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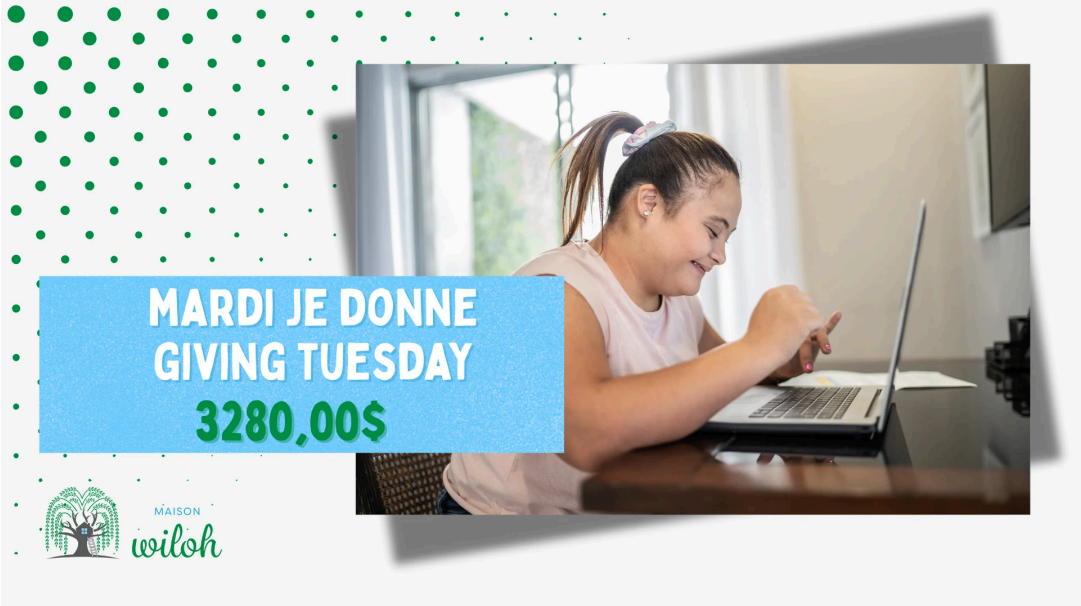
A New Year of Connection & Community

Happy New Year from all of us at Maison WILOH!

As 2026 begins, we want to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who has supported our mission, families, volunteers, partners, donors, and friends.

Your commitment helps us build a stronger, more inclusive West Island community where every adult can find a place to belong.

Thank you!



A Big Thank You for your support during Giving Tuesday!

What a start! Our ***Giving Tuesday*** push raised **$3,280**, helping propel total donations to **$11,000+**. This momentum is energizing our next big milestone: **$300,000** for Maison WILOH's enablement phase.

Keep the wave going: make a gift, share this newsletter, or invite a friend to join the mission.

Every contribution helps us get closer to our goal of providing adapted, community-rooted housing for neurodivergent adults.

Thank you to everyone who donated or spread the word. While we're off to a good start, the need continues. P*lease consider making a gift today or sharing our campaign with your network.*

Giving Tuesday continues

Community Events & Holiday Highlights



The Spirit of Togetherness

Earlier in December, Maison WILOH captured a heartfelt moment of togetherness as our young adults, proudly wearing Montreal Canadiens jerseys, gathered for a special photo opportunity at the **Beaconsfield Golf Club**.

We're happy to share that this special holiday card was delivered to the **Canadiens Hockey Team,** celebrating the incredible team spirit of our neurodivergent adult children and their shared love of this special team. **Go Habs go!**

This wonderful moment is a snapshot that reflects warmth, unity, and hope as we look forward to the year ahead.

Do you have stories or photos from other recent events?

Share them with us for a *chance* to be featured in our next newsletter!

send us your stories and photos



WIAIH Christmas Luncheon

Our holiday season kicked off with the wonderful **WIAIH Christmas Luncheon** at Sarto Desnoyers Reception Hall in Dorval. Organized with care, the event brought together dozens of young people, families, and community partners for an afternoon of dancing, laughter, and connection. The joy was contagious, from Santa's visit to an energetic DJ and a festive raffle.

Volunteers from WIC, AVATIL, and other groups made the event possible.

We also had the opportunity to speak with many community participants, including Mayors **Gibson**, **Beis**, and **Belvedere**, as well as **Ms. Melissa Wong**, political attaché to **Enrico Ciccone,** all of whom expressed their support for our cause. **Thank you to everyone who helped make this celebration so special!**

See it on Facebook



Special Olympics Christmas Party

December 7th saw another fantastic gathering at the Marcel-Morin Community Centre for the **Special Olympics Christmas** Party.

The sense of belonging and cheer was everywhere as participants, coaches, and families enjoyed the festivities.

We're grateful to be part of a community that celebrates the abilities and achievements of every individual.

