



The following are clients who are available for interviews during the Holiday Craft Fair



Laura Adams is a 47-year-old woman from Kuujuaq. While in Kuujuaq she worked as a medical secretary. Thirteen years ago, she decided to follow her boyfriend to Montreal. While in Montreal she has worked for both Air Inuit and Makivik as an office clerk. Laura has been coming to Chez Doris for the last three years and takes part in our food and clothing programs as well as participates in our social and recreational activities such as our sewing program. She can sew and knit just about anything. She will be selling Inuit style crochet hats and kamiks (leather gloves) at our holiday fair. *She is English-speaking only.*



Elaine Goyette is a 64-year-old woman who worked most of her life as a secretary, then as an executive assistant and finally as Secretary to the President of the Federation of the Chambers of Commerce of Québec. Twelve years ago, Elaine came to Chez Doris for support. She had two consecutive operations and was no longer able to work. She enrolled in the Cheque Administration Program as she went from a \$42,000 salary to a \$8,000 salary from one day to the next. Elaine keeps herself busy with many projects such as tarot reading and jewelry making. She will be selling earrings, bracelets, and necklaces made from precious stones and Swarovski crystals at our holiday fair. *She is bilingual.*

The following are volunteers /donors who are available for interviews during the Holiday Craft Fair



Sinthusha Kandiah is a twenty-two-year-old woman who started a non-profit organization called Divinart Foundation that was registered in Quebec three years ago. She offers henna tattoo services and sells custom handmade candles. Growing up in Canada, she heard her parents' stories and struggles while they lived in Sri Lanka. They were refugees who fled a thirty-year civil war and faced genocide, cultural erasure, and were stripped of their homeland. Hearing their stories of loss and trauma, allowed her to acknowledge the parallel lives and challenges both faced by her ancestors and the ancestors of the Indigenous communities. This consequently made her compelled to give back to Chez Doris by helping the Aboriginal Housing program. *She is primarily English-speaking but bilingual.*



Tina Donolo is a 67-year-old woman, with 5 children, was born and raised in Montreal. Tina and her husband owned a children's clothing manufacturing company that closed after 20 years in business. Later, Tina opened a non-profit gift shop selling artisanal items from all over the world. Nine years ago, Tina began her volunteer relationship with Chez Doris. She started volunteering her time once a week as a receptionist, then started a weekly knitting group, and in 2015 launched her successful mitten project. Together, clients and volunteers transform tired wool sweaters into beautiful warm winter mitts. They are sold at craft fairs including our own. Last year alone she raised \$9,000 and currently has 15 clients whom she offers gift cards for their participation. The money she raises goes back fully to Chez Doris for recreational activities and outings. *She is bilingual.*