

# PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# A Resounding Success for the 20th Anniversary of the Montreal Real Estate Foundation for Kids: A Night of Solidarity and Hope!

**Montréal, [September 28, 2024]** — The Grand Ball of the Montreal Real Estate Foundation for Kids (FIMJ), held on September 27 at Windsor Station, once again showcased the generosity and unwavering commitment of the Montreal real estate community toward kids in need. This prestigious event brought together influential players from the real estate sector, along with many philanthropists, all united by a common goal: to provide a brighter future for the region's kids.

This memorable evening raised **\$800 000** to support the initiatives of the Montreal Real Estate Foundation for Kids. These record-breaking funds will further enhance the foundation's programs, which, since its inception, has redistributed more than \$3.4 million to over 40 organizations, significantly contributing to transforming the lives of young people in the region.

"This 20th anniversary is a crucial milestone for FIMJ," said Mario Bédard, President of the FIMJ Board of Directors. "Thanks to the generosity and unwavering support of our donors, we can continue to build a promising future for kids in need by providing them with the tools to overcome obstacles and achieve their greatest dreams."

## A Promising Future for the FIMJ

For twenty years, the FIMJ has established itself as an essential agent of change in the Montreal region, distinguishing itself through its commitment to providing kids in need not only with financial support but also personalized guidance to help them succeed. The success of this Grand Ball celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the FIMJ confirms that the foundation's mission continues to resonate deeply within the community.

#### **About the Montreal Real Estate Foundation for Kids (FIMJ)**

Driven by the desire to offer struggling young Montrealers a better future, the Montreal Real Estate Foundation for Kids (FIMJ) supports organizations that help young people facing difficult living conditions. By investing funds to improve their well-being, places of listening and sharing come to life, opening the door to spaces where young people can thrive and grow.

## The Montreal Real Estate Foundation for Kids sincerely thanks their Co-Presidents and partners

Claude Bigras, President and CEO of GDI Integrated Facility Services; Patrice Bourbonnais, President and COO of Groupe Petra; Vincent Chiara, President and Founder of Groupe Mach; Dario Montoni, President and CEO of Groupe Montoni; and Pierre Pomerleau, Executive Chairman of Pomerleau

**Platinum Partners**: Construgep, Cromwell Management Inc., Dentons, Desjardins, Kevric, KPMG, Optima Design - Prisma Construction & Rosefellow

**Gold Partners**: Alfid Real Estate Services, Banque Nationale, Bastium, Cadillac Fairview, Isra-Guard (IGS) Security, KRB Lawyers, Lemay, Sunlife Quebec, & VA Capital

**Silver Partners**: Alcovi Capital, BDO Canada, CBRE, EllisDon, Proment Corporation, Garda, Genatec, Gerstat, Industrial Alliance, Miller Thomson, Bee-Clean, Canada Lands Company, SPEICO Building Services, Sutton Quebec & Vitreco

### Photo caption from left to right:

### The Co-Presidents of the Montreal Real Estate Foundation for Kids Grand Ball 2024

Pierre-Jacques Lefaivre, Executive Vice-President, Groupe Mach (Representing Co-president Vincent Chiara) Mario Bédard, President of the Board of Directors, Montreal Real Estate Foundation for Kids Patrice Bourbonnais, President & Chief Operating Officer, Groupe Petra

Pierre Pomerleau, Executive Chairman, Pomerleau

Dario Montoni, President and CEO, Montoni

Not shown on the photo: Mr. Claude Bigras, President and Chief Executive Officer, GDI Integrated Facility Services

Photo by: Howard Kay

-30-

Source & media contact: Montreal Real Estate Foundation for Kids (514) 282-3824 x 2014 info@fimj.org