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**Share the Warmth Welcomes a New Food Security Program Director**

Montréal, May 26, 2020 – Share the Warmth is pleased to welcome Julie Poirier to its food security team as the new Food Security Program Director. Ms. Poirier will replace Vanessa Girard-Tremblay, who announced her departure in February after four years with Share the Warmth.

“When the COVID-19 pandemic hit Montréal in mid-March, we were so grateful to Vanessa for agreeing to stay on and coordinate our emergency response effort,” explains Stéphanie Taillon, Share the Warmth’s Executive Director. “She has been such an asset to Share the Warmth in the four years she has worked here and her willingness to help us through these difficult times is proof of her commitment to our members and the Sud-Ouest community at large. And while we are sad to see her go, we look forward to welcoming Julie to the team. Her specific experience and skill-set will bring a lot of value to our organization and programs.”

For the past six years, **Julie Poirier has worked at Bouffe-Action de Rosemont**, a community organization specializing in food security. With a background in nutrition, she first started as the **Nutrition Project Coordinator**. In this role, she acquired a specific set of project management experience and implemented educational initiatives. Her passion for the community and non-profit sectors led her to return to school to pursue a Graduate Certificate in Cooperative Enterprise and Social Business Management. Her management skills, specifically in human resources, finance, marketing, and governance, gave her the opportunity to get more involved in Bouffe-Action’s daily activities, and she was eventually promoted to Executive Director last year. She was a member of the Board of Directors, participated in salary policy reviews, and implemented a project impact assessment strategy. Ms. Poirier holds a **B. Sc. in Nutritional Sciences** from the Université de Montréal and a **Graduate Diploma in Cooperate Enterprise and Social Business Management** from the Université de Québec à Montréal.

**About Share the Warmth**

Share the Warmth’s mission is to awaken hopes and dreams in the community through excellence in programming that fosters the overall development and success of youth, increases access to food security and health for all, and offers work training programs.