



*Beaujolais Nouveau Gala*



*Gouvernor's Proclamation*



*Franco Foods*



*St-Jean Game*

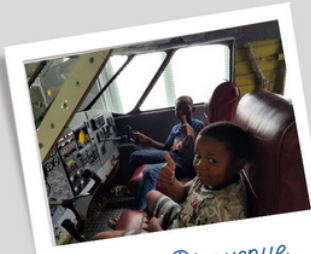
**Live Free  
et Célébrez  
le Français**



*Conversation Groups*



*Fleur Délices Challenge*



*Camp Bienvenue*



*NH PoutineFest*

# RAPPORT ANNUEL 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



**BENOIT LAMONTAGNE**

Président - President



**JOHN TOUSIGNANT**

Directeur exécutif - Executive Director

Dear Friends, Sponsors, and Supporters,

The year 2022 was a positive and productive year for the Franco-American Centre. As we continued to move beyond the pandemic, we increased our in-person activities while developing virtual opportunities for French enthusiasts throughout the state and region.

Education, both in the French language and in Franco-American heritage, continues to be an important focus. Virtual classes for youth and adults continue to attract students and we look forward to an innovative after school French program slated for launch in Fall '23.

Cultural activities remain an essential component of our French celebration. The Centre's outreach in 2022 involved events throughout the state, including a booth at the North Country Moose Festival in Colebrook. We continue to grow as a statewide promoter of all things French.

Of course, we could not do what we do without the generosity of our sponsors, volunteers, and members. We look forward to a future where French language and culture will continue to be an important part of NH's cultural fabric.

Thank you for your continued support.



Chers amis, commanditaires et supporteurs,

L'année 2022 a été une année positive et productive pour le Centre franco-américain. Alors que nous continuons à progresser au-delà de la pandémie, nous avons augmenté nos activités en personne tout en créant des opportunités virtuelles pour les francophiles dans l'État et la région.

L'éducation de la langue française et du patrimoine franco-américain demeure une importante priorité. Les cours virtuels, pour jeunes et adultes, continuent d'attirer une variété d'étudiants et nous sommes excités du nouveau programme parascolaires de français qui débutera à l'automne 2023.

Les activités culturelles demeurent un élément essentiel de notre célébration de la francophonie. En 2022, le Centre a participé à des activités à travers l'État, tel qu'au *North Country Moose Festival* à Colebrook. Nous continuons de croître pour être reconnus en tant que promoteur de tout ce qui est français à travers l'État.

Bien sûr, nous ne pourrions pas faire ce que nous faisons sans la générosité de nos commanditaires, de nos bénévoles et de nos membres. Nous nous réjouissons à un avenir où la langue et la culture francophone continuent à être des éléments importants du tissu culturel du New Hampshire.

Merci de votre soutien continu.

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

## Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ending December 31, 2022

(With summarized financial information for the years ending December 31, 2021 & 2020)

	Totals		
	Jan - Dec 2022	Jan - Dec 2021	Jan - Dec 2020
<b>Income</b>			
Forgiveness of Payroll Protection Loan	0.00	26,600.00	0.00
Class tuition	44,104.25	31,408.28	26,683.43
Cultural Events Income	7,294.00	6,500.00	460.00
Memberships	12,268.64	13,261.96	14,686.98
NH PoutineFest	61,256.65	48,219.61	3,039.50
Sponsorships	2,250.00	5,750.00	6,250.00
Grants	6,000.00	0.00	18,119.50
Donations	3,017.27	3,924.62	6,020.19
FACF Donation	3,000.00	2,674.90	2,100.00
Charitable Gaming	56,279.01	42,755.27	28,445.20
Other Income	7,935.04	20,056.31	773.46
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>203,404.86</b>	<b>201,150.95</b>	<b>106,578.26</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
French Classes	29,121.48	22,944.24	21,011.13
Cultural Events Expense	8,233.95	4,113.91	699.98
NH PoutineFest Expense	46,148.50	35,848.45	4,877.15
Charitable Gaming Expense	5,855.38	5,448.25	1,600.00
Fundraising Expense	709.08	885.03	2,769.34
Staffing Expense	76,258.32	69,402.48	68,116.19
General Operations Expense	14,786.05	13,634.29	15,694.15
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>181,112.76</b>	<b>152,276.65</b>	<b>114,767.94</b>
<b>Net Income/ (Loss)</b>	<b>22,292.10</b>	<b>48,874.30</b>	<b>(8,189.68)</b>
<b>Net Assets - Beginning of Year</b>	423,317.68	375,554.32	349,969.68
<b>Net Assets - End of Year</b>	413,308.77	423,317.68	375,554.32
<b>Net change</b>	(10,008.91)	47,763.36	25,584.64

## Saint Anselm College

The Franco-American Centre offices are located in the Sullivan Arena on the Saint Anselm College campus. Although the FAC is a wholly independent organization, a collaborative agreement with the school provides for the FAC to utilize many campus facilities for classes, events and other activities. The FAC works closely with the Modern Languages Department, the Dana Center for the Performing Arts and the Franco-American Collection / Archives at the Geisel Library to encourage and promote French language and heritage studies.

Our mailing address is: Franco-American Centre, 100 Saint Anselm Drive #1798, Manchester, NH 03102

# WHAT WE DO

## CELEBRATE!

The FAC's mission is to celebrate French language, culture and heritage in NH and beyond! French-speakers (Francophones) and English-speaking lovers of French (Francophiles) can find plenty of opportunities to enjoy the richness that French brings to our communities.



