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Editorial

I hope you all had a great summer despite the rather dull weather. Anyway, I hope that you really enjoyed the respite provided by Emergo. The whole team is working hard to give you these few days of freedom.

This year, the summer respite was centered on programming consolidation. The team looked for ways to perfect its approach rather than introduce new activities. Smaller groups were formed to optimize workshop attendance and to accomplish projects in smaller steps over several days. The result: my son came back from camp with a magnificent *papier mâché* landscape miniature!

Taking a cue from the recommendations of the Programming Committee, the team has coordinated various activities and outings, most notably, waterborne excursions, picnics at Mt. Saint-Hilaire and Mt. Saint-Bruno, outings to the water slides, zootherapy workshops, gum-boots dances, to which everybody gladly joined in.

I must say we have an outstanding animation team that managed to make the most of this summer's theme, "Evolution," despite a decidedly uncooperative Mother Nature. Because of tighter recruitment requirements, we had a fine group of counselors who stood out thanks to their solidarity, their cohesion, their enthusiasm and their energy. The summer respite had a very positive vibe.

Due to the consolidation trend, we provided for the same number of participants than last year, while our waiting list kept getting longer. This means we must continue with our efforts, find the required financial support and offer more respites. This is the challenge the board of directors and team Emergo will try to take up this year. For assistance, we can count on Marcelle, our new secretary, and Eric, our new Direct Services Coordinator, and we wish them a warm welcome among our ranks.

Before I finish, I want to extend very special thanks to some of our former coordinators who are leaving us to undertake other endeavors, after progressing with us since way back when we were at Camp Papillon. To Claudia, Eric and Marie-Ève, godspeed and I hope we will cross each other's paths in the future.

The editor in chief,

Louise Riel

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There are two kinds of time:

The time that waits and the time that hopes

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1001 ways to help Emergo!
Why not a BBQ among friends?
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Letter from the President

Dear parents,

Dear friends of Emergo,

Another summer is behind us. Years pass, children grow up... Here we are, back in the fall with more regular schedules.

But, there is no rest for Emergo!

This summer, Emergo has welcomed 221 autistic individuals on its three sites and will welcome about 140 others for the respites scheduled during the 23 school year weekends.

Our main challenge: continually finding new counselors and training them to be able to support our children. Our counselors are college or university-level students and, after a few years, they leave us for a full time job or for other endeavors.

Thank you to all those wonderful caregivers and coordinators who sacrifice a significant portion of their summers and weekends to performs an often difficult task. A very special thanks to Claudia, Marie-Ève and Éric who dedicated several years to our children with great passion. You will be missed!

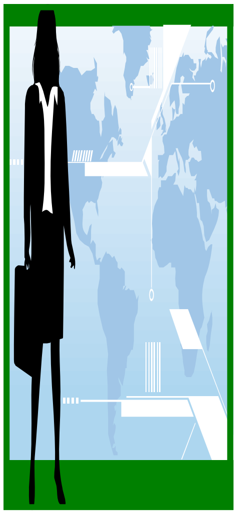
Another challenge: creating additional spaces for the new families that are knocking at our door. Last summer, we were very proud of providing for all the families who had filed a service request and eliminating the waiting list. But this summer all the spaces were filled and we must again cope with a waiting list. Team Emergo, the executive board and the honorary committee all work very hard to implement and support the services.

Because the government subsidies have been capped in the recent years, we must double our efforts to raise money. Our fundraisers reaped $53,597 in 1999, up to $299,240 in 2009.

Each year for the last two years, we set up a golf tournament. Our 2009 tournament has helped us raise more than $66,000 for our services. This is fantastic, but since our needs are always increasing, the golf committee team is really looking forward to sell all of its foursomes next year. There were five unsold foursomes this year. Do you know someone who could help us reach our goal?

Dear parents, be assured that Team Emergo is making all the necessary efforts to guarantee the continuity and development of our services. Dear friends, dear contributors, we need you to help us take up our challenges.

Andrée Robert



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Mom, when do I go back to Camp Emergo?

Worried about leaving the house despite all the explanations: “You’re having a vacation at Emergo, you’ll see your friends… Mom will pick you up in eight beddy-byes… ».

He looks at the road. WOW! Water! It’s the Richelieu River. Now Martin lights up, he knows where we are… Soon arriving at Emergo. He’s happy, screams with joy and claps his hands.

