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### Foot care, in French!

**WELLINGTON, PEI, February 27, 2015** – The PEI French Health Network (PEIFHN) recently announced its new Étoile Santé campaign, whose purpose is to promote, recruit and make people aware of health professionals who offer French-language health services in Prince Edward Island. The PEIFHN is pleased to announce that the Étoile Santé for the month of February is Stéphanie St-Onge Cornish from Blossom Beauty Care.

Finding French-language health professionals and accessing the services they offer remains a challenge in increasing French-language health services here in Prince Edward Island. It is crucial to make French-language professionals more accessible and visible in the community. It's the raison d'être of the Étoile Santé campaign.

Stéphanie St-Onge Cornish, who specializes in foot care, founded her company Blossom Beauty Care in September 2011. "Feet have always fascinated me. Even when I was receiving my first esthetics training, in the early 2000s, I loved doing pedicures. Our feet are very important for our general health, and the more I learn, the more I realize that it's in our best interest to take good care of our feet."

In addition to the numerous training sessions that Stéphanie has completed over the years, she received training at the North American School of Podology in 2014, where she obtained the designation of Certified Podologist (C.Pod.).

The care provided by Stéphanie far exceeds foot beauty care. "The care that I offer can improve and even correct numerous conditions like athlete's foot, curved toenails and ingrown toenails. Furthermore, I have an increasing number of small orthotic devices to improve posture and gait, and avoid injury. I also offer preventative foot care for people with diabetes," explained Stéphanie.

The quality of care offered by Stéphanie and the contact she has with her clients are very much appreciated, and have resulted in her being named an Étoile Santé, as part of the PEI French Health Network's campaign. "For a lot of people, especially seniors, the fact that Stéphanie can visit them where they reside is a major advantage. My brother is blind and has difficulty taking care of his feet; he is one of Stéphanie's clients. It's very reassuring to know that Stéphanie travels to Charlottetown to give him the care that he needs," indicated Marcia Enman, who appreciates Stéphanie's personality.

Stéphanie visits many seniors' establishments to offer her services. She also has a salon at her home in Summerside, where she offers foot care, as well as a full range of other services tailored to the needs and desires of her clients, such as facials, waxing, reflexology, and hand care.

Stéphanie's contact information can be found in the directory of bilingual service providers at [www.santeipe.ca/repertoire](http://www.santeipe.ca/repertoire).

People are encouraged to nominate health professionals who actively offer French-language health services in Prince Edward Island. For more information on the Étoile Santé campaign or to nominate someone directly on the PEIFHN's Web site, go to [www.santeipe.ca](http://www.santeipe.ca).

*The PEI French Health Network is a non-profit organization that collaborates with various partners in order to improve access to quality French-language health services and programs for Prince Edward Island's Acadian and Francophone population. The organization brings together representatives from target community groups, educational facilities, health professionals, health service managers and the provincial government. It is also one of 16 networks that make up the Société Santé en français.*

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**Photo:** Stéphanie St-Onge Cornish, at her home salon in Summerside.

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