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## A Gift of \$5,000 for Centre d'action bénévole L'Actuel

**Vaudreuil-Dorion, November 17, 2020** – The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is proud of the initiative taken by the white-collar union, the blue-collar union, the firefighters' union and members of the *Association des cadres* who are joining forces, as Christmas approaches, to make a donation to Centre d'action bénévole L'Actuel. This gesture of solidarity will also be able to count on the financial support of the City, as confirmed by the resolution adopted during the City Council meeting held on November 16. Each group will donate \$1,000 for a total of \$5,000.

Last year, the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion launched the Holiday project entitled *Solidarité du temps des Fêtes*, where employees generously participated in a fundraiser focused on improving the daily lives of people all across the area who are experiencing a more challenging financial situation. This year, in the context of the ongoing pandemic, the needs of L'Actuel continue to grow.

"We will not be able to plan social activities for the holiday season, so why not use a portion of that amount for those going through tougher times?", stated the president of the white-collar union, Maurice Pilon. "The idea came from a member of our executive who suggested extending the invitation to other trade union organizations in the City to participate in this show of solidarity for those in need. The response was swift and unanimous!"

The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is also urging businesses or the region to start their own fundraising initiative, because it is likely that the pandemic will increase the need for food assistance, not only for Christmas, but also for the early months of the new year. "We can make a difference in our community by helping those who are going through difficult times. Let's be part of a solidarity chain that will help make the Holidays brighter for some of our fellow citizens. One small action has the power to have a significant impact on the lives of many," said Mayor Guy Pilon.

Businesses interested in participating in the fundraising campaign for Centre d'action bénévole L'Actuel can do so by visiting the organization's website at: [lactuel.org](http://lactuel.org) or by contacting Vanessa Gagné at 450-455-3331, extension 225.