



Fondation Marichette

2025: A promising year for the Marichette Foundation

As 2024 draws to a close, the Marichette Foundation looks back on a very positive year. It is with great pride that it continues to pursue its mission of facilitating access to education for New Brunswick francophone women in precarious financial situations, by offering bursaries enabling them to pursue post-secondary studies.

Thanks to you, our donors, the Foundation has reached its funding objectives for 2024. Also, the luncheon and the fundraising campaign enabled the Foundation to raise its profile and attract new sources of funding.

As the year-end approaches, I'd like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your loyal support of the Marichette Foundation and, above all, I thank you for all the women who, with your help, have been able to pursue their studies and improve their lives. With the festive season approaching, I invite you to give the greatest gift of all, education, because education gives you wings.

Finally, I'd like to wish you all the very best for the festive season, surrounded by your loved ones. May 2025 bring you peace, good health and prosperity.

Nicole Gionet, Board Chair

Bursaries awarded

Thanks to the generosity of its donors, the Marichette Foundation has awarded 10 bursaries of \$10,000 to 10 francophone students in New Brunswick for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Find out who the recipients are by [checking out our new website here](#).

"I'd like to tell you that your bursary enables me to study and provide for my son and myself. Since the start of the new school year, I've felt a lighter burden thanks to your bursary. I can concentrate fully thanks to your help. My intentions remain the same: to live comfortably with my little family. I still don't know how I'm going to be able to thank you. And honestly, I'm having trouble finding the right words to describe how grateful I am that you chose me as a recipient. I want you to know that my family is proud of me."

Madeleine S. Long
Saint-Basile, N.B.



In addition, the Foundation is committed to offering the same number of bursaries in 2025 as part of its regular program.

Continued Generosity

First, the Hewitt Foundation, a philanthropic family foundation, signed a funding agreement with the Marichette Foundation. This agreement will provide bursaries for 10 additional female students, starting in 2025, and will continue until they graduate from college or university.

The year also saw several other major donations and partnerships. The region's religious communities continue to show great generosity towards the Foundation. In addition, for the first time in our history, a gift of securities was received from Guy Gaudet and Lucienne Doiron-Gaudet. A major eight-year partnership with the Université de Moncton, as well as a collaboration with UNI Financial Cooperation, strengthen our ties with the community.

These generous donations are, of course, in addition to all the others that ensure the Foundation's continuity and enable us to make a real difference in the lives of women who need financial support to pursue post-secondary education.

Strategic Priorities

In October 2024, the Marichette Foundation held a strategic planning session to identify its objectives for the coming year and ensure they are aligned with its vision and values. Among its objectives, the board is committed to making efforts to expand the Foundation's outreach, solidify its donor relations program and increase the support it provides to bursary recipients during their studies. In addition, it intends to carry out an evaluation of the bursary program to adjust its positioning, if necessary, to better meet the needs of the target clientele.

Renewed Board of Directors

In the fall of 2024, the Foundation welcomed new members to its board. They are, Marjolaine Dionne Merlin, assistant professor of nursing at the Université de Moncton; Monique Collette, manager of Financial Services at the National Bank; and Ghislaine Arsenault, vice-president of Communications and Engagement at Vitalité Health Network. A former scholarship recipient and master's student in social work at the Université de Moncton, Liliane Dusabe, has also joined the board.

The other members of the board are Nicole Gionet, chair; Mirelle Cyr, vice-chair; Monique Levesque; Micheline Melanson; and Hélène Branch.

The board also recognizes the important contribution of the members who left over the past year, namely former board chair Michèle Caron; Liane Roy; and Jessica Boutot.



The photo shows the members of the 2024-2025 Board of Directors of the Marichette Foundation, from left to right, seated, Liliane Dusabe, Nicole Gionet, chair, and Marjolaine Dionne Merlin. Standing, Monique Collette, Hélène Branch, Mirelle Cyr, Ghislaine Arsenault and Monique Levesque. (Absent at the time of the photo, Micheline Melanson, secretary-archivist)