

A TRIBUTE TO A VOLUNTEER

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SISTER FLEURETTE, A WOMAN DEDICATED AND FAITHFUL TO HER POSITION FOR 22 YEARS!

“For me, Sister Fleurette embodies a dedicated volunteer and one who gives without counting the cost. Her many years of involvement at ‘Maison Marguerite’ testify to this” said Doris Cadet, Coordinator of the shelter.

“She was very special to the clients who were at the shelter on a short-term basis. While some asked for her and waited for her to arrive, others spoke to me about her being an extraordinary woman. Sister Fleurette consistently proved herself to be a good listener, was non-judgmental and an example of patience, which contributed to the trust which a great number of our clients had had in her.”

“Sister Fleurette, I loved your stories which enabled me to grow in my faith. I hope that you have other stories to tell me. This led to me listening attentively to the story of Mother d’Youville and of her works of sharing and of kindness. Thank you for helping me to not give up on prayer.”

You are very welcoming, very human and most understanding towards the women in difficulty. Above all, with all the prejudices which society has towards itinerants – you gifted us with a human warmth and understanding that we do not find outside. We often think that we are bad people. We don’t need this criticism. Thank you to ‘Maison Marguerite’ for letting me get to know Sister Fleurette. We wish that you could stay and that God will keep you and let you stay with us as long as possible.” (A client who has been coming to the shelter for a year)

Born in Hemmingford, December 15, 1921, Sister Fleurette was the last child in a family of five, four of whom were boys. She entered religious life on January 24, 1941. Her priority was caring for the poor and the oppressed. She worked in a half-way house for young girls with difficulties for 11 years. She has been offering her services as a volunteer twice a week at ‘Maison Marguerite’ since 1991.