En-tête

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The main accommodation resource for women in difficulty in Quebec

Initially, I wanted to participate in a day of volunteering with my colleagues at work ... Every time I go to Le Chaînon, people greet me with smiles on their faces and I feel at home.

- Pascale, 27, volunteer for 2 years

**Accueil**

Our mission

Founded in 1932, Le Chainon's mission is to welcome, unconditionally and without judgment, women in difficult situations.  We offer them safe housing as well as assistance and support tailored to their needs. At Le Chainon, they take specific actions, with the help of experienced counselors, that promotes their return to self-determination and personal and social strengths.

Women benefit from professional support in an environment that encourages the most egalitarian relationships possible.

Le Chainon also wants to make a collective and social stand in order to denounce the inequalities, the living conditions and the different forms of violence experienced by women. Our goal is to promote the defence of women's rights - with women.

Women who are using Le Chainon

At the Chainon, we welcome a person and not a problem. This approach is based on the founding principle of unconditional and non-judgmental acceptance that, for more than 80 years, has distinguished Le Chainon from other housing resources.

Women who come knocking on Le Chainon's door are experiencing personal, social and economic hardships, including:

* Mental and physical health issues
* Addictions
* Behavioural disorders
* After-effects of aggression, violence and physical, sexual and psychological abuse
* Relationship issues
* Special conditions

**Events**

Bal 2019

Le bal du Chaînon will be held in November 2019 at the Fairmont La Reine Elizabeth. More information will be released soon.

(Full text)

Join us, in the comfort of your living room, for a completely new edition of the annual ball organized in honor of the women of Le Chaînon and hosted by the breathtaking Marina Orsini and Geneviève Borne.

On the program: comfort, song and emotion!

Many artists, whose fame is well established, such as Les Sœurs Boulay, Luce Dufault, Elisapie, Louise Forestier, France D'Amour, Marie-Pierre Arthur, Mara Tremblay, Sarahmée, Marie-Denise Pelletier, Kathleen and other surprise guests will share the virtual stage to offer an exceptional show in music and ... slippers!

This exclusive meeting will also feature testimonials from residents and texts from women, performed by highly talented actresses such as Muriel Dutil, Catherine Renaud, etc.

Take advantage of an online auction that will give you access to a hundred prestigious lots for a period of 7 days preceding the event.

Treat yourself to an evening full of emotions for the benefit of the women lodged in Le Chaînon by purchasing tickets HERE.

All proceeds from fundraising help fund intervention services designed to help marginalized and vulnerable women regain power over their lives.

**News**

**9th Golf Tournament S'Élancer pour Elles - May 22, 2018 at Le Mirage Golf Club**

Amount raised: $ 190,000

Generosity and fun were present on the greens of Le Mirage Golf Club on Tuesday, May 22, 2018, as 300 participants hit the links in our 9th benefit tournament. More than $ 190,000 net was raised to finance daily assistance and shelter services for 66 women in difficult situations. Le Chainon warmly thanks those who contributed to this unprecedented success.

**Annual subscription campaign**

The annual subscription campaign is in full swing. The donors and supporters of Le Chainon are asked to donate to finance the assistance and housing services offered to women in difficult situations. One-time and monthly donations are gratefully accepted.

You too can participate in this outpouring of generosity.

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**Luxury Bazaar 2017 - June 15, 2017 on the Parquet of the Jacques-Parizeau Building**

Amount raised: $ 16,000

The fifth edition of the luxury Big Bazaar that took place on June 15 on the Parquet of the Jacques Parizeau Building was a great success. Over $ 16,000 was raised through a quick sale and an interactive auction consisting of beautiful prizes collected by the organizing committee. Karen Laflamme, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Shopping Centers at Ivanhoe Cambridge chaired the event; Oona Stock, Senior Vice President, Talent and Performance graciously agreed to be the godmother.

The relaxed atmosphere, the generous presence of the business community and the cheerful atmosphere certainly contributed to the success of the evening.

**5th Le Chainon Ball - November 23, 2017 at the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth**

Amount raised: $ 318,000

Hosted by Geneviève Borne and Claude Saucier and recreating the musical atmosphere of the 1930s and 1940s, which saw the birth of the Association d’entraide Le Chainon, this benefit marked the beginning of the 85th anniversary celebrations of the shelter.