That’s the Emergo effect!

And how about that greeting… with Josée, Manon and especially, our devoted Philippe who has been welcoming and supporting the parents, listening to them for the last 20 years.

Here is his testimony:

I took part to nine greetings, during which I have met all the parents and other delegates who came to drop off the participants.

We would talk about stuff. While we were talking, I would ask if they thought their children were happy. All of them except two answered that their kids were very happy to come and stay at Emergo. Of those two who attended half-heartedly, one parent told me he had only announced it at the very last minute, which had made the child insecure.

Here are a few testimonies I’d like to share with you:

“My child pestered me for the whole week before he went to camp. »

“My son only lives for experiencing the activities at Emergo.”

“My child couldn’t wait to be there.”

“I only pull out the suitcase the morning, or else we’re done!!”

How joyful to see the parents leave with trust in their eyes, and to see the smile on the brothers and sisters’ faces… Finally, they will have all the attention they deserve!

Emergo will always remain an essential resource for the families coping with autism on a daily basis.

If “God lends me life,” I will be there next year. Meeting the parents is a real treasure which not everyone has access to!

Philippe Dagenais a.k.a. The Pianist

Summer is already gone...

A few years ago, I was walking in your shoes...
Because, like you, I was also moni, cocotte, RSI and "in charge"...
Every summer, nostalgia still fills my heart!

I shared the same passion, the same motivation that has driven you!
The passion to know better, to unravel the mystery, to understand, to change...
The passion to "make the difference", to be true, to open one's heart!
And, like you – maybe, I sometimes thought I wouldn't be up to it...

I took up the same challenges you had to confront along the way...
And, like you, it happened, sometimes, I wished for a better tomorrow!
Every time, I got back on my feet with a little more strength, a bit more conviction...
And I got back on the road to what is among the best of my accomplishments!

Despite the doubt that set in, the incomprehension occasioned and the exhaustion felt,
We are all gathered here today.
Which means that we took up a great challenge:
To gather up our strength and keep the Magic alive...

Through you and your personality Emergo can really shine!
Thanks to your initiatives and your innovation, we can develop the services!
Thanks to your good care, the participants go back home satisfied!
That's how our parents can benefit from a well-deserved respite!

In the name of all the parents and administrators,
Thank you for supporting Emergo in the accomplishment of its mission!
Thank you for providing unforgettable vacations to our participants!
Thank you for providing a vital time off to our parents!

Josée Filion,

Executive Director

To all of you who shared precious moments this summer with our children

THE DISCOVERY

I discovered autism just a few years ago, while watching a movie on TV. The film depicted the courage of a mom who wanted to keep her autistic four-year old son by her side at all costs. Deeply moved by this story that I kept buried in my memory, I never thought that the meanders of life would bring me to come into contact with those who experienced this tragedy on a daily basis.

The enthusiasm of Manon and Josée had me going from the very beginning. I was in a period where I wished to dedicate more of my time to others, so I did not hesitate one second to join Emergo's cause.

> *I can only wish for Emergo to continue progressing with them for a long time, to the greatest benefit of all*

I also had the opportunity to acknowledge the deep and unconditional love of the mothers, as well as the unfaltering support of the fathers, towards their offspring despite their peculiarities and inherent daily vicissitudes. Most fortunately, Emergo is there to bring them relief by providing them respite.

I also discovered the sincerity and the commitment of counselors who perform their tasks with a smile, some even being unable to repress their wonder in front of a cute mug or a charming twinkle. Won over by the personality of some and the specific attributes of others, week after week they provide their contribution by courageously taking in charge these children and adults affected by a PDD. They give parents a chance to catch their breath, even for a few days, so that they can recharge their batteries and take on their responsibilities with serenity.

I can only wish for Emergo to continue progressing with them for a long time, to the greatest benefit of all these families.

Marcelle,

New secretary since June 2009

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Corrigendum

In our last issue, we published a text taken from the French language daily La Presse, with the title Aidante naturelle... à vie [Informal caregiver ... for life] and quoted its source without quoting its author. We deeply regret this unfortunate incident and we ask the author, Mrs. Lucille Bargiel, to please accept our apologies.

2009 Fundraising Campaign ~ A great success!

The year 2009 was an especially difficult one economically speaking, a year with a lot of fear and insecurity for organizations like ours.

