

Solidarity picnic at HMR

The FIQ and the UHCP launch an appeal for solidarity

On February 26, the FIQ and the United Healthcare Professionals (UHCP) keenly denounced the unbearable working conditions of the care professionals at a solidarity picnic in front of *Hôpital Maisonneuve-Rosemont*, which took place during the lunch hour.

This demonstration was aimed at denouncing the impossible working conditions for the care professionals in the public sector and followed events that occurred at *Hôpital Maisonneuve-Rosemont* when the nursing staff assigned to the intensive care unit had to work for 18 hours on the preceding weekend, forced to work mandatory overtime. Several media sources were present at the demonstration which gathered nearly one hundred care professionals.



Commando operation to counteract the presence of private healthcare employment agencies in the public health system

FIQ union representatives distribute pamphlets at Hotel W

On March 3, union representatives from the Federation went to the Hotel W to distribute pamphlets on the private healthcare employment agencies while at the same time, inside, the private agency, *Médic-Or* “officially” presented its new brigade of elite nurses. This commando operation initiated by the Federation was a means to denounce, once again, the threat that private agencies pose for the quality, continuity and safety of care as well as their ever-growing presence in the public health institutions.

Les Journées Michel Chartrand - 3rd edition

Régine Laurent participates as a speaker

The organizing committee of the *Journées Michel Chartrand* this year presents its third symposium with the theme “*Les conditions de travail des salariés de l’État et la qualité du service public : un lien indissociable*” (“The working conditions of the State’s employees and the quality of public services: an inseparable link”). The event will take place on March 12 and 13. Régine Laurent, President of the FIQ, will attend and will take part in the opening panel beside Claudette Carbonneau of the CSN and Réjean Parent of the CSQ.

For more detail linked to this event and to make a reservation (mandatory) please refer to the Facebook page specifically created for this purpose:

<www.facebook.com/FIQSante?ref=ts#!/event.php?eid=497973390524&ref=mf>



Congratulations to Steeve Gauthier for the courage he showed in denouncing the difficult reality that care professionals in the public network experience!

The passionate outcry that nurse Steeve Gauthier expressed in his open letter as well as all the media interventions that followed sensitized hundreds of thousands of Quebecers to the unbearable situation in the public network. It is by saying what many others only think to themselves and by fighting for better working conditions that it will finally be possible to make the government act. There is no doubt that Steeve Gauthier’s courage will inspire other care professionals and urge them to break the silence that too often prevails in the public network.

Calendar - Mobilization

Mars

Members wear the armband

Members wear the temporary transfer in the style of a tattoo

Massive emails sent to targeted people in power (Charest, Gagnon-Tremblay, Bolduc)

March 15, 16 and 17

Federal Council

March 20: Major union event

Major national demonstration by the Common Front in Montreal (see the FIQ web site for all the details)