

Hope Community Church moves upstairs

By Gordon Lambie

Now in the ninth year since taking ownership for the former Saint-Antoine Church in the heart of Downtown Lennoxville, the people of Hope Community Church finally got to move upstairs for worship this past Sunday.

"We've been meeting downstairs the whole time," said community member Jackie Lougheed, "and we've used the basement very well."

Lougheed explained that the last nine years have been committed to gradually transforming the 66 year-old Catholic church building into the multipurpose meeting, performance, and worship space the elders envisioned when they put a bid in back in 2011.

"The church community as it was really wanted it to go on as a church, but we never thought we would get it," she added, noting that once the details were settled, the long road to preparing the space began.

While finally being able to move worship into the sanctuary marks a significant milestone for the community, it is only the most recent in a massive list of repairs and renovations that have taken place. Almost any renovation job a person can think of, from changing the heating system, to rewiring the building, to replacing the roof, has been carried out in the name of ensuring that the building remains a solid and useful resource to the community long into the future.

"Many people who used to come here wouldn't recognize the interior," Lougheed said. "It's been totally changed."

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The 11th Edition of the Girls' Ride-raising dollars, awareness and emotion in the fight against cancer



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We hear it said that, "cancer touches everyone" and while we know this is true, until it comes fiercely pounding on your door or the door of someone you love, one tends to distance oneself and hope that it passes by. For the over 260 women plus security who took part in the 11th Annual Edition of the "Girls' Ride," on

Saturday, July 13, cancer holds no power over their spirit and their quest to find a cure. Raising well over \$111,500 dollars in support of the Quebec Breast Cancer Foundation, the event greatly surpassed last year's previous record of more than \$88,000 and shows no signs of decreasing in its roaring success.

This was the 11th edition of the Girls' Ride. It was created in 2009 when founding president Sylvie Brisebois de-

cidated to go on a motorcycle ride with girls to raise funds for the fight against breast cancer. This year, the evening before the ride, the donations continued to increase by an average of \$1000 per hour and it was very clear that last year's record amount would be exceeded in the goal to raise \$100,000 that was set for this year.

The very motivated organizing

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