Are we lucky or is autism more widely known? One thing is for sure, members of our Honorary Committee, parents and friends of Emergo "held on tight," and we have the results to prove it.

The 2009 fundraiser yielded $315,760!

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to all our donors for their great generosity. We have exceeded our objective of $285,000.

Thank you for supporting us in our struggle for the recognition of our needs.

Thank you for allowing us to provide an essential service to families living with autism on a daily basis.

And thank you for staying with us so that we can stay the course.

Thank you also to the 131 players and to the many volunteers who contributed to the success of our golf tournament. Unfortunately, we did not sell all our foursomes this year. Thus, your big **CHALLENGE** for next year is to sell all 36 foursomes. We're counting on you!!!

Lastly, a big thank you to Charles Lafortune for hosting the evening so delightfully and for agreeing to come back next year!

Everybody mark your planners!

Golf tournament 2010

Date: Wednesday June 9, 2010

Place: Club de golf de Saint-Jean

Come in great numbers to play or just for the supper and the auction. We are waiting for you!

In conclusion, do you happen to know people who would be interested to work with us in the golf tournament Organizing Committee to promote the event or just to be part of the Honorary Committee of the tournament? We will greet them with arms wide open! It's for a good cause!

Manon Carle Dagenais,

Financing Director

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Saying goodbye and thank you

To all those who committed their youth and their time to Emergo, especially Marie-Ève, Claudia and Eric

How difficult it is to say goodbye!

How difficult it is to say goodbye to good-hearted people!

For six years, I saw you learn, grow and blossom in the very special and unusual world of autism!

For six years, I have felt your commitment, your empathy and your listening skills!

I saw you with your participants, work for their wellbeing, for their development and above all, to give this very precious time to their families: RESPITE

It wasn't all that easy!!!! The demands, the arguments… but that has often made me think and grow.

I feel privileged of having worked by your side.

I thank you for accepting me as your "Boss", but also as a kind of big sister, or substitute teacher.

Philippe joins in and raises his hat to your remarkable humanism. It was an honor to meet you.

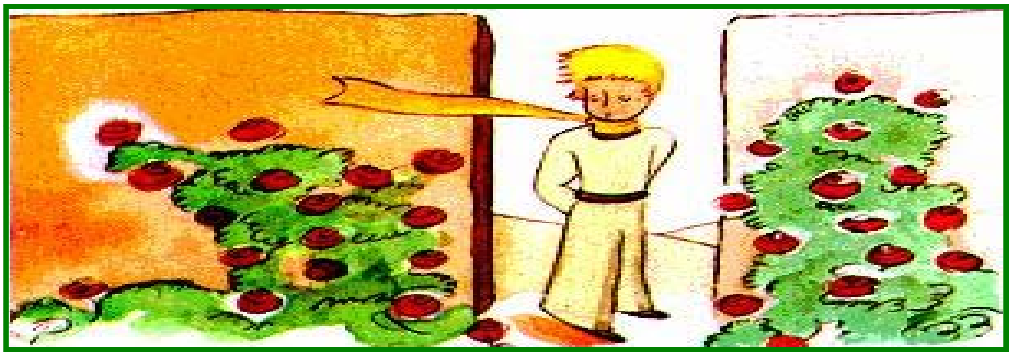
I wish you the best of luck and hope to see you at the ends of autism.

Manon a.k.a TIMBIT

Philippe a.k.a The Pianist

What is invisible
to the eyes
One only sees
with the eyes of
the heart

The Little
Prince



"*Without a will, this child has lost more than his parents'*

Chambre des notaires du Québec)

A well-appreciated visit!

We want to extend our deepest thanks to M^{e} Laurent Fréchette, who kindly accepted to come and meet us for the Emergo Respite Services 12th annual assembly of June 10th to talk about the trust will and the importance of a well-planned future for our children.

After we pass away, if we did not write our will or if we did write a will but without taking into account the fact that one of our children is handicapped, we can imperil their financial future. The trust will is a legal document through which we can hand down, upon our passing, our estate to a trust. This trust is expressly created to manage the estate to the benefit of our handicapped child (as an unfit person) for their whole life and ensure its transfer upon their passing. We can then make sure that our handicapped child will not lack the financial resources necessary to maintain the quality of life we want him to continue to enjoy after our passing – without, however, affecting his right to participate to social programs.

