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Tyndale St-Georges saves the Children's Library!

Montreal, November 29 2016 – On Giving Tuesday, the Little Burgundy community came together to save its Children's Library, located in the Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre. Students collected cans for cash, volunteers played music, merchants gave back and authors read to residents.

Thanks also to the George Hogg Family Foundation, one of Tyndale St-Georges' long-term partners, Tyndale St-Georges' plan to keep the Library open for years to come took shape. The Foundation committed to a one-time donation of \$17,500 to keep the Library open for another year, allowing the Centre to build a plan for the future. "The directors of our Foundation felt it was important to help keep the Library in Little Burgundy open. By offering Tyndale St-Georges this donation, we hope it will provide stability, while they find other funders," said Grace Hogg, Secretary, George Hogg Family Foundation. This gift was contingent on Tyndale St-Georges finding a donor to match this amount, before December 31, 2016.

The Louise and Alan Edwards Foundation took up the challenge and matched the George Hogg Family Foundation's pledge of \$17,500. "As a volunteer in the after school program, I see what an excellent job Tyndale St-Georges does of supporting youth, so they can achieve their academic and personal goals. The Library is a vital part of this learning," confirmed Jane Edwards, President, Louise and Alan Edwards Foundation.

The Library at Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre is an integral part of the Little Burgundy community, receiving 8,000 visits a year. It is place of culture, where children are encouraged to develop a love of learning and reading. In the Library, youth are exposed to a variety of worldviews, read books in English and in French, and benefit from a carefully selected collection of books portraying diverse realities and backgrounds, helping them to develop an open mind and explore unlimited possibilities. "We are delighted that the Library will remain open for another year, giving us the opportunity to make a long-term plan, so that future generations of families can introduce literacy and the joy of reading to their children," said Elizabeth Falco, Executive Director, Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre.

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Since 1927, Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre has provided empowerment through education for residents of Little Burgundy from birth through adulthood. Programs range from early literacy programs for 0 to 5 year olds to High School perseverance programs to life skills training for adults. Our aim is to ensure that each member of our community has the opportunity and skills needed to realise their potential.

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