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AN IMPORTANT COVID LESSON

The coronavirus pandemic has illustrated more than anything else the need to re-examine housing for seniors and elderly. Private institutions have shown themselves to be death traps as well as inhumane treatment for people who deserve to be recognized for their long contribution to society. We expect to have more attention and support for Radical Resthomes when we emerge from these times. For example: <https://lp.ca/7E7LDX>

CMHC SOLUTIONS LAB

On April 3rd, Radical Resthomes applied to the CMHC's Solutions Lab program. For our proposal, we partnered with MaRS Consultants (from Toronto), Les Villageois (young people organizing co-living projects) and engAGE, a research program on aging at Concordia. We will explore the following issues during the Lab:

1. How do we successfully match people to live harmoniously in a multi-generational group setting?
2. What types of training are needed to prepare people for co-living?
3. What is the best financing model to guarantee stability and affordability of Radical Resthomes in Quebec and Canada?

We should hear about the success of our proposal sometime in June. The whole process would last about 18 months, after which we would be ready to create the first prototype in Montreal. You can learn more about the Solution Lab process here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICY39QbHHuThe>

FINDING INVESTORS AND STAKEHOLDERS



We spent 2019 building stakeholder and influencer support. Now we are working on a portfolio of potential buildings with forecasted financials. We made a presentation to a neighborhood group for the Friendly House, a lovely heritage building in NDG which is slated for demolition and building townhouses. We will be speaking with the City about our plans.

Stay safe, enjoy the warm weather and we will organize a RRH reunion on the other side of this pandemic.
Janet and Louise