeting with a group of grandparents at Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré	Ste-Anne- de-Beaupré
2011-02-06	Information meeting for grandparents at Restaurant Normandin (private room)	Quebec City
2011-04-10	Information meeting for grandparents at Saint-Hyacinthe - Ti-Père Restaurant	Saint-Hyacinthe
2011-04-13	Lecture given to a large group- parentsat the Community Centre Lebourgneuf	Quebec City
2011-05-01	Official opening of the new office of AGPQ in Beaupré. Welcomes members, supporters and partners of the AGPQ. The office layout h a d started in November 2011. The former Beauport office has been moved in November 2010	Beaupré
2011-05-29	Coffee meeting with grandparents at the AGPQ head office	Beaupré
2011-06-12	Information meeting for grandparents at Montreal at Le Mainbourg Community Centre	Montreal
2011-09-10	Official launch of the coffee meetings and meetings festive event at Hôtel Plaza Québec. 110 people attended this event	Quebec City
2011-09-25	Annual General Meeting	Montreal

Meetings of the Board of Directors

According to the needs of the organization, the members of the Board of Directors have met eight times from April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.

Date	Event	Location
2010-04-06	AGPQ Board of Directors	Beauport
2010-05-19	AGPQ Board of Directors	Beauport
2010-05-24	AGPQ Board of Directors	Beauport
2010-05-25	AGPQ Board of Directors	Beauport
2010-09-27	AGPQ Board of Directors	Beauport
2010-11-17	AGPQ Board of Directors	Beauport
2010-12-04	AGPQ Board of Directors	Beaupré
2011-02-02	AGPQ Board of Directors	Beaupré
2011-03-19	AGPQ Board of Directors	Beaupré
2011-04-19	AGPQ Board of Directors	Beaupré

Interviews

Sometimes journalists call us for an interview. We take this opportunity to raise awareness of the AGPQ, its mission, the rights of grandparents and their children, grandchildren.

Date	Event	City
2010-04-08	Radio interview with Luc Trudeau in Tribune 55+ TVRM Terrebonne, Montreal	Terrebonne
2010-05-04	Interview at Radio Choice X 98.1 with Mario Tremblay (2 hours)	Quebec City
2010-09-13	Interview on the Côte-de-Beaupré Community TV	Beaupré
2010-10-07	Interview with a group of social work students	Beauport
2010-11-22	Interview with Luc Trudeau as spokesperson of the AGPQ with Stella Tremblay from Radio-Centreville	Montreal

Community involvement and networking

To raise awareness among other community organizations and the particular problems of grandparents and elders and to develop a community support network, the AGPQ is very involved.

Date	Event	City
2010-10-16	Information table on AGPQ activities and services at Carrefour Charlesbourg	
2010-10-20	Meeting with the CDC de Beauport	Beauport
2010-10-22	Meeting with members of the Regroupement des organismes sociaux communautaires de Beauport (CDC)	Beauport
2010-11-08	Meeting with social work students	Beauport
2010-11-16	Monthly meeting of the Table de concertation des personnes âgées de la Capitale-Nationale	Quebec City
2010-11-24	Conference with the Knights of Columbus of Beauport	Beauport
2010-12-03	Meeting with the members of the CDC Cote-de-Beaupré	Beaupré

Date	Event	City
2011-01-25	Monthly meeting of the Table de concertation des aînés de la Capitale-Nationale	Quebec City
2011-01-26	Conference at the Multicultural Alliance of Montreal	Montreal
2011-02-19	Meeting of the Table de concertation des aînés de l'Île-de-Montréal	Montreal
2011-03-20	Information meeting for grandparents in Montmagny	Montmagny
2011-02-25	Participation in the Fédération des familles souches du Québec show	Quebec City
2011-03-31	Participation in the 40th anniversary of the Fédération de la famille du Richelieu-Yamaska	Saint-Hyacinthe
2011-04-01	Côte-de-Beaupré CDC meeting	Château-Richer
2011-05-24	Participation in the monthly meeting of the Table de concertation des personnes âgées de la Capitale-Nationale	Quebec City
2011-07-18	Meeting with FADOQ to raise awareness among its leaders about the issue of grandparents who lose contact with their grandchildren as a result of their adoption by strange people	Montreal
2011-09-17	Participation in the presentation of the Seniors Council Tribute Award. Luc Trudeau was the finalist for the Montreal region for his dedication to the cause of grandparents. Thank you to the Table de concertation des aînés for this recognition	Quebec City
2011-09-21	Participation in the work of the Table de concertation des aînés de Beauport	Beauport
2011-09-21	Participation in the work of the Table de concertation des personnes âgées de la Capitale-Nationale	Charlesbourg

Training and discussion on grandparents' issues

For training purposes and to better support its files and representations, the AGPQ attends conferences and events for training purposes:

Date	Event	City
2011-04-08	Symposium on the situation of seniors of the Table de concertation des personnes âgées de la	Quebec City
2011-04-14	At the Université de Montréal, participation in the conference given by Mr. Alain Roy on the issue: "Adoption and parental authority; the challenges and pitfalls of the announced reform"	Montreal
2011-06-30	Meeting with the future manager of the Montreal coffee meetings	Montreal
2011-09-22	Participation in the Conference during the "Déjeuner- croissant" on "violence and the elderly" of the Regroupement inter-organismes pour une politique familiale au Québec and the Maison des grand-parents de Sainte-Foy	Quebec City

The networking of the Grandparents Association

Member of the following national organizations:

- Confédération des organismes familiaux du Québec (COFAQ)
- Inter-agency grouping for family policy in Quebec
- Réseau québécois de l' action communautaire autonome (RQ-ACA)
- Réseau d'information des aînés du Québec.

Member of the following regional organizations:

- Table de concertation des aîné-e-s de l'Île de Montréal (via the regional chapter)
- Table de concertation des personnes aînées de la Capitale-Nationale
- Centre de développement communautaire de la Côte-de-Beaupré
- Centre de développement communautaire de Beauport (CDC-Beauport)
- Table des aînés de la MRC Vallée de l'Or
- Table de concertation de la Vallée du Richelieu
- The Information and Reference Centre of the Capitale-Nationale and the Chaudière-Appalaches is 211 service
- Les Aînés Solidaires (AS) of Centraide Capitale-Nationale.
- Centre d' action bénévole de Québec
- Centre d' aide et d' action bénévole de Charlesbourg (CAABC)
- Volunteer Centre Help 23
- Centre d'action bénévole SERS de Lévis

In addition, we have partner relationships and collaboration with many other organizations including:

- The Beauport Borough
- The Town of Beaupré
- Caisse Desjardins du Vieux-Moulins de Beauport
- FADOQ - Mouvement des Aînés du Québec
- The Association de défense des droits des retraités (AQDR)
- AFÉAS (Association féminine d'éducation et d'action sociale)
- And many others.

List of members of the Board of Directors 2010-2011

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