



**Press Release**  
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## **Subject: Novatio to Fund Over \$104,000 in Projects in 2024**

**Gatineau, QC.** – Following the second call for proposals, the Board of Directors of the Novatio Foundation has announced that it will grant **\$104,500** to fund local projects its second year of operation. Additionally, the Foundation will contribute \$20,000 to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. In total, the Foundation received more than twenty proposals for a total amount of over \$275,000. After careful consideration by the Board of Directors and based on the feedback from the proposal evaluation and selection committee, 12 projects were granted support within parishes and community organizations across the territory of the Archdiocese of Gatineau. Below is the list of organizations and their respective projects that will receive financial support from Novatio:

- **Aux goûts du jour (formerly Les œuvres de charité) in Gracefield:** The organization aims to provide food assistance to those in need in the Gatineau-Valley region.
- **Lièvre Food Bank (formerly La Mie de l'entraide):** With needs having increased by 160% compared to 2020-21, this well-established organization in La Lièvre, works to promote food security and help vulnerable families in the community.
- **Centre de valorisation des aliments de la Vallée-de-la-Gatineau in Gracefield:** The project, titled *De la terre à l'assiette, sur la route de l'engagement pour l'équité et la dignité humaine*, tackles issues related to food security in the Outaouais region through collaborative efforts with parishes, organizations, and the indigenous community.
- **Diner pour mieux apprendre/Table de Bethléem (formerly l'œuvre d'Edna Charrette):** The organization has a long history of involvement in the area of Buckingham, focusing on ensuring children, especially in English-speaking schools, have access to nutritious meals for better academic performance.
- **Le Grenier des Collines in Val-des-Monts:** The organization works to reduce food insecurity in the MRC des Collines and help meet the needs of its users.
- **Parish Notre-Dame de l'Eau Vive:** Funding will support three projects, including pastoral care for young adults, welcoming and integration of immigrant families, and assistance for young people through the Ziléos group.
- **Cathedral Parish of Saint-Joseph:** Funding will support two projects, one to offer a day camp this summer as a way of sharing the Word of God with children and youth aged 5

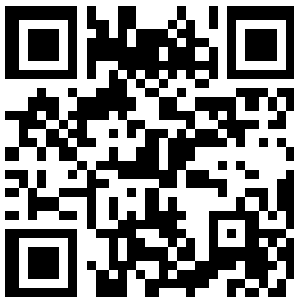
to 17, and the second to counteract loneliness and isolation by creating spaces for socialization.

- **Hull Soup Kitchen (Soupe Populaire de Hull):** It aims to meet the growing needs by providing meals and support to those facing food insecurity.
- **Grace Connexions in Gracefield:** The project aims to establish a therapeutic farm to promote mental health and increase access to services adapted to the various needs of those in the Gatineau-Valley.

In his letter addressed to the parishes and organizations receiving support from the Foundation, the Chair of the Board, Mr. Richard Rochefort, emphasized the Novatio's mission to be a source of new energy as parishes collaborate with community organizations to create a better world by addressing urgent and evolving needs in our community. This funding provided is also an invitation to foster relationships and collaboration with parishes across the region, reflecting Novatio's commitment to partnership as funding will continue to favour such endeavours.

The funding of these projects is only made possible thanks to the generous donors of the Novatio Foundation.

To donate and breathe new life in your community by giving through the Foundation, please contact Mrs. Monique Washnuk, Philanthropic Development Advisor for Novatio, at 819-771-8391, extension 323, or by email at [philanthropie@diocesegatineau.org](mailto:philanthropie@diocesegatineau.org). It is also possible to donate online via this QR code.



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