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Reina Lamothe wins $500 for nominating an Étoile Santé

CHARLOTTETOWN, PEI – January 21, 2017 – As part of the Étoile Santé campaign, people are invited to nominate health professionals for a chance to win a $500 prize. Reina Lamothe is the lucky winner of one of these $500 prizes, which was awarded randomly to one of the individuals who nominated someone between July 2016 and January 2017.

Ms. Lamothe, who is a medical physicist assistant, works at the Cancer Treatment Centre at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Charlottetown. She nominated a departmental colleague who demonstrates a great deal of enthusiasm and initiative when offering French-language services to Acadian and Francophone patients receiving treatments.

The Étoile Santé campaign is continuing for a third year and since January 2015, 34 health professionals have been recognized for providing an exceptional active offer of French-language services. People are still invited to nominate health professionals for the Étoile Santé campaign for a chance to win one of two $500 prizes awarded in 2017. A $500 prize will be awarded in July for all nominations received between January and June, and a second prize will be awarded for nominations received between July and December. An individual may nominate more than one person.

To be eligible, people must nominate health professionals who actively offer French-language health services in Prince Edward Island.

People can nominate their Étoile Santé directly on the Network's website at www.santeipe.ca. To find bilingual service providers in your area, including Étoile Santé recipients, consult the directory at www.santeipe.ca/repertoire.

All nominated health care professionals receive a recognition award. Additionally, once a month, a health professional who has distinguished himself or herself is recognized in an article published in the province's French-language newspaper, *La Voix acadienne*.

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. The PEI French Health Network is funded by Health Canada within the framework of the Roadmap for Canada's Official Languages 2013–2018: Education, Immigration, Communities.

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