But for us, parents of handicapped children, there is now a document of the utmost importance, the **"*Human Mandate*,"** where one can specify the human values that must prevail in the way our child is looked after, in other words everything that is essential to maintain the quality of life and well-being. This document takes into account of physical, intellectual and social-relational as well as emotional, cultural and spiritual aspects.

To learn more, come and meet M^{e} Fréchette during our annual assembly on June 15th of 2010!

The "Human Mandate" of our son Martin is written since 2005. It serves as a reference document for our future Service Plan meetings. Everything is included in this document for the well-being of your son and also to guide the people who will be in charge after our passing!

Manon and Philippe

Do not forget the
child, you that love
them so

Take heed of his gaze,
for a moment or so

And deep into his
eyes, you will clearly
see

The grandeur of his
heart, a giant for all
to be

Little village

In a little village deep in the country
In a little village where roosters and hens live
The only animated things in that place are the raging ice
And the clergy's sermons

Little village, little village, how you like to bore us

Around there, all the teenagers dream of is leaving for the city
To have fun and go to parties
To no longer hear the dogs complaining of boredom
Let's not dream, this place no longer leads to anything

Little village, little village, how you like to bore us

In a small village, where the old man remembers with nostalgia
How in his time, the little village glowed with magic
With the bands and the town blacksmiths
And most of all the big New Year's Eve party once a year

Little village, little village, how you like to bore us

In a little village where people go to sleep
Little village, where flowers will yet bloom
That develops at the speed of the formation of our planet
How slowly does our little village evolve!

Little village, little village, how you like to bore us
Now, little village, you are not so alive
You are dying slowly like an old pheasant
The new technologies made you age badly
Because good old traditions make you so happy

Little village, little village, how you like to bore us

Josée Richer,
Un rêve à réaliser participant

> *In a small village, where the old man remembers with nostalgia*
> *How in his time, the little village glowed with magic*

> *The new technologies made you age badly*
> *Because good old traditions make you so happy*

The security of our autistic children

As an old expert of autism, I would like to share some of my experiences with you. Twenty-five years ago, to ensure the very relative freedom of our autistic son – and for his security – we have decided to sign him up to MedicAlert and give him a bracelet. Today, this bracelet is an integral part of Martin's "body."

MedicAlert can save your child's life..

Here are useful snippets of info pulled from the MedicAlert website.
If your child has health problems, suffers from severe drug or food allergies, has special medical needs or must take medicine regularly, he might be exposed to an undue risk when in an emergency situation..

What if your child was in an emergency situation? How would he give his medical history to paramedics, nurses or doctors? The MedicAlert symbol warns the health professionals about the wearer's condition and only the MedicAlert medical identification gives the emergency medical personal instant access to the personal medical information thanks to the **MedicAlert 24-hour Emergency Hotline .**

How does MedicAlert work in emergency situations:

The first responders and medical personnel are trained to recognize, immediately upon their arrival, the presence of medical identification.

On the back of **every** MedicAlert emblem, are engraved the member's key medical information, his member ID and the MedicAlert 24-hour emergency response number.. This is to ensure that emergency medical personnel are **immediately aware** of any serious or chronic condition or allergy..

One phone call to the MedicAlert 24-hour emergency hotline service gives the medical personnel **immediate access** to the member's medical file. This detailed medical file contains all the information that the emergency personnel must know in case of emergency, including the data on existing medical conditions, allergies, implants, devices and medication. The member's medical file also contains the medical and family contact information..

An immediate access to vital medical information allows the medical personnel a quick response with an appropriate treatment.

Another aspect of potentially high significance for parents of runaway children: immediate access to critical information can help the police or any individual to easily and quickly identify the autistic child in case of flight

Manon

Martin's mother

Do our autistic children need to take medicine?

This is a difficult question, a bit taboo, even. I have no intention of answering it, actually… One must admit it is not an easy subject of discussion between parents…

Our children, big and small, received prescription medicine by their psychiatrists because they had inappropriate or disturbing behaviors, did not sleep or were having tantrums at home, at school or out on the street.

We feel somehow guilty and we readily see that medicine for psychological problems is far from being well understood. Doctors are doing hit-or-miss research and we are worried by the potentially long-term side effects. But we try to justify ourselves: “After all, when we’re sick, we must take some medicine…” But, is autism a sickness?

It’s also a question of money… isn’t it less expensive for the state to give money to pharmaceutical companies than paying for more competent educators? We know that the first goal of pharmaceutical companies is to make a profit for their shareholders… We are also wondering if the doctors are not too influenced by the pharmaceutical companies who pay them nice trips and all kinds of advantages.

