

Making a true difference in the lives of hundreds of people



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It's no secret that so many of us are asked to contribute to all sorts of causes, each as important as the next.

And we choose to support one cause or another often because it touches us personally. Sometimes we've experienced the problem directly; other times we know of people in our circle who have been affected.

Today, in reading these lines you are deciding to address the problem of suicide—an issue that is all too common in our society, but left too silent due to the taboo associated with it.

It is rare to find anyone not touched by suicide, whether closely or from a distance. On average, more than 70 deaths by suicide occur each year in the Estrie region. That doesn't count the attempted suicides and people with suicidal thoughts. This is awful!

At JEVI, we devote all our energy to reducing this rate of suicide. Our efforts are showing results, but we must do more—more with inadequate subsidies.

That's why you're so important to us. Your donations keep our daily work going. Thanks to your support, we help hundreds of people, individuals in distress, who are suffering so much that they cannot see how to overcome it.

Thanks to your contributions alone, through participation in the JEVI Lottery, you're enabling us to employ two service providers who carry out close to 5500 interventions each year! We cannot imagine being able to maintain our current level of service without your support.

YOU are making a real difference in the lives of hundreds of people, and we cannot thank you enough.

¹ Public health expertise and reference center (INSPQ), *Le suicide au Québec : 1981 à 2016 – Mise à jour 2019*.

JEVI Lottery: Working together to offer help!

Thank you so much for joining us and making suicide prevention an important cause! Thank you for ensuring the success of this campaign for several years now! This is truly the most beloved, most supported, most unifying campaign offering high-quality, popular prizes.

Dr. Alain Côté and the members of the JEVI Lottery Committee are pleased to invite you to participate in this 34th edition of the event. Considering JEVI's growing needs and the increased demand for tickets, 600 will be issued this year. Last year, more than 20 people and businesses were unable to buy tickets, the Lottery having sold out to so many other keen supporters.

We're confident you will be up to the challenge again this year when our team contacts you to buy a ticket. Alain, Julie, Marie-Hélène, Richard, Marcel, Gilles, Clément, and Serge therefore thank you in advance from the bottoms of our heart. You can buy a ticket by ordering one through the return coupon, by phoning 819-564-7349, or by reserving online at www.jevi.qc.ca.

We will be pleased to welcome you to the draw on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, at the Centre Julien-Ducharme.

Once again, thank you very sincerely for taking action with us to prevent suicide!



2019 JEVI Lottery Committee

From the bottom up: Julie Bolduc, Vice-President, Conseil central CSN – Estrie; Marie-Hélène Côté, testimonial writer and service beneficiary; Dr. Alain Côté, O.D., Vice-President, Opto-Réseau, Honorary Chair; Richard Caron, retiree from Desjardins and member of the JEVI Board of Directors; Marcel St-Onge, retiree from Kruger Products and member of the JEVI Board of Directors; Gilles Landry, retired teacher; and Clément Vallières, Administrative Assistant and Coordinator of the JEVI Lottery. Inset: Serge Caron, retired teacher.