



Regroupement  
*Soutien aux Aidants*  
*Maison Gilles-Carle*  
Brome-Missisquoi

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**Increased Capacity for Accommodation and Enhanced Services at  
Maison Gilles-Carle de Brome-Missisquoi  
Unveiling of the Results of the Expansion Project**

**Cowansville, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023** – The Brome-Missisquoi Caregiver Support Group (BMCSG) is very pleased to unveil the results of the Maison Gilles-Carle de Brome-Missisquoi expansion project, leading to an enhancement of the organization's services for the region's caregivers.

The work took place during 2022 and was initiated in order to meet the growing demand for our respite, accommodation and psychosocial support services. The new layout of Maison Gilles-Carle de Brome-Missisquoi includes:

- The addition of two rooms and the expansion of the common areas for an increased capacity to accommodate and for an improved offering of activities. The organization can now welcome a total of 12 assisted persons per day, including six individuals for day respite and six for overnight respite. Prior to the expansion, the BMCSG was able to welcome 8 assisted persons per day;
- The reorganization of a closed room for more privacy during meetings/discussions with caregivers;
- A new outdoor terrace at the back of the house.

"The BMCSG is very pleased with the results of the work. The renovations took a little longer than expected for various reasons such as the rising cost of materials, delivery delays and the scarcity of labour, but we did it! Our team is convinced that these changes will greatly contribute to the quality of the services offered by the Brome-Missisquoi Caregiver Support Group," says Christine Tougas, Executive Director of the organization.

The work is almost complete, with only the landscaping to be completed this spring. The BMCSG will be organizing an open house in May to invite long-time collaborators and the public to come and discover the new space and learn more about the organization's mission and services.

To help the nonprofit organization finance the project, a fundraising campaign took place from 2014 to 2019. Numerous donors and community partners participated in the campaign, raising an exceptional amount of \$300,000.

"We would like to thank, once again, the members of the community for their generosity towards the project. It is also important for us to underline the extraordinary collaboration of staff, service users and members of the Board of Directors throughout the expansion work. They have shown understanding and a great ability to adapt," adds Joannie Tardif, president of the Brome-Missisquoi Caregiver Support Group.

Finally, the organization would like to remind the community that in addition to government grants and project funding, the BMCSG must rely on the support of the community to continue its activities with caregivers. With fundraising remaining a constant challenge, donations from foundations, businesses and individuals are essential to ensure the sustainability of services.

The mission of the Brome-Missisquoi Caregiver Support Group (BMCSG) and Maison Gilles-Carle de Brome-Missisquoi is to prevent and relieve the exhaustion of caregivers. To do so, the organization offers support and respite services to caregivers taking care of an adult loved one suffering from a temporary or permanent disability due to an illness, a handicap or because of advanced age.

The Maison Gilles-Carle in Brome-Missisquoi is a model for other similar establishments that are being created throughout Quebec.