The Aphasia House Foundation is 6 years old. Its mission to financially support the AQPA sparks empathy and interest towards people with aphasia. The Foundation has received enough donations to hire a coordinator and give money to AQPA. Thank you for your constant support to the only Montreal association for people handicapped by aphasia.

The AQPA has initiated several new activities, attracting more people with aphasia on its premises.

The Foundation Board is getting new members. The Aphasia House is no longer a dream: it’s slowly becoming reality.

Moreover, services of the AQPA in West island continue to grow and members are very pleased to be able to access specialized services in English.

Plateau group continues to be very dynamic and is bigger than ever.

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Just follow our calendar or Facebook page, you will be impressed!

Louise Bourbonnais, Executive Manager

Videos for caregivers

The SAPPA (Service for aphasia caregivers) has created videos for caregivers... but only in French so far.

You can watch them online.

A speech therapist, Pamela McMahon-Morin, answers in just a few minutes frequent questions friends and family of the aphasic may have.

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Adalie Le Nguyen asked participants at the AQPA workshops about housing requirements for people with aphasia. The results of her enquiry were presented at the International Aphasia Rehabilitation Conference and were received as a breath of fresh air!

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New helping faces

We welcome Marie Gagnon-Brousseau, who replaces Kalyna Franco as coordinator of the SAPPA. The head of volunteers is Nika Stein; she welcomes new members.

The new administrative assistant, Viviane Minko, replaces Chloé Dugré-Morand. Viviane coordinates everyone with her very dynamic and joyful presence!
New members on the Board of the Foundation

Dr. Céline Crowe, family doctor and retired manager of the healthcare system, has become president of the Aphasia House Foundation’s Board.

Also joining the Board is Mrs. Christiane Gélinas, MBA, a former accountant at the Institut universitaire de gériatrie de Montréal.

The Board now has six members plus two AQPA representatives, Mrs. Marie-Claire Nadeau, president of the Board of AQPA, and Mrs. Françoise Rollin, Executive Director of AQPA.

The Aphasia House: when the dream becomes reality

The Technical resources group Bâtir son quartier has proposed that the Foundation participate in a joint venture for a building project gathering seniors, handicapped people and families of Montreal’s Griffintown district, encouraging social diversity as a positive factor of discovery and mutual aid.

Supported by Adalie Le Nguyen’s studies of our members and Louise Bourbonnais’ survey of caregivers, the Board has decided to go forward with Bâtir son quartier, at least in the preliminary studies of the project. Financing will come from the grant program Accès-Logis Québec. More information will follow as the project develops.

An Exceptional Philanthropist: Mrs. Hélène Germain de Corwin

Mrs Hélène Germain DeCorwin was instrumental in the creation of our Aphasia House Foundation. Her generosity, combined with our dream of providing a house to the people suffering from aphasia, prompted us to create a foundation to which many of her friends have already contributed. This exceptional philanthropist, who passed away in September 2015, had associated her daughter, Sophie, to the many foundations she was supporting. From the bottom of our hearts, many thanks to those great first builders!
Founded in 1982, AQPA has been the first organization in Quebec for people with aphasia. It has led to the creation of many other associations until the establishment of RAPAQ, a network of these associations in Quebec for people with aphasia.

Beyond rehabilitation, AQPA is a place to break the isolation and recover your autonomy. AQPA offers social activities that stimulates communication, be it in a group setting or one-on-one. It also offers a program for caregivers.

AQPA is financially supported by the Aphasia House Foundation. The purpose of the AHF is to provide people with aphasia with a house and secure environment through its fund-raising campaigns.

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