



Cherie Miklos
Dec 1969 - Jan 2026

In Loving Memory of...

This year we mourn the loss of three cherished members of our community, Cherie Miklos, Leonard Olson, and Louise Henry—a longtime friend and volunteer on our Leadership Team.

They are remembered here at the Mission, as well as by their friends and family, for lives of kindness and service to others.



Leonard Olson
Feb 1944 - Jan 2026

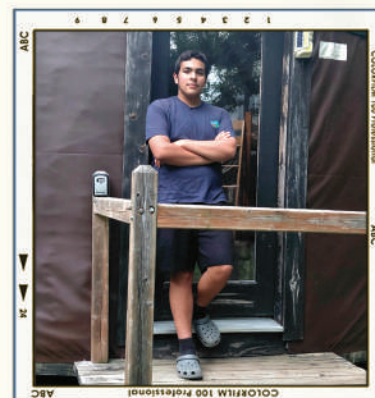
SY2 KIDS CAMP

The Anglican Foundation of Canada helps the Mile End Mission raise funds to send children to camp. For the fourth year in a row their fundraising platform SY2 Kids and generous donors provided support for this endeavour, putting nine children this year in various camps and leadership programs. Here, Ziyad, a young counsellor in training, writes about his experience:

Hello everyone, my name is Ziyad Kondivkar and I am writing this to explain how my years were at Quebec Lodge.

My first year at Quebec Lodge was in 2023 and the first time I went there was the best time of my summer. I was asking my parents to let me go back to Quebec Lodge next summer and they said yes, so I continued going to QL for three continuous years. In the fourth year I decided to become a counsellor at Quebec Lodge.

I found myself in very good training at the camp when I was learning. The staff is very nice and helpful.



Both training in the water and on the land are outstanding. This camp is amazing because it has a lot of fun activities like axe throwing, archery, and kayaking on the Massawippi Lake.

Also, all the counsellors are very nice to you. This camp is good if you also want to give your child a full week without electronics. I feel very satisfied after coming to this camp for multiple years. This is an unforgettable experience here at Quebec Lodge.

Written by Ziyad Kondivkar

FRIPERIE JOYCE

- The Friperie Joyce affords our members the dignity of being able to shop for needed personal items at very low prices!
- Funds raised through sales directly support our programs and services.



BREAKFAST

FREE BREAKFAST AND
COFFEE MONDAYS
@ 9AM

FREE LUNCH

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY,
FRIDAY
@ 12PM

RESOURCES

TELEPHONE, INTERNET,
SHOWERS, INFO AND
REFERRALS

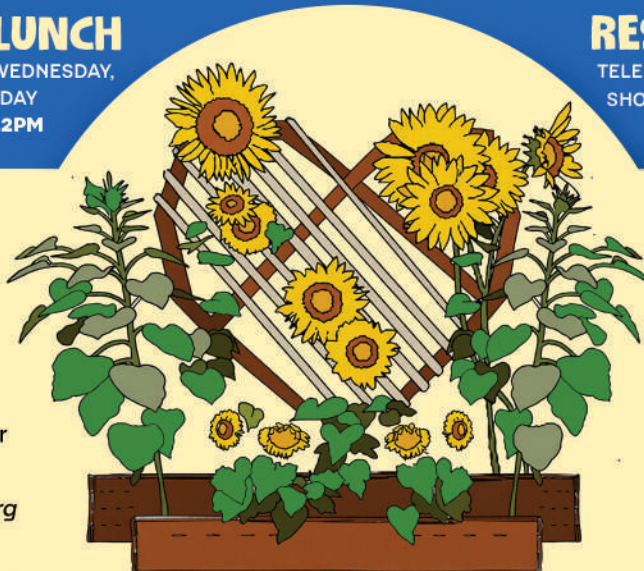
FOOD BANK

EVERY THURSDAY
REGISTRATION @ 10
DISTRIBUTION @ 12:30

SUPPORT US

The Mile End Mission relies on donations like yours to support our many programs. Monetary donations can be made online on our website or by e-transfer to:

accounting@mileendmission.org



THANK YOU!

This Mission would not be able to run day-to-day were it not for the fierce leadership team, staff, the board of directors, and the general community. Thank you for your contributions to what we do, and **thank you for being you!**

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MILE END MISSION 2026 COMMUNITY COMMUNAUTAIRE 2026 MISSION

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Lynda S. and the Art Program

For over 30 years, Lynda S. has called Mile End home and she always knew she wanted to give back to a neighbourhood that meant so much to her. The first time she entered the Mission, Lynda met Joanne who runs the art program. Joanne immediately asked Lynda to sit down and draw. This first sketch was a Saint-Viateur bagel, a fitting tribute to the neighbourhood she calls home.

