

Partage/Share Food Bank in Potton holds Mother's Day pancake breakfast fundraiser

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The Partage/Share Foodbank in Potton, a proud member of the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CAB) programming held a Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, May 8 in Mansonville at the Baluchon French elementary School. The breakfast included pancakes, sausage, tropical fruit and beverage as well as, for a small donation, a lovely white or red rose for Mom!

"I'm really happy with the turnout," said Claire Rodrigue (Partage/Share chairperson). "The community support is vital in holding these types of fundraisers and we feel very fortunate to have so many people come out in support of our program."

Partage/Share committee member, Charles Laurin found men to volunteer in the kitchen to do the cooking and the

kitchen was filled with smiling faces and a steady flipping of pancakes and sausage. Greeters at the reception table were Jasmine Mierzwinski; a member of the Girls Group and Christian Rodrigue, a long-time volunteer.

The profits raised from the event will help the Partage/Share program to help families in need throughout the year. At Christmastime, the program distributed 39 baskets, helping 61 adults, 22 children. The emergency food bank helps families all year round and funds are raised and donations gratefully received to keep the shelves full for when a call comes in.

June Peacock is a very active member of the Partage/Share committee and she noted the generosity of Potton and surrounding communities.

"From the donations of syrup for this event to the many other donations we receive from individuals, groups and businesses, we really could not operate without the help that we get. We can't begin to say how much we appreciate all the support," said Peacock.

Looking around the room at the event at the many faces of those who attended it was clear to see that supporters had come from not only Potton but other towns as well. Many proudly handed a rose to their Mom and sat with family to enjoy the breakfast. For more information about Partage/Share, visit the CAB website at www.cabmn.org or call the Main Office at 450-292-3114.



Helping out in the kitchen.

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It was a family affair.

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MCI Lake Patrol begins daily surveillance of the lake

Memphremagog Conservation Inc.

Memphremagog Conservation Inc's lake patrol began its summer patrols on Lake Memphremagog. The patrol is on the lake 7 days a week from May to September to monitor water quality. They can be reached by telephone, text or video message at 819-620-3939 or by email at patrol@memphremagog.org.

Anais Messier, patroller in 2014 and 2015, returns as coordinator of the patrol this year. Anais completed her Bachelor's degree in Environment at the Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development at the University of Sherbrooke in 2014. The other team members are Mr. Santiago Doyon, student in Biology at the University of Sherbrooke, and Mr. Louis-Philippe Cyr, final year student in the Bachelor of Environment program at the University of Sherbrooke.

The patrol is at the service of the area population for all questions related to the environment. As well as educating residents on proper lakeside environmental practices, they will be monitoring the lake, shoreline and tributaries for blue-green algae, excessive sedimentation, erosion, work on the shore, tree cutting, etc. They also carry out a number of water sampling campaigns for the provincial environment department, the City of Magog, and the MRC. They have the training to provide recommendations on how to maintain a natural shoreline, how to reduce the use of fertilizers and pesticides and on the various ways of protecting the quality of the water. Particular attention will be paid this year to the Fitch Bay sector, the most worrisome area of the lake, as part of the Healthy Fitch Bay project.

MCI also offers the media and municipal officials the opportunity of joining the patrollers on the MCI's boat to better see for themselves and understand the various environmental factors that can affect the quality of the water in this immense drinking water reservoir which serves a population of more than 170,000 people. Do not hesitate to contact us!

About MCI: *Memphremagog Conservation inc. (MCI) is a non profit organisation formed of volunteers, working since 1967 for the protection of the environmental health and natural beauty of Lake Memphremagog and its watershed. With the strength of its membership, it works to ensure that all residents of the region, permanent and seasonal, waterfront or not, can benefit from and enjoy a healthy lake, for today, tomorrow and for generations to come.*



2016 MCI Lake Patrollers

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The goal is to equip 85 children for the coming school year. To become a sponsor, contact Sharon McCully at outletjournal@sympatico.ca

IT TAKES A COMMUNITY

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