## FRENCH LANGUAGE

As part of our ongoing mission to celebrate the French language, the FAC offers classes and engaging conversation groups. Offering virtual classes continues to draw students from a greater geographical area. We continue to attract local students, but have had students from throughout NH as well as from other states such as Georgia and Ohio! Talk about NH and Beyond!



Our monthly conversation groups continue to engage several participants each month with our various locations. This year, we have expanded to add a monthly virtual group for University students. In 2023, we have plans to add new groups in other parts of the state including Concord. We offer both in-person and virtual meetings.

# WHO WE SERVE



## PEOPLE OF NORTH-AMERICAN FRENCH HERITAGE WHO SPEAK FRENCH

Whether early visitors from New France or more recent immigrants from Québec or the Acadian portions of the Atlantic Provinces, many people trace their ancestry to Canada. Those who grew up speaking French at home find a warm welcome greeting them at the FAC.

## PEOPLE OF NORTH-AMERICAN FRENCH HERITAGE WHO SPEAK LIMITED OR NO FRENCH

Although more than 20% of NH's residents can claim French-Canadian heritage, the majority of that group do not speak French fluently. With many activities being offered in English, those who may not understand much French can still appreciate the culture and traditions that continue to add value to our communities.



## PEOPLE WITH HERITAGE FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE FRENCH-SPEAKING WORLD

The face of French heritage is continuously evolving. Many of today's new French-speaking immigrants come from La Francophonie - the 80+ countries that speak French as a first or second language. We welcome them as they bring new French-inspired cultures that enrich our understanding of the world.



## PEOPLE WITH NO FRENCH HERITAGE WHO LOVE SOME ASPECT OF FRENCH CULTURE

Some of our most active members and friends have no French heritage. They are francophiles who love some aspect of a French-inspired culture. Food, fashion and the performing or visual arts draw people to a community that shares a love of "All Things French."



**BIENVENUE À TOUS - WELCOME TO ALL!**

# WHO SUPPORTS US

*Merci beaucoup*

*Many Thanks*

The Franco-American Centre is recognized as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. We draw support from memberships, corporate sponsorships, grants, classes, events and NH's Charitable Gaming through our collaboration with The Brook Casino in Seabrook.

**The Franco-American Centre Foundation** - a separate entity - provides valuable annual support to our operating budget while offering donors tax-advantaged options for making contributions to our long-term sustainability plan.

To learn how you can support the FAC Foundation, Email: [Info@FACNH.com](mailto:Info@FACNH.com)

## Sponsors

Consulate General of Canada in Boston  
Consulate General of France in Boston  
New Hampshire State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.  
Paramount Financial Group  
Quebec Government Office in Boston  
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## In-Kind Supporters

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Great NH Restaurants    Maurice & Elaine Demers    Pitco  
Sonia Prince - Primerica    Pineland Farms Dairy Company  
Texas Roadhouse

## Volunteers

The FAC would not be able to organize and run the various events and programming without its dedicated volunteers.

In 2022, over 100 volunteers selflessly gave their time and talents to ensure the success of the various FAC events. Many were instrumental in the planning and organization of events and programming.

*Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless - Sherry Anderson*

# 2022 IN REVIEW



2022 started with some excitement. Our cooking YouTube Channel, Franco Foods, was featured on NH Chronicle! The segment highlighted the FAC and, as a direct result, our website received several hundred hits more than usual, and more than doubled the number of subscribers to the Franco Foods channel.

In the spring, Francophonie month was celebrated at the NH State House with The Governor and Council, Members, Friends and Francophonie dignitaries. Then, we hosted our first Fleur Délices Amateur Baking Competition. 8 cakes were decorated to represent various countries of the Francophonie.



The summer started in full swing with a baseball game in Manchester on St-Jean Baptiste. Tim Beaulieu, Franco-American of the Year 2022, threw out the first pitch!

Towards the end of the summer, we celebrated Acadian heritage with music and friends at The Brook during our annual Charitable Gaming Week.

Fall was a busy time. We celebrated the launch of the book *French All Around Us* with some of the authors, enjoyed an organ concert with a master.

Of course, it would not be Fall at the FAC without NH PoutineFest - the largest Poutine celebration South of Canada - which continues to be a huge success. Rounding out the year, we held our 12th annual Beaujolais Nouveau Gala. All in all, 2022 was a very good year!





# GET INVOLVED!

The FAC is always planning various events and activities. Make sure you don't miss out!

- Sign up to receive our email notifications.
- Like and follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.
- Visit FACNH.com regularly, we're constantly updating our calendar.

Have an idea for an event or activity? Email us at [info@facnh.com](mailto:info@facnh.com) and join us at our Program Committee.

## VOLUNTEER!

The Franco-American Centre is a volunteer driven organization. Dedicated volunteers are the foundation of our success in promoting French language culture and heritage throughout New Hampshire and beyond.

**Interested?**

**Contact us at [info@facnh.com](mailto:info@facnh.com).**



## SUPPORT THE FAC TODAY

It's easier than ever to support the FAC.

Become a member, make a tax deductible donation, or purchase Franco themed merchandise.

Learn more at [FACNH.com](http://FACNH.com) or email us at [info@facnh.com](mailto:info@facnh.com)

**MERCI! – THANK YOU!**

# MERCI POUR UNE ANNÉE MÉMORABLE!



# THANK YOU FOR A MEMORABLE YEAR!