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The Vitæ Foundation and the CHUS Foundation join forces

Sherbrooke, February 25, 2026 – Driven by a shared commitment to increasing collective impact on health and social services in the Eastern Townships, the Vitæ Foundation and the CHUS Foundation are proud to announce the joining of their efforts, resources, and missions.

This alliance comes at a time when both foundations sought to deepen collaboration in the goal of supporting a greater number of projects and ensuring more effective and sustainable management of philanthropic, administrative, and operational resources for the benefit of the community.

“The CHUS Foundation is very proud to welcome the Vitæ Foundation and to advance its mission, which supports essential research initiatives, care, and services for seniors and families in Sherbrooke. This integration strengthens us through new expertise and strong complementarity, enabling us to support joint initiatives across the continuum of care and within the living environments of the people we serve,” said Martin Clermont, executive director of the CHUS Foundation.

Funds Dedicated to the Mission

As part of this integration, the CHUS Foundation will establish dedicated funds for the Vitæ Foundation. These funds – a perpetual endowment fund and a designated fund - will be managed separately by an independent management committee composed of the current members of the Vitæ Foundation’s board of directors, ensuring the sustainability of the mission, values, and projects that have built its reputation.

“Throughout our discussions, it became clear that the best way to fully dedicate ourselves to philanthropic development and to strengthening relationships with institutions, donors, and beneficiary organizations was to integrate our operations with those of the CHUS Foundation, which has all the necessary resources,” explained Geneviève Delisle, president of the board of directors of the Vitæ Foundation.

New Leadership, New Identity

The CHUS Foundation is also pleased to announce that Isabelle Bouchard-Veillette, current executive director of the Vitæ Foundation, will continue her work as a member of the CHUS Foundation team. She will lead the newly created Vitæ Department, focusing primarily on philanthropic development, project evaluation and selection while promoting the Vitæ Foundation’s mission in Sherbrooke and across the Eastern Townships region.

The coming weeks will be devoted to finalizing full operational integration, which will officially come into effect on April 1, 2026. To mark this important milestone in the history of both foundations, the new Vitæ Foundation logo was officially unveiled today, aligned with the visual brand image of the CHUS Foundation.

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