I don’t want to generalize and reject all drugs, but I must admit I am suspicious. I admit that for some diseases, medicine is essential; insulin for diabetes, for example. But are the doctors giving out too much prescriptions? Isn’t it an easy way out?

My child already took some medicine, especially Ritalin at school, but when the dosage was increased to the point where he started trembling. I rather had him out of school than waiting for his organism “to adapt”. Other drugs have been tried and, they failed. Either they had only severe side effects or no effect at all.

So I have had many interrogations and developed some mistrust. In all circumstances, I tell myself: “For my child, as little medication as possible.”

So I have had many interrogations and developed some mistrust. In all circumstances, I tell myself: “For my child, as little medication as possible.”

This does not mean I can judge the parents that have other views, however. And maybe my opinion will change in the face of situations that, otherwise, will remain unanswered. It’s not easy. And if a drug could help my child to be more happy, less anxious? Actually, his inappropriate behavior is often because he does not feel good about himself and I see that he is quite happy when he manages to behave well. But, isn’t it better for him to learn to behave well most of the time? In fact, educators that take care of him and know him find all kinds of methods to help him cope with his emotions. I want to give him more time to learn.

So, that is where I stand now. How about you?

Pierre Morin,

Francis’s father

The Emergo Golf Tournament

Background

The adventure begins in 2005, not long after we moved to the Bosquets. For several years already, the people of Emergo wished to organize a golf tournament. Since the new site was in bad need for renovations and all kinds of new installations, our team of organizers put the shoulder to the wheel so that the SEHQ would give the ($50,000) to the Bosquets. Back then the tournament was to the benefit of Colonie de vacances Albert Hudon les Bosquets. The highlight of that first tournament was the commitment of major partners, including Mr Yvon Deschamps as well as Transport Robert and Les Industries Lassonde.

The tournament today

After three years of cooperation with Colonie les Bosquets, in 2008 Emergo took the decision to commit itself to the tournament and make it its sole official fundraising activity. Today, we can still count on Transport Robert and Les Industries Lassonde for their corporate support, and, for the last two years, renowned artists and hosts, such as Bernard Fortin and Charles Lafortune, who took turns as this activity's honorary sponsors.

The tournament organizing committee is exclusively consisted of parents of autistic children using the camp, and profits have soared up to $68 439 in 2009. It goes without saying, the team is quite proud of the results, but we consider that there is much space for improvement since we have not managed to pack the house for the last few years.

It must be emphasized that about 30% of the profits accumulated for the tournament are the result of a silent auction held with the dinner. At this auction, we offer valuable prizes, such as reproductions of painter Jean-Paul Riopelle, heavily sought-after vintage bottles of wine, items offered by the Montreal Canadiens hockey team.

The last two editions of the tournament took place at the Saint-Jean-sur-le-Richelieu Golf Club; the same venue will be used next year and the date has been set for Wednesday June 9th. We are betting on the success of our golf tournament to balance our annual budget. The tournament is the only fundraising activity set up by Emergo.

An invitation is now sent to EmergInfo readers. If you think you can provide some help by being part of the organizing committee, we will gladly welcome you; all you have to do is contact Manon Dagenais our Financial Director, at 514-931-2882. Of course, we would like to sell all the available foursome and add even more items of value to our silent auction. So, this is your chance to contribute to YOUR cause. Our team is efficient and successful, and works in a cheerful environment. You are welcome anytime!

André Beaulieu,

Head of the Organizing Committee

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A delicate balance

It was quite a summer for François-Martin! He came to Vancouver with us in June, for ten days. During the weeks before our departure, he said about 10,000 times (I'm not really exaggerating) that he couldn't wait taking the plane with mom and dad. But, as soon as the plane landed, he kept asking what we would do, and after that, and after that, and after… I had forgotten how it is important for him to have a structured time/space and even a real schedule with pictograms, like I used to do for him at the camp.

We had planned all kinds of activities that might be of interest to him, but what he liked the most was taking the bus, sleeping at the hotel and eating at the restaurant. Those were the cornerstones that reassured him on the quite peculiar schedule of our vacations.

