



Hear Entendre Québec

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Hear Québec matches every donation given with a free accessibility consultation to the community on #GivingTuesday

We are committed to creating a more accessible future for all of us. Every individual donation we receive on #GivingTuesday November 29th will go towards one hour of consulting, up to 25 hours. This will have a value of over \$3500 and will ensure that people with hearing loss are included in Montreal communities.

We are thrilled to be consulting with the City of Montreal by bringing our brand new **FM System** to their Universal Accessibility in Montreal event in December! This one measure alone has the power to transform the hearing experience:

"The FM System is fantastic, it is unbelievable! I was very happy to have access to it"

Sylvia Held, Hear Quebec Member.

This means every donor that makes a donation on #GivingTuesday is making Montreal even more accessible and inclusive. Now people affected by hearing loss, like Sylvia Held, have the power to create real change in Montreal.

It is estimated that 38% of the Canadian population between the ages of 20 and 79 have hearing loss. This is about 2.1 million people in Quebec who could benefit from accessibility measures in their community. This campaign is a call to action to raise funds and awareness of the accessibility needs of those affected by hearing loss." says Heidi Wager, Executive Director **#TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD A MORE ACCESSIBLE FUTURE FOR EVERYONE TO FEEL INCLUDED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON .**

This year we showcased a fully accessible comedy show with Access Comedy Sponsored by Masliah, and we provided valuable consultations to Repercussion Theatre and the Seniors with SWAG cultural event:

*"I knew of **Hear Entendre Québec** and called them to inquire if we could work together to ensure we could have individuals suffering from hearing loss participate and what did I need to do? I was delighted with the response I received as there was no hesitation and they were very helpful by providing me with a variety of options that would enable individuals with hearing loss to participate in our event."* **Ruth Pelletier SWAG Coordinator**

With your donations we are committed to creating a more accessible future for all of us. Over the next 12 months we will offer accessibility and awareness consulting to 6-8 organizations, so that they can make their events more inclusive to people with hearing loss.

Hear Québec has been providing support and services to the hard of hearing community for more than 40 years. To do so, Hear Québec relies on the goodwill of its members and the community it serves, for without them the organization would not be here today.

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ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION: Hear Québec is the only non-profit registered charity serving the anglophone community affected by hearing loss in Québec. For the first 35 years Hear Québec was completely volunteer driven for 35 years by people with hearing loss. Now more than 40 years later, we have grown but this dedication to see improvement in the quality of life of those with hearing loss is what gave birth to this organization that stands with the hard of hearing community to this day. Making the most of the hearing we have is at the very core of everything we do.

Many of our staff, board of directors, volunteers, and stage students are affected by hearing loss. We understand and are concerned with the struggles that people with hearing difficulties often experience in their daily lives. Hear Québec strives to bring about awareness within the community and shed light on the invisibility of hearing loss. Many people are also unaware of their own risk of becoming hard of hearing or the impacts of untreated hearing loss. We offer an array of programs and services to those affected by hearing loss, the greater community, as well as, give presentations about Noise Induced Hearing Loss (NIHL) that help prevent hearing loss in future generations.

We focus on improving well-being by providing a trusted source for hearing health information, peer mentoring and support, and an accessible community to reduce social isolation. Members and others seeking our support come from all across the island of Montréal, Laval and the South Shore. To learn more about us please visit our website at www.hearhear.org