See it on Facebook

When a Holiday Gesture Becomes a Collective Movement



What began as a generous holiday gesture quickly became a powerful community initiative. Thanks to a donation of a pair of Montreal Canadiens hockey tickets from **TC Transcontinental**, Maison WILOH was presented with a wonderful opportunity to turn goodwill into impact.

With the gracious support of the **Beaconsfield OldTimers Hockey Association (BOHA)**, the tickets were offered within the community to raise both awareness and funds in support of **Maison WILOH**. ***The response was remarkable.***

As a result of this collective effort, and the many donations and messages of support that followed, we are already surpassing our initial December fundraising target.

BOHA exemplifies the spirit of community engagement, providing recreation and fellowship through organized hockey while actively supporting charitable causes across the West Island. Likewise, TC Transcontinental, a leader in flexible packaging and Canada's largest printer, continues to demonstrate how corporate generosity can make a tangible difference at the local level.

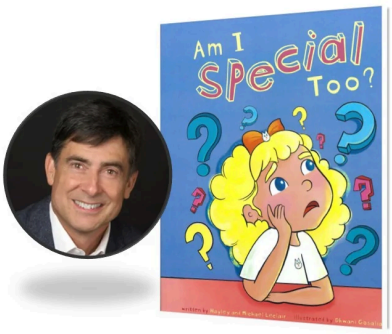
Together, these partnerships show how a simple act of generosity can help move an entire mission forward.

TC Continental

BOHA

Volunteer Spotlight: Michael Leclair

Am I Special Too?



Maison WILOH is proud to highlight **Michael Leclair, Executive Director of the Projet Communautaire de Pierrefonds (PCP)**, a community-centered organization that provides support to vulnerable families and children across the West Island. An active **member of the Maison WILOH Board of Directors**, Michael is currently working on the release of a deeply meaningful **new book.**

Michael is the father of a young adult daughter with special needs. Drawing from lived experience, and in close collaboration with his other daughter, Hayley Leclair, he co-created an illustrated book entitled ***Am I Special Too?*** This remarkable labour of love gives voice to a perspective that is too often overlooked: the lived experience of siblings of children with special needs.

Designed as a practical and compassionate tool for parents and caregivers, *Am I Special Too?* helps brothers and sisters make sense of their role within the family and find their own place, with sensitivity, clarity, and warmth. The result is a book that resonates deeply with families navigating similar realities across our community.

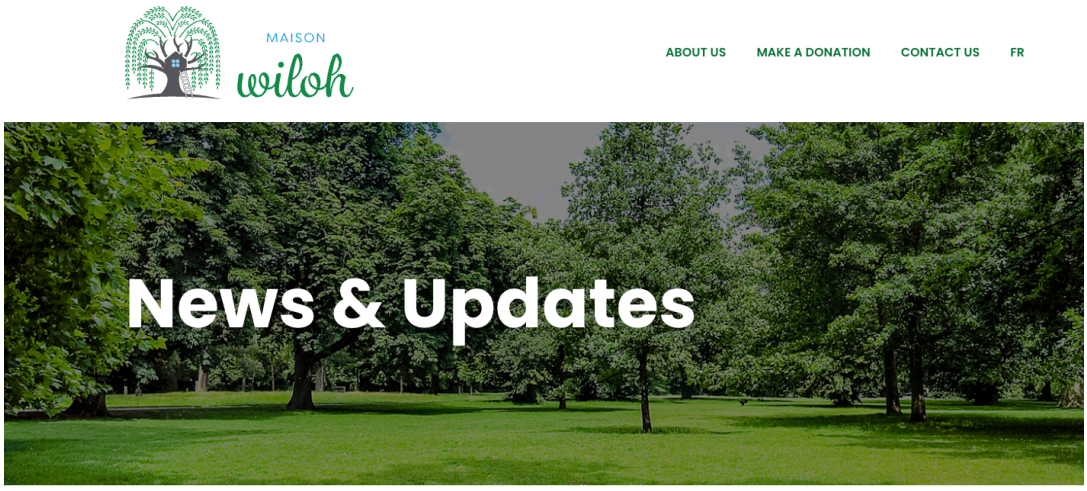
Michael's commitment, to families, to community, and to inclusiveunderstanding, embodies the values at the heart of Maison WILOH. We invite you to discover *Am I Special Too?* and help us share its message widely.

Buying the book

The hardcover version of the book can be purchased through Maison WILOH for **$25.00**. **Make a $100 donation to Maison WILOH and receive a free hardcover edition of *"Am I Special Too?"*.**

The English edition is currently available for purchase, with a French version coming soon.

purchase the book here



Recent Articles

Website News

We're excited to announce improvements to the Maison WILOH website, including a brand-new News page where you can find event recaps, important updates, and inspiring stories from our members. Take a look and bookmark it for regular updates!

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