**FALL 2016** 

## THANK YOU for supporting the Foundation!

# WE'RE RAISING OUR SCHOLARSHIPS FROM \$1,000 TO \$1,250!

Over the past 12 years, the Nicole-Saint-Louis Foundation has awarded \$1,000-scholarships to 84 recipients. We are pleased to announce that, starting this year, our scholarships will be raised to

\$1,250, to better reflect the rise in tuition fees and cost of living over the last decade. This year, a total of \$5,000 was awarded in scholarships to four recipients chosen by the Foundation's Selection Committee. A huge thank you to all our volunteers and donors who, once again, have enabled us to make a difference "for life" in the lives of 4 young inspiring students preparing to work at a trade they will be proud of.

### HERE ARE THE FOUR RECIPIENTS OF OUR 2016-2017 SCHOLARSHIPS:

Sofia Boudreau, Social Work,
Dawson College, Montréal
Jonathan Lauzon, Multimedia Integration,
Cégep de Maisonneuve, Montréal
Éloïse Roy, Nursing, Collège Bois-deBoulogne, Montréal
Dave Bernard, Industrial Drafting,
CIMIC, St-Georges-de-Beauce



#### NEWS FROM PAST RECIPIENTS

"The scholarship is of great assistance to me throughout the year, and I thank the Lord for your ministry that helps a great number of students like me. It is immensely appreciated. Thank you, and may God continue to bless your work." Sofia Boudreau. A 2015 and 2016 scholarship recipient, Sofia is completing her second year in Social Work at Dawson College. Over the last two summers, she has been working as a social work volunteer at a church community centre in Brazil.

#### FRANCE'S HAPPY MEMORIES

France remembers a very important episode of her youth at a summer camp where, as was her habit, her sister Nicole showed great generosity. France asked Phil Taylor, an American radio host, author and businessman from Alabama, who was at the camp with her and Nicole, to tell us the story and the impact that event has had on his life.



"It haunted me for years that I would never be able to see Nicole again to thank and express to her how profoundly meaningful her act of kindness towards me has had such a positive impact on my life. And yet, as God would have it, He has allowed me this unexpected opportunity to express through this newsletter my deepest thanks, and in some small way, honor her memory and the legacy she has left behind.

It was the summer of 1979 at a Bible Camp. I was just 14 years old and having a very tough teenage life. However, it was during these difficult times there was one person who provided me hope,

support and strength, and that person was Nicole Saint-Louis. As it turned out, the authority of that camp at the time had just about enough with me. The Director of the Camp had resolved to kick me out of Camp that summer. Nicole, however saw things through different lenses, and proceeded to, unbeknownst to me, accumulate a long list of names (the large majority of individuals in attendance at that Camp), as an appeal to not have me ejected. It touches my heart that someone would care so much for another person, as to go through the trouble and extent of gathering a long petition of names, to stand up for someone who in their point of view was misunderstood and inappropriately treated. That is Nicole's genuine act of kindness and compassion which has stayed with me all my life.

In Proverbs 3:3-4 it states: Do not let kindness and truth leave you, bind them around your neck write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and man. (NASB) I believe that is exactly what Nicole exemplified in her life and the legacy of the Nicole-Saint-Louis Foundation is a living testament to this day to the wisdom and power of these two godly virtues." Phil Taylor



- Before she left us to meet her Maker at the age of 24, following her fight with cancer, Nicole Saint-Louis worked as a hair stylist and then as a dental hygienist.
- The nurse you'll meet tomorrow, your child's next teacher, or the policeman who will see to the security of your neighbourhood next year may be among the dozens of recipients of the Foundation's scholarships.
- In 2003, Sébastien Leduc, our very first scholarship recipient, had expressed the wish to give back to the Foundation. For the past three years, he has been a member of our Board of Directors, where his many talents are put to good use, particularly in marketing. He and his wife, Noémie, are the happy parents of two.

"Longing fulfilled is sweet to the soul."

Proverb of Solomon (Prov. 13:19) NIV

#### HELP US REACH THE \$100,000-MILESTONE!

Since 2003, the Foundation has awarded \$89,000 in scholar-ships. The \$100,000 milestone is already on the horizon! Join us in the next scholarship awards. Some 90% of all donations received go to our scholarship program.

How can you help? By your prayers and gifts. You can click on the CanaDon link on our website or send your gift by mail. Every gift counts!

Giving a helping hand to the next generation makes all the difference in the world... "for life"!





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