

NEWS RELEASE

Official opening of La rue des Femmes outreach clinic for women living in a state of homelessness



Montréal, Thursday, March 30, 2023 – La rue des Femmes, with the support of the Jaclyn Fisher Foundation, is officially opening the Jaclyn “Jackie” Fisher Outreach Clinic, located in the organization’s Jacqueline House day centre and shelter in Montréal.

La rue des Femmes is naming its clinic for the most broken women in our society in memory of Jackie Fisher. Services include overdose monitoring, naloxone administration, blood sugar management and treatment of parasitic conditions such as scabies and lice.

“Our clinic offers basic primary healthcare adapted to women experiencing homelessness, whose state of health, weakened by relational and traumatic wounds, makes their access to the healthcare network difficult and fraught with obstacles,” explains Léonie Couture, President, Founder and Executive Director of La rue des Femmes.

For Rina Fisher, Jackie’s mother and Chair of the Jaclyn Fisher Foundation, the association with her late daughter is a natural one: “Jackie was very socially engaged; she wanted to do good around her,” she says. “Our Foundation is continuing Jackie’s work by creating and mobilizing an entire network of facilitators of change. By helping the most vulnerable women in our society, the clinic is perfectly aligned with our daughter’s mission.”

About the Jaclyn Fisher Foundation :

The Jaclyn Fisher Foundation was created in tribute to Jaclyn “Jackie” Fisher, an extraordinary young woman whose life was tragically cut short at the age of 25. Highly engaged with her community, Jackie volunteered for causes close to her heart, despite her frail health, including Crohn’s disease and cancer. The resilient Jackie left her mark as a leader and a woman with a deep love for life.



About La rue des femmes :

La rue des Femmes, a non-profit organization, is a relational health institute that has been welcoming and caring for women living in a state of homelessness for nearly 30 years. Every year, La rue des Femmes welcomes more than 1,500 women, providing 4,000 hours of specialized care (counselling, psychotherapy, art therapy, and more), 50,000 hours of relational intervention, 102,420 meals, 21,761 overnight stays, and the services of 67 relational healthcare workers.

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