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Geneviève Ouellette wins \$500 for nominating an Étoile Santé

WELLINGTON (PEI) – July 25, 2016 – Since last January, people have been invited to nominate health professionals for the Étoile Santé campaign for a chance to win one of two \$500 prizes. Geneviève Ouellette is the lucky winner of the first \$500 prize, which was awarded randomly to one of the individuals who nominated someone between January and June 2016.

The Étoile Santé campaign was launched in 2015 and since then, 29 health professionals were 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 the second \$500 prize, which will be awarded next December to one of the individuals who nominated someone 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. For example :

- Offer of service in French upon arrival at the emergency department, which helps relieve stress, especially in a crisis;
- Accessibility of French brochures, explanations or consent forms during a medical procedure;
- Provision of French-language services by a therapist, which allows the patient to better express their needs.

People can nominate someone for the Étoile Santé directly on the Network's website at www.santeipe.ca, and can find bilingual service providers in their area, including all those who received the Étoile Santé, by consulting the Network's 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 themselves will be 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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