

Reaching Out

SUMMER 2013

Save the date: Saturday, September 21

LINCCO's annual fall fundraiser dinner will be held on Saturday, September 21 at the beautiful Le Crystal reception hall in Ville St. Laurent, Québec. Join us for an evening out with friends and family while serving a good cause. Think about introducing a colleague, friend or neighbour to LINCCO by inviting them as your guest.

Tickets are \$125.00 per person with a tax receipt for \$50. Visit our website for more information.



Raising the status of midwifery in the DRC

Thanks to help from LINCCO, a new found competence is leading nurses and midwives to promote their professions in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo.

LINCCO is targeting the high rate of infant and maternal mortality in Kinshasa by upgrading the skills of health professionals. A key component is to help establish a Master's program in health administration that will equip nurses and midwives with the knowledge and skills at l'Institut

supérieur en sciences infirmières (Institute for Advanced Nursing Studies). The program, now in its second year, is the brainchild of Dr. Marie Hatem, Assistant Professor of the Faculty of Medicine, Université de Montréal. Courses are being given by local and foreign specialists in person and by teleconference.

On March 8, International Women's Day, 300 students, professors and employees of the Ministry of Health came to a public awareness event at the Institute

Based on their initial success, LINCCO, Dr. Hatem and her partners at the Institute are even more committed to the program and its goal of changing perceptions about midwifery. The ultimate goal is to have more people enter this profession and to have more women put their trust in midwives, thereby reducing the extremely high maternal and infant mortality rate in the Democratic Republic of Congo.



Donation Information worth Sharing



Thanks to a new tax incentive introduced this year by the federal government, giving to LINCCO is more advantageous to first time donors. This new Super Credit tax incentive offers first time donors and people making a donation for the first time since 2007, a higher tax advantage for their donations. Eligible donors can receive a tax credit of 40 per cent on donations of \$200, and 54% on donations over \$200 and up to \$1000.*

First time donors may be those starting their work careers who have not yet claimed any donations on their income tax returns. The tax credit is intended to motivate them to support a charity that they find worthy. As LINCCO donors, you have demonstrated your support for the work we do. Now is an opportunity to tell young people about LINCCO and the tax advantages they can receive in return for a donation.

You can read more about the ``Super Credit`` by visiting our [website](#).

*If you are a Quebec resident, you may be eligible to an additional tax credit on donations on your provincial income tax returns. Please visit our [website](#) for more information.

Community Health Care Workers in the Philippines



Care of the elderly and young children is the focus of FAMCOHSEF's second level training program for Community Health Workers. The program, which started in October 2012 and from which students will graduate in September 2013, is the final phase of LINCCO's partnership with FAMCOHSEF.

Students received hands on experience during their placements at *Mary Mother of Mercy Home for the Elderly and the Abandoned*. Students are also learning to train mothers on the importance of nutrition. The focus is on mothers of pre-school children who will be encouraged to adopt healthy cooking and eating habits.

In all, the training will benefit 12,000 families in the Southville suburb of Manila.

Update on the Christmas Basket project in the Ivory Coast

For the third year, your generosity brought Christmas cheer to families in Abidjan and Yamoussoukro, Ivory Coast. More than 20 families with an average of eight members each received

Christmas baskets on December 24 and 31, 2012. The baskets contained nutritious food staples along with some treats.

The celebrations were made even more exciting when 'Santa Claus' surprised local children with gifts of candy.

Thanks to your generosity, the magic of Christmas spread from our side of the world to theirs.

A heartfelt thanks to all those who participated! With your help we look forward to an even greater success in 2013.



Happy summer!

Summer is a great time to reflect and we hope you will think about the difference you are making in the lives of people in developing countries by supporting LINCCO. For instance:

- the mom who received training for a new job or
- the expectant mothers who will deliver their babies with the help of better-trained health professionals – giving them a higher chance of surviving childbirth.

Throughout the summer, we will update our website and Facebook page. Wherever you will be, you can visit us online.



We wish you a fun-filled, safe and restful summer break!

How you can help

We accept donations by VISA and MasterCard as well as cheques or money orders payable to LINCCO:

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