Evening dresses and tuxedos were the order of the day, while the guests had an unforgettable time with gourmet meals and dancing to jazz standards created by Benny Goodman and Glenn Miller. The music was performed by internationally renowned trumpet player Ron Di Lauro and his big band, accompanied by the luminous Sonia Johnson.

**History**

Le Chainon, an organization forged in the woven determination of solidarity

The founder, Yvonne Maisonneuve, put her determination in the service of a cause she thought was just and important, that of helping women in difficult situations. Subsequently, faithful collaborators come to lend a hand and join the work of Yvonne Maisonneuve on a volunteer basis. These urban missionaries forged the foundations of Le Chainon, now the main shelter for women in difficult situations in Quebec. For eighty-five years, people of heart have contributed to its development.

1932  
Yvonne Maisonneuve opens her first foster home for girls on Fairmount Street in Montreal.

1940  
Moving to 101 de la Gauchetière Street.

1946  
Addition of a service to welcome mothers with children, a service which will be offered for thirty-three years.

1947  
Establishment of a service to welcome girls which will operate for twenty years.

1950  
*The Institut Notre-Dame de la Protection* is structured as an association whose members who work as urban missionaries will be called "associates".

1971  
Yvon Deschamps becomes spokesperson. He will talk about the Chainon for 30 years.

1974  
Expropriation forces the temporary closure of the house.

1975  
Settling on Avenue Esplanade in a building loaned by the Priests of Saint-Sulpice. Employees and volunteers are starting to join the ranks.

1978  
Adoption of the name *Association d’entraide Le Chainon*.

1979  
All housing services are now dedicated to single women.

1980  
Yvonne Maisonneuve perishes on Christmas day.

1984  
Reorganization of the service and addition of places for longer stays.

1987  
Redevelopment of housing units and opening of Stay-for-the-Night service with 12 places and four emergency places.

1993  
Opening of the first Maison Yvonne-Maisonneuve offering 14 places to older women who have previously stayed at Le Chainon.

2000  
A fire results in the total loss of Le Chainon's store *Le Coffre aux trésors* which reopens on September 13 at its current location, boulevard Saint-Laurent.

2003  
Inauguration of the new Maison Yvonne-Maisonneuve better adapted to the needs of the residents.

2011  
Thanks to a major fundraising campaign, Le Chainon becomes the owner of the building it has occupied for 36 years.

2013  
Celebrating the 80th anniversary of Le Chainon, which has become the main lodging resource for women in difficult situations in Quebec. The promotional campaign Maillon à maillon of Le Chainon is widely publicized.

2014  
Establishment of Le Chainon Foundation dedicated exclusively to financially supporting Le Chainon

2015  
The main house has a new look after an impressive upgrade project.

2017  
Inauguration of Yvonne-Maisonneuve Park.

2018  
Le Chaînon is 85 years old.

2019  
Le Chaînon celebrates its 86th birthday.

**================================================================**

The Chaînon in numbers

1932: year of foundation

66: Number of women accommodated for more than one night

105: Number of employees

200: Number of dedicated and loyal volunteers

50,000: Number of meals served per year

38 cents: Cost of each meal served thanks to food donations

100%: For the year we are full

15%: From the budget goes to administration

**Team**

Management team

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**Partners**

Thank you to the many partners who make the work of Le Chainon possible!

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Activities for residents

Mobile Legal Clinic • Le Chateau • Spa de la Rue • Libraires à domicile • Le Robin des bois • Montreal Museum of Fine Arts • Choeur Enharmonique de Montréal • Space for Life • Luc mon coiffeur • l’Orchestre Symphonique de Laval • Pierre Ladouceur Coiffure • Dress for success

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**Values**

Five values to guide our priorities and our actions

At Le Chainon, we welcome a person and not a problem. Our culture is expressed in the way we act, operate and work together. The person in need of our services is at the heart of decisions, at the center of practices adopted throughout the organization.    
  
Respect  
To be considerate of the needs, rights, choices, value and actions of individuals and groups.  
  
Unconditional acceptance of the person  
To demonstrate an attitude of openness and real interest for the person despite displayed attitudes and difficulties experienced.  
  
Social justice   
To call for equitable living conditions for every member of society.  
  
Recognizing and valuing the potential of women  
To affirm and give a significant place to the right of women to act on the social, economic and political conditions they experience.  
  
Solidarity   
To develop reciprocal and supportive relationships based on a common goal.

