



## The Lachine Hospital celebrates 100 years!



By Rachel Biberian

The year 2013 will mark a milestone for the Lachine Hospital as it celebrates 100 years of providing excellent care to the community. The hospital has come a long way since its inception in 1913 when it was called St. Joseph's Hospital and was run by the Sisters of Providence. A century later, the Lachine Hospital is now part of the McGill University Health Centre and is becoming a recognized centre of excellence in bariatric surgery and geriatrics in addition to ophthalmology. Throughout its

history, the hospital has always remained true to its values of providing the best care thanks to the expertise and dedication of its employees.

### 2013 WILL BE A YEAR OF CELEBRATION

To acknowledge the outstanding contribution of the hospital over the years, a variety of activities for staff, patients and the public are planned throughout the centennial year. These activities include: an open house, an

exhibition, themed dinners for employees, and community events in Lachine and Dorval. To oversee all of this, an organizing committee was formed under the co-chairmanship of François Ouimet, MNA for Marquette, and Claude Dauphin, Mayor of the Borough of Lachine.

### A CENTURY OF HISTORY IN A COMMEMORATIVE CALENDAR

To set the stage for this year of centennial activities, a launch event was held on

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The Lachine Hospital kicked off its centennial year celebrations on Thursday, November 29 with a special launch event. Special guests included (left to right): Jacques Filion, chairman of the Lachine Hospital Foundation's board of directors; Claude Dauphin, the mayor of Lachine; François Ouimet, the MNA for Marquette, and Normand Rinfret, MUHC director general and CEO.



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November 29 at the Camille-Lefebvre Pavilion. During the evening, which was attended by many distinguished guests, including representatives of the community and partners of Lachine Hospital, a commemorative calendar showcasing highlights from the hospital's history was distributed. Copies were also given to staff the following day. With more than 2,000 copies printed, the calendar showcases fabulous archival photos and recounts stories of the hospital's history. We learn, for example, that in 1924-1925 a premature six-month-old baby, who the attending physician had given no chance of survival, was saved by nurse Amour's ingenuity of creating a homemade incubator out of an empty beer bottle, heated oil, copper wires, wood boxes, sheets and a bed frame placed on top of a stove. Each month of the calendar has been generously sponsored by a local partner. If you have not yet received your copy, please contact Tanya Johnson at 514 934-1934, ext. 77001.

Want to know more? Keep reading *Lachine en Bref* for updated information on the year's activities. You can also learn more on the web section at [muhc.ca/lachine100](http://muhc.ca/lachine100), where you will find videos, testimonials, event details and a comprehensive timeline. For more information about the centennial, you can also contact Monica McDougall at 514 934-1934, ext. 71341, or by email at [monica.mcdougall@muhc.mcgill.ca](mailto:monica.mcdougall@muhc.mcgill.ca).

**So stay tuned! And happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday to the Lachine Hospital!**



While attending the Lachine Hospital's launch event for its centennial celebrations, Sister Claudette Chenier of Sisters of Providence was surprised to see a younger version of herself featured in the commemorative calendar handed out during the evening.



The co-chairs of the Lachine Hospital Centennial Committee, Claude Dauphin, the mayor of Lachine, and François Ouimet, the MNA for Marquette (pictured at centre, L-R), surrounded by fellow members of the committee at a special launch event on Thursday, November 29.