



Dear readers:

This is to inform you that the Red Feather Forum will no longer be published.

After 35 years of maintaining communications among Montreal's English-speaking health and social services community, the Forum faces obstacles that are really insurmountable:

- 1) Covid has pre-empted the introduction of new projects and programs; staff contacts, most working from home now, are virtually unavailable. So stories are nigh impossible to come by. 2) The original aim of maintaining communication links among the "Red Feather family" is moot now that time has taken its toll: the original Red Feather agencies have been absorbed into other institutions, and people involved in new agencies do not identify with the Red Feather history.

The Forum was introduced in 1986 by the Foundation of United Red Feather Services, at one time the umbrella organization for over 100 social service agencies in Greater Montreal. The aim of the Forum was to maintain links among those agencies and to report to the English-speaking community on what was happening in its social services and institutions.

Since dissolution of the Foundation, production of the Forum has been supported through the Red Feather Fund set up within the Foundation of Centraide of Greater Montreal (of which Red Feather was a principal founding member and financial supporter.) Centraide staffers have played a key role in organizing the mailing of the Forum over the years.

As founder and editor of the Forum for 35 years, it has been my privilege to meet and report on the many "angels" who work in and volunteer for the fine organizations serving Montreal's English-speaking community. My thanks to all those who have been so cooperative in my research and who have made my work such a pleasure. And thank you to Forum readers who have consistently supported my efforts.

Warmest wishes to you all,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gloria Ménard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gloria Ménard  
Editor