

*Mme Lorraine Bilocq-Lebeau*

*1952 – 2020*

*At the Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, on July 12, 2020, at the age of 68,*

*Mrs. Lorraine Bilocq-Lebeau passed away*

*It is with deep sadness that we announce the death of Ms. Lorraine Bilocq-Lebeau. She leaves to mourn her husband Aimé Lebeau, her children Alexandre (Reine), Elisabeth (Jonathan) and RoseMarie (Jessy), her grandchildren Aminata (Émilie), Maxime and Philippe, her brothers and her sister, as well as several relatives. , friends and colleagues.*

*For over 20 years, she served on the board of directors of the Sjögren Syndrome Association, including the last 5 years as president. She was very concerned about this rare disease, which is still difficult to diagnose. A deeply committed woman, her contribution has been valuable and exceptional to the maintenance of the Sjögren Syndrome Association. She leveraged her sense of innovation and her ability to find solutions, all with a view to consistency in the decisions that were taken.*

*Lorraine Bilocq Lebeau was General Director of the Reference Center of Greater Montreal for 24 years. There she led the implementation and management of 24/7 telephone services serving all of Quebec, as well as the development of specialized dependency lines, the Reference-Aînés line and the launch of a TeleCounseling pilot project for excessive gamblers. It was under his leadership that the Center created the Directory of Self-Help Groups in Greater Montreal, published annually. His attachment to the Center and to those who worked there has never wavered. She was a member of the board of directors of the CRGM Foundation until the end of her life, always driven by her vision for the future of the Center. The Greater Montreal Reference Center has been the project of a lifetime.*

*Named Personality of the Week by La Presse in 1996, Ms. Lebeau also received the 2002 Leadership Award from the Canadian Society of Association Directors of Quebec. Member of several boards of directors in the socio-community sector of the Montreal region, Ms. Bilocq-Lebeau has training in social services and library technology.*

*The members of the board of directors as well as the volunteers of the Sjögren Syndrome Association would like to offer their most sincere condolences to the family.*

## ***Tribute to Lorraine Bilocq Lebeau***

*The Centre de Référence du Grand Montréal was the project of a lifetime for Lorraine Bilocq Lebeau, who passed away on July 12.*

*At the age of 19, with a diploma in social assistance techniques and library technology, she joined the Centre as head of documentation, a position tailor-made for her... with a mandate to set up the service.*

*She became General Manager in 1989, a position she held until 2013. Her determination and rigorous management skills, combined with her commitment and dedication to the Centre, enabled her to achieve her objectives and help the organization evolve in a context characterized by major social and economic upheavals. She had to weather several storms that threatened the Centre's survival, while taking up demanding challenges to enable the CRGM to play a pivotal role in the social and community environment.*

*Under her leadership, the first steps towards financial diversification were taken, from the development of specialized addiction lines and the Référence-Aînés line to the launch of a TeleCounseling pilot project for problem gamblers. She led the Centre towards financial stability, not only through the integration of these new services, but also through the CRGM Foundation's acquisition of a building that is now a key element in the Centre's long-term future.*

*Her attachment to the Centre and those who have worked there has never wavered. She remained a member of the Board of Directors of the Fondation du CRGM until the end of her life, always driven by her vision of the Centre's future.*

*During Lorraine Bilocq Lebeau's many years at the helm of the organization, she succeeded against all odds in ensuring that the CRGM would always be able to fulfill its mission of Informing to help. She will be remembered as both a leader and a hard worker. The Centre's history will also remember her perfect track record in diversifying activities and consolidating finances. And today, these solid foundations on which her successor can build have paved the way for great projects.*

*Lorraine, you have our deepest gratitude for all you have accomplished for the Centre,*

*Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!*

*Me Louis-Philippe Bourgeois, CIRC, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Centre de Référence du Grand Montréal*

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