

Èva's adapted home project boosted with \$25,000 donation

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The Association des professionnels de la construction et de l'habitation du Québec (APCHQ Foundation) has donated a sum of \$25,000 to the Une maison pour Èva campaign, bringing the Nadeau-Roy family one step closer to its goal of \$250,000 for an adapted home.

Three years ago, Jean-François Nadeau and Catherine Roy received a lifechanging diagnosis: their youngest daughter, Èva, had the spontaneous genetic mutation of gene CDKL-5, a rare and incurable disease.

It was an emotional press conference on Friday, March 22, when Èva's parents accepted the donation. According to Alain Patry, president of APCHQ Estrie, the fundraising campaign is now at 85 per cent of its goal, thanks to the generous donation.

"It's a big thumbs up to continue having a successful fundraising campaign," he said. "My goal is to build a house for them in the least costly manner possible. I am very lucky to have healthy children and to be healthy, and every day, when I look at Catherine, Jean-François, and Èva, I know they need me. I'll do my best to succeed."

Patry, the project's general contractor and honorary fundraising chair, has committed to build a home for the

Nadeau-Roy family that will be adapted to Èva's needs. Her disease will leave her with low muscle tone, daily epileptic seizures that resist medication, a severe intellectual disability and a lack of fine motor skills, for the rest of her life. She will most likely never walk or eat on her own.

The brainchild of France Champagne and Pierre Gauvin, the project was announced in September 2018 and is coming closer to fruition, as groundbreaking on the future house's new lot is expected to take place in the next few weeks. Despite another alarming snow fall over the weekend, Patry is optimistic: "When we look at the weather, we take a step back. However, the snow won't stay. The temperatures are rising, so it shouldn't play too much into our schedule."

"We're excited. When we started in September, it was far away," admitted Roy. "We just sold our old house. It's more and more realistic. It's going to help us a whole lot."

Èva's parents promised to give her and her siblings, Félix and Laurie, the most normal life possible. "Despite such a heartbreaking diagnosis, a thousand things to mourn, and the changes it implicated, we decided to keep going. We promised Èva we would help her develop her full potential," they assured.



Èva, who will live the rest of her life with a rare and incurable disease, poses with her parents Catherine Roy and Jean-François Nadeau.

Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) to host Monthly Police (QPP) Consultation Opportunity in Potton



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The Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) will provide citizens with the opportunity to make an appointment to consult with a member of the Quebec Provincial Police force (QPP) for non emergency related issues, one Friday afternoon per month at the CABMN Main Offices located at 314B Principale in Mansonville (upstairs in the CLSC building).

Officer Steeve Cote will spend one Friday afternoon per month at the CABMN where a confidential space will be provided to anyone who makes an appointment by calling the CABMN offices at 450-292-3314. When calling for an appointment, it is not necessary to explain why you need the appointment but rather how much time you feel you need

for your discussion with Officer Cote.

"My first day at the CABMN in Mansonville for this purpose will be on Friday, April 12 in the afternoon," explains Officer Cote. "We will give this a try and see if it is used and of benefit to the population."

Officer Cote specializes in Prevention and is presently working to build a connection with the two local Elementary schools in Potton as well as in other municipalities in the vast area that he serves as part of the QPP. Offering to meet citizens for non emergency consultation was an idea presented to Cote by the CABMN and is being put into practice as a trial to see if it is used and of benefit to Potton and area residents.

As a new service, the CABMN realizes that it may take a couple of months to see this service offered to its full capacity but, in an attempt to increase services to the area, it is being offered. Anyone wishing to speak to a Police Officer in regards to a non emergency issue where some advice, directive or support might be needed is encouraged to call the CABMN to sign up for an appointment on April 12 in the pm.

You may be someone with a question for the Police in regards to any number of issues and this will give you the perfect opportunity to speak to a QPP offi-

cer one on one. The service must be used for it to be continued and therefore, the CABMN hopes those who ap-

preciate the opportunity will make an appointment if needed.

