

Press release

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Ometz raises \$460,000 at annual gala, A Chance to Shine

Montreal, June 9, 2016 – Ometz is proud to announce that the fifth edition of its annual fundraising gala **A Chance to Shine** was a wonderful success, raising **\$460,000** to help the community's most vulnerable children and youth. Held on June 8 at Place des Arts, 1,150 guests enjoyed a stunning performance of Traces by the internationally acclaimed Les 7 doigts de la main. Two Montreal dance troops Juste Danse and the Tyler Anne School of Dance provided special performances, delighting the gala's younger audience members. The generous and dedicated patronage of Véronique and Herbert Black for a 5th consecutive year allows **100% of the proceeds from A Chance to Shine to assist Ometz with:**

- Helping financially vulnerable families access additional learning resources so that their children can work towards academic success;
- Ensuring that children have access to speech and occupational therapy, tutoring, mentoring and play therapy programs;
- Providing continued support and resources for adolescents and young adults to help them complete high school and pursue post-secondary studies;
- Supporting young people struggling with addiction, violence and mental illness through crisis intervention, training and employment counseling, family counseling and communal connections.

Event Chair, Randy Brandman Farber, who has worked for Ometz as a Counselor and Case Management professional commented "my time working for Ometz allowed me to experience first-hand how when individuals and families are given the right supports, it creates possibilities and gives them a chance to shine."

About Ometz

Founded in 1863, Ometz is a charitable organization which supports and strengthens individuals and families by offering a range of employment, immigration, school and social services. Serving more than 13,000 people annually, Ometz provides intervention, prevention, support services and programs aimed to enhance quality of life. Whether supporting a student who is struggling at school, a family in crisis, an individual coping with mental illness, a person looking for a new career or starting a new life in Montreal, Ometz helps change lives. To find out more, please visit www.ometz.ca

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