A few days after our return, he went to Emergo without the necessary time to go back to his routine. He was very happy to see his friends again but also quite nervous to let me go. This time, I thought of preparing a calendar and I showed him I would pick him up after 10 beddy-byes – 'Promise'. Well, when I went back to him, he didn't want to leave anymore! With the help of a promised BBQ dinner, he finally got in the car after a good half-hour of negotiating.

After he came back from camp, we drove him back at his place, where he lives with three other handicapped buddies in Pierre and Rina's family, and we had a remake of that scenario of conflict between the joy of seeing his people again and the trouble experiencing another change. The day after, a bit apprehensive, I called Pierre to check how things went. He said that, right after I shut the door, François-Martin had regained his calm and went back to his good old habits, and he had an excellent day at work.

Three weeks later, François-Martin came to live with us to let Rina recover from the delivery of her fourth child. The first morning I drove him back at the workshop, I had to get in with him and promise him to come back and pick him up at 3 p.m. – no matter what – for him to let me go. He loves his work, which he does very well according to his educators, but he needed a bit of support to let go of my hand that he was clutching.

Because of all these changes, his anxiety level went up a few notches. He repeated the same words and asked the same questions over and over again, wanting to be reassured. Furthermore, he seemed distraught, couldn't concentrate his attention on a specific activity, often seeming to prefer doing nothing and zone out. Honestly, there were times it really got on my nerves and I asked myself how I coped with this when he lived with us all the time…

I knew that a few days after his return home, he would leave for camp Kinkora with three of his buddies. I was careful not to touch on the subject, telling myself that this new change would cause his anxiety level to skyrocket. Well, the opposite happened. One afternoon, when I went to pick him up at the workshop, he told me he couldn't wait to be at Kinkora with Jackie, Kristy and Steven! Someone had talked about it at the workshop and it didn't seem to have caused a fit!

When he went back home, he didn't seem to be interested in the new baby; he wanted to make sure that all his friends were still there and that they would soon leave for camp. But also he had us promise we would pick him up after his camp to spend the weekend with us. In a way, he wanted to make sure the routine would resume when he came back.

All summer long, I was under the impression that my son had done some and that, despite all my fears, he pulled through quite well and managed to keep the delicate balance...

Louise Riel

Donations in Memoriam

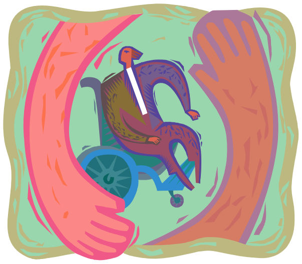
When a loved one deceases, we like to express our sympathy to the afflicted family.

A donation to Emergo is then quite appropriate and will be accepted with appreciation.

A letter of condolences will be sent to the afflicted family, and a receipt for income tax purposes will be sent to the donor with our sincere acknowledgements

I love helping Emergo

Looking for volunteers



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- Fundraising campaign
- Newsletter
- Registration to respite services
- Member of the Board of Directors
- Member of Financing Committee

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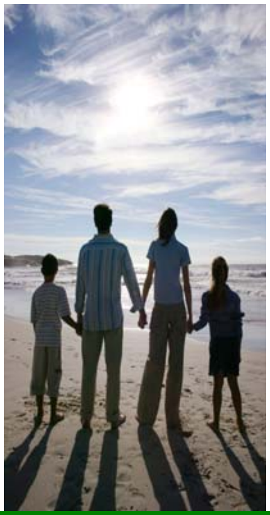

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Who are we?

Emergo is a non-profit organization founded in 1976 by parents of autistic children with the desire to help other parents like them by offering respite services. This is how the first camp able to receive autistic people in Quebec was born.

What is our mission?

To offer respite services to families living with autistic people or people having pervasive developmental disorders by welcoming them in a safe and stimulating outdoor environment adapted to their needs, thus encouraging them to maintain and develop their capabilities

I love going to Emergo!

When Jean-Francois yells out: "I love going to Emergo!", his parents know that they can fully enjoy their few days of freedom, because their child is happy at Emergo.

Who can become a member?

In addition to families living with autistic people or people with a pervasive developmental disorder, Emergo welcomes among its members any person, parent, friend, professional, intervener, or organization interested in autism and its repercussions on family, entourage and society.

There are moments both wistful and mysterious,
where our spirit seems to be illuminated both by the sun that sets
and the moon that rises.

Victor Hugo

DEADLINE

We invite you to send your texts and comments before February 28, 2010, deadline for our next issue.

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