

# REFUGE DES JEUNES DE MONTRÉAL



PARTNERSHIP AND AWARENESS PROGRAM



**SANIDÉPÔT**

Une Division du Groupe Dissan  
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LES SOCIÉTÉS  
AU CANADA  
LES MIEUX  
GÉRÉES

## OUR ROLE IN OUR COMMUNITY

As an organization, we can play an important role in our community. Social involvement is one of society's precious assets, and its importance, both socially and economically, cannot be underestimated.

The Dissan Group, through its corporate division SaniDépôt, is committed to ensuring youth will find a clean environment and dignity under the same roof.

Through a program set up in partnership with the organization the Refuge, our company donates cleaning products to ensure the establishment is 100% clean and safe.

Every day, the Refuge's professional team sweeps through the shelter with a housekeeping routine worthy of a hospital. They make 45 beds each morning and clean 4 floors, including washrooms and shower areas. The same rigour is applied to food safety and the kitchens, where 22,000 meals are prepared every year: the maintenance and cleanliness of the premises are impeccable.

The Refuge's laundry services for the youths, the bedding and clothing donations use the same SaniDépôt products that are supplied to schools, clinics, hospitals and other institutions frequented by our community.

The young men who avail themselves of the shelter need to be welcomed with dignity and a measure of comfort to help them cross the street. Comfort can be defined as the sum of the conditions of safety, hygiene and well-being that many of us sometimes take for granted. Comfort means allowing the youths who spend time at the Refuge to wash, to be housed in clean, safe accommodations and to eat in a suitable place.

It means offering youth struggling with a host of different problems an environment that's conducive to improving their living conditions.

Together, we are striving to ensure the well-being of our society. This partnership program isn't just a way we can do some good, it is the cornerstone of our pursuit for engagement and social solidarity.



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The Refuge des Jeunes de Montréal is a day, evening and night shelter that was founded in 1989. Its mission is to support troubled and homeless young men aged 17 to 25.

The Refuge offers the following services: shelter, references, psychosocial support during the day and social housing with community support (19 units). Over the course of 26 years, the Refuge has welcomed 20,467 young men, more than 140 of whom have had access to social housing with community support. All the Refuge's actions are aimed at helping these youth integrate and improve their living conditions.

## FIGURES THAT SAY A LOT...

- 44,3 % of these youths have spent time in a youth centre or foster family
- Their average age is 21,7 years
- More than 35% have no income at all
- More than 60% have addiction problems
- More than 44% suffer from mental health problems (depression, psychosis, personality disorders, etc.)
- More than 20% have physical health problems (Hepatitis C, HIV, etc.). Most of these youths have not been diagnosed or received any health care. Their problems are often caused or exacerbated by the consumption of a variety of substances such as cannabis, stimulants, opiates...
- One in five youth has completed high school.

## FROM APRIL 2016 TO THE END OF MARCH 2017...



**HELPING YOUTH CROSS THE STREET...THE  
REFUGE IS WORKING ON IT.**



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