For Lynda that simple moment spawned a weekly ritual, and the art program has been her anchor ever since. Forced to leave the Mile End because of rising living costs, a health scare last year could have meant the end of her time at the Mission. Instead, other members rallied around her, encouraging her to keep coming. Now she takes adapted transportation all the way from Jean-Talon every Wednesday and Friday for the twice-weekly art program.

Art has also carried her through harder moments. After her brother passed away in 2011, Lynda found her way back to the table, drawing puppets to lift her spirits during this difficult time.

Last year at the Mission's 17th annual Thanksgiving benefit dinner, Lynda was



"I wanted to feel free and that's how the mission feels."

awarded a Community Service Award by federal M.P. for the Outremont riding, Rachel Bendayan. This recognition solidified the importance of her membership amongst the Mission's volunteer Leadership Team. Asked about the moment, she emphasized what it meant to her, saying, "I was in shock because I was hurting and healing then. I'm still in shock and telling everybody because I feel special."

Moments like these continue to drive her to spend weekdays at the Mission and participate in our outings funded by generous foundations, fostering intergenerational connections with newer members seeking a space to belong.

STATS 2026

10,000+
hot meals served

172
senior members
aged 60+

10,000+
bags of groceries
distributed

76
homeless members
of the Mission

Celebrate The Mile End Community Mission's
35th Anniversary at our 18th Annual

**OCT 26
2026**
6PM

Thanksgiving Benefit Dinner

Tickets: \$200 per person.

For more info, call: (514) 274-3401

**Gino's
Negroni &
Lasagna**

4639 Boul.
Saint-Laurent

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A DAY AT VAN HORNE

Our Ad Hoc Neighbourhood Welcoming Committee

This summer, Lori, our Program Manager and Members' advocate, had a great idea. "Let's visit our homeless friends who live at the encampment down the street and see how they're faring during the heat wave." Bringing gifts of water and popsicles, this ad hoc neighbourhood welcoming committee, which also included Missy and Nathan—our two-part time Mission staff—and two of our summer students, John and Patrick, headed over to the encampment.

While many members of this encampment come to the Mission to take part in our daily free hot meals, our shower, and many of our other programs and services, Lori felt it would be neighbourly of us to visit the place they call home. And home it is, now for about 15 people who have joined the group over the past six years. And it was also quite homey, with a designated social gathering spot including a sofa and chairs surrounding a BBQ pit.



Over the years, the number of homeless people who come to the Mission has more than doubled (from 30 to 75). For over 25 years, Hockey Helps the Homeless and their Montreal organizing committee has played, and continues to play, a very important role in terms of providing the Mission with financial support through their annual fundraising hockey tournaments. We are very thankful for their kind support and for all neighbours who help improve the quality of life of those in need in our community.



Lunch at Oka Beach!



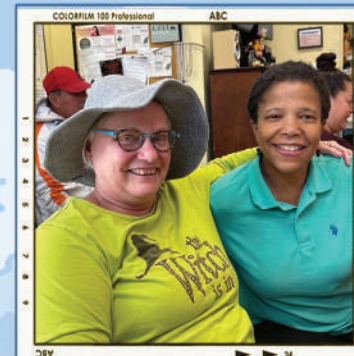
Eddie serving Christmas dinner



Beach day outing



Annual outing to the La Goudrelle sugar shack!



Ros + Ardyth enjoying Halloween at the Mission



At a Habs game with Hockey Helps the Homeless



Last year's benefit dinner



Christmas bags from the Mission



Deliveries for the food bank



The Raging Grannies sing at our annual open house



Josie helps cook breakfast!



PERSONAL APPEARANCE

A simple haircut along with a proper shower after days of only surviving on the streets goes a long way towards feeling better about yourself and life in general. We offer this service free of charge to select members who really need a leg up. "Haircut Fridays" give our clippers and volunteers a real workout and make such a big difference for so little effort.

Here, longtime member, Tommy, receives a wonderful new summer haircut to keep him cool 🌞



This year's newsletter theme is inspired by the work of our neighbour, Fraser Mills. In the winter, Fraser and his son, William, built heart-shaped snow sculptures around the neighbourhood, and this summer, he again made the lovely flower boxes and added a heart trellis in front of the Mission.

Articles by John, Patrick, Lou, and Mia.

Illustrations by Asad Duboulay



In 2026, the Mile End Mission sponsored over 10 outings with our community including trips to the movie theater, bowling alley, zoo, and beach. We even hosted a concert at the end of the summer!