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**Special Bulletin: Our Commitment to Community Service**

**On 29 November 2024 your Branch participated in a volunteer activity as part of the Government of Canada’s Workplace Charitable Campaign**

The Montreal Branch was approached for a second year by the Quebec Federal Council (QFC) as part of the partnership that we maintain on various subjects, including that of volunteering. (1).

Branch President Jacques Lambert and Administrator Pierre Desmarais proudly joined the QFC on November 29 for a volunteer activity as part of the Government of Canada’s Workplace Charitable Campaign (GCWCC) (2).

This event supported the community organization *Famille à Cœur* (3) based in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, while enhancing the image of Federal Retirees. This year, your Branch participated in the activity entitled ‘Supporting Families, One Cookie at a Time’, which consisted of making Christmas cookies for families. This simple action, marked by generosity and human warmth, touched many families.

As well, we were pleased to reconnect with the Quebec region’s GCWCC champions Sandra Gagné, Director General of Quebec Operations at the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, and Françoys Bernier, Director General at Public Works and Government Services Canada. We shared our enthusiasm and emphasized the importance of this campaign.

**FEDERAL RETIREES: A SUPPORT NETWORK TO MEET DIVERSE NEEDS**

Thanks to the commitment of its volunteers, Federal Retirees continues to demonstrate its ability to meet the diverse needs of our society. Whether defending the interests of retirees or participating in local initiatives such as this one, our association stands out for its desire to give back to the community.

We urge our members to consider getting involved in volunteer activities. Whether it is through your talents, or sharing a little time or your ideas, each contribution is essential to strengthen our presence and impact on the community.

Thanks to all our volunteers for their dedication and enthusiasm. Together, let's make a difference - one step at a time.

**Jacques Lambert, President**

**Pierre Desmarais, Administrator**

**NOTES**

(1) The Quebec Federal Council (QFC) is a unique network that brings together senior federal officials responsible for programs and activities in the province of Quebec. Our ties with the QFC give us privileged access to future retired public servants, to interest them in joining our association.

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(3) *Famille à Cœur* offers a range of services and workshops to families in the Haut-Richelieu Regional County Municipality, meeting the needs of parents wishing to improve their quality of life.