

## **Building bridges in the community**

### **Sanofi Canada donates nearly \$40,000 to Centraide of Greater Montreal as 2017 Season of Solidarity campaign comes to an end**

**Laval, February 23, 2018** - Sanofi Canada congratulates Centraide of Greater Montreal for its remarkable success in its 2017 fundraising campaign, proudly contributing \$39,389 and donating countless volunteer hours through the company's 2017 Season of Solidarity campaign.

"Empowering life is at the core of what we do. I am so proud that when our team has the chance to make a direct difference in the communities in which we live and work, their generosity of spirit always comes through and they jump at the opportunity," says Niven Al-Khoury, President, Sanofi Canada and co-director for health care for Centraide's 2017 fundraising campaign. "Working closely with an organization like Centraide is crucial to being a responsible corporate member of the community, and we are happy to be able to do our part, and to help drive fundraising efforts from healthcare organizations across the region."

The local donation is just a small portion of Sanofi Canada's overall contributions towards United Way/Centraide initiatives to break the cycle of poverty and exclusion across Canada, which totalled nearly \$240,000 in 2017. These efforts included a \$200,295 contribution from Sanofi's Toronto site, as well as the donation from Sanofi in the Greater Montreal area.

#### **A tradition of giving back**

Sanofi Canada's community initiatives during the 2017 Season of Solidarity were not limited to United Way/Centraide. The Sanofi team has generously supported several local community initiatives, including the following:

- **Centre de bénévolat et moisson Laval:** On Monday, December 11, an enthusiastic group of Sanofi employees joined forces with the *Centre de bénévolat et moisson Laval* for the sixth consecutive year. The employees donated a selection of non-perishable food items and volunteered their time to pack Christmas baskets to feed families in need.
- **Operation Santa Claus:** Through a new partnership, Sanofi employees lent Santa Claus a helping hand to bring gifts to children in need in the Laval area. Sanofi elves responded to letters from children on Santa's behalf, and helped him fulfill gift wishes from each letter. Opération Père Noël then ensured that Santa delivered the gift on December 25. Nearly 60 Sanofi employees donated their time to the effort, putting together nearly 70 gifts for children. Sanofi was proud to match the contributions of its employees, donating \$40 per participant.
- **44<sup>th</sup> Annual Lavallois Blood drive:** Sanofi Canada was the largest corporate donor to the annual Laval-area blood drive in September, and its employees were proud to roll up their sleeves and give blood.

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