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Thank you to:

Dr. Barry & Colette Dolman & Family
for naming the spacious and elegant Family Lounge.
Dr. Dolman’s mother, Freda Dolman, of blessed memory, was a resident at Eldercare.

Dr. Morris Schweitzer, Diana Teitelbaum & Lorne Schweitzer
for naming the recently renovated Activity Room in memory of Leah & Peter Schweitzer & Florence & Issie Teitelbaum

The Lederman Foundation
in honour of the Centre’s 10th anniversary, for naming the Education Room.

The Equipment Campaign will also focus on the purchase of specialized preventive and curative mattresses in order to help prevent the development of pressure wounds. There is a continuing need for state-of-the-art vital sign monitors and rehabilitation equipment. Naming Opportunities and Bequests are legacy gifts which will enhance the quality of life of our residents for years to come.

There are many giving options we would be happy to discuss with you. For more information, please call Susan Elias, Director of Development, at (514) 738-4500, ext. 2125, or by email at susan.elias.CHSLDjuif@ssss.gouv.qc.ca.

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First Parlour Party
Evening a Great Success!

On June 29th, Marla and Gordie Silverman graciously hosted an informal dinner party on behalf of the Centre. Held at their home and surrounded by family, friends and some of the Eldercare senior management team, the guests feasted on delicacies catered by Les Mas des Oliviers. Gordie Silverman, a member of the Foundation Board of Directors, and Syd Gartner, President of the Foundation, welcomed everyone with heart-warming speeches about the Centre’s successes and the urgent need for community support. Lucie Tremblay, Director of Nursing and Clinical Services, spoke about the recent partnership between CECEP John Abbott and Eldercare in the training of people who have earned out-of-country nursing degrees and require Quebec certification in order to work in the Quebec healthcare system. We would like to thank Gordie and Marla, and their guests, for responding so passionately to the Centre’s needs.

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