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**THE YOUTH AND PARENTS AGAPE ASSOCIATION INC.**

**Project Title**

**Investing Towards the Future of Health and Social Services in Laval**

**Objectives**

This project aims to: 1 – Promote studies and careers in the health and social services fields to targeted bilingual Laval youth with desired qualities (science concentration, maturity, etc.) with the intention of them coming to work in Laval. 2 – Provide targeted bursaries to bilingual graduating students from university programs in health and social services who are willing to work in Laval, within the CISSS de Laval or a community organization. 3 – Coordinate and develop opportunities for French speaking health professionals from de CISSS de Laval to practice their English-speaking skills that expose them to the culture and history of the English-speaking community in the region.

**Description**

In this perspective, Agape will:

1 – Coordinate and organize annual field trips to the Jewish Rehabilitation Hospital (CISSS de Laval) for targeted mature high-school students at Laval Senior Academy as well as North Star Academy. This full-day trip event will bring up to 40 students per year to learn about various health professions. Agape will work with school career counsellors and other school staff to help recruit these students along with the help of the Community Learning Centre coordinator within the school.

2 – With the cooperation of the CISSS de Laval, will discuss the major gaps, previously identified, in the number of bilingual health and social services professionals (Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Pathology, mental health) within Laval’s public institutions and community organizations and will focus on creating initiatives between community networks, educational institutions and health and social services networks forming joint collaborations in the potential hiring of bilingual health professionals, and focusing on bursaries for bilingual students willing to pursue their career in Laval.

3 – Will coordinate opportunities\* for French speaking health professionals\* to participate and practice their English-speaking skills during “conversation cafés” where they will be exposed to the culture and history of the English-speaking community in the region and will invite these professionals to participate in meetings, conferences, committees and other opportunities to practice their English skills.

<b>Budget allocation</b>	<b>2018-2019</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2018-2023</b>
	\$14,300	\$14,300	\$14,300	\$14,300	\$14,300	\$71,500

\* Click [here to access to detailed description](#) of **Linguistic and cultural adaptation activities for health care and psychological service providers** and to related budget allocation.