**Services**

We're here for you

Are you a woman aged 18 and over and experiencing problems? Our counselors are trained to listen to you and help you in confidence.

You need help? Call us anytime at [514 845-0151](tel:+5148450151) or browse this section for our services.

[Listening and reference](https://www.lechainon.org/fr/nos-services/ecoute-et-reference)

Le Chainon listens unconditionally and without judgment any request for help, day and night, 7 days a week. An experienced counselor allows the woman seeking help to express her needs.  
[Learn more](https://www.lechainon.org/fr/nos-services/ecoute-et-reference)

[Housing](https://www.lechainon.org/fr/nos-services/hebergement)

Depending on your needs, we can help you with different types of housing accommodations.  
[Learn more](https://www.lechainon.org/fr/nos-services/hebergement)

[Post-housing](https://www.lechainon.org/fr/nos-services/post-hebergement)

La Relance encourages participants to return to socio-economic and personal autonomy and contributes to a general improvement in their living conditions.  
[Learn more](https://www.lechainon.org/fr/nos-services/post-hebergement)

[Additional support](https://www.lechainon.org/fr/nos-services/soutien-complementaire)

Le Chainon's residents benefit from a multitude of small touches aimed at creating a sense of self-confidence and confidence in the future  
[Learn more](https://www.lechainon.org/fr/nos-services/soutien-complementaire)

**Services (Details)**

Listening and referrals (details)

Always support available.

Le Chaînon listens unconditionally and without judgment to any request for help, day and night, 7 days a week.

A worker is available to help women share their difficulties. If our accommodation services are suitable and, depending on availability, women are welcomed at Le Chaînon. If not, they are then offered a referral to an appropriate external resource.

You are in need, call us at 514 845-0151.

Accommodation (details)

Night reception - A safe refuge

From 5 p.m. to 10 a.m., Le Chaînon opens its reception-accommodation daily, which can accommodate 12 women in a comfortable dormitory room. Dinner and breakfast are served. A lunch can be taken on departure. A caring presence is offered. One-off services include health care, referral, hygiene and clothing maintenance.

Reservation is required the same day, by phone, at 2 p.m. at 514 845-0151. Seats are allocated in order of call.

Three lounges are also available for short emergency occupancy.

Short-term unit - Reorganize

For stays of up to 6 weeks, 21 women can enjoy free full accommodation in a single or double room. Listening, professional support and accompaniment in reorganization procedures are offered, in addition to meeting basic needs - meals, hygiene, laundry.

Transition unit - Taking control of your life

For a reasonable financial contribution, 15 women benefit from a stay ranging from 3 months to a year. This program allows the resident to undertake, in the company of a worker, a process of autonomy and regaining power over her life.

Maison Yvonne-Maisonneuve - Never again homelessness

We offer, in the more or less long term and for a reasonable financial contribution, 15 furnished studios to women aged 55 and over who have stayed at Le Chaînon. Large common rooms invite to socialize. A resource team ensures comfort and security 24 hours a day.

The residents take part in the activities that take place at Le Chaînon. In addition, they benefit from professional support during medical and other appointments.

Maison Ste-Marie - Transitional housing

49 furnished housing units are available to single women, eligible for a subsidy from the Société d'habitation du Québec. The occupation can last up to 3 years. To reach the person in charge of Maison Ste-Marie, please call 514-845-0151.

Post-hosting (details)

After accommodation, La Relance

Led by an experienced worker, the La Relance program aims to offer residents at the end of their stay and those who frequent the night-care center, support in finding accommodation as well as in social reintegration and prevention efforts. isolation.

La Relance promotes a return to socio-economic and personal autonomy among participants and contributes to a general improvement in their living conditions.

You can reach the La Relance worker by phone at

514 845-0151 or by email [larelance@lechainon.org](mailto:larelance@lechainon.org)

Additional support (details)

Le Chaînon is much more than a residence

The residents of Le Chaînon benefit from a multitude of little attentions designed to create a feeling of confidence in themselves and in the future, including:

A cloakroom supplied by donations from the public offered at the Magasin du Chaînon, including seasonal clothing and accessories, for all sizes;

Free professional services - legal clinic, tax clinic

Social and recreational activities, including visits to hairdressers, Christmas celebrations and more;

A starter kit consisting of small furniture and household items depending on availability;

Food aid (baskets) and the exceptional possibility of enjoying the dining room after the stay.

**Footer**

Donate

Donation in time Donation in money

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