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ANNUAL REPORT

Say Ça! Montreal

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## DEAR SAY ÇA! COMMUNITY

2018 has been an exciting year of growth for Say Ça!, in which we brought our services to 33 youth across Montreal. This was possible thanks to our volunteers' hard work, your donations, and the increasing support of the broader Montreal community.

Say Ça! seeks to accompany young newcomers during their adaptation into their new lives in Montreal, to become active members of their community. Our vision is to give young students the necessary tools to succeed through our free one-on-one teaching of English and French as second languages, mentorship, and our community engagement events.

Say Ça! runs entirely thanks to volunteer effort. In 2018, we worked a total of 5 500 hours, which lead us to enjoy our most successful calendar year yet. Thanks to your votes we have closed 2018 securing our largest donation to date, which will allow us to start this new year strong.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Calderon'.

Anna Calderon  
Executive Director

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## Our community

# 120%

increase in youth reached in relation to 2017. We provided our services to 33 students in 2018, in comparison to 15 reached the year prior.



In 2018 our student base expanded from only Syria, to welcome students from: Colombia, Lebanon, Libya, Mexico, Pakistan, and Palestine.

# 5 500

hours were worked by our staff and volunteers in 2018. The most since our creation in 2016.

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Volunteers worked at Say Ça! in 2018, coming from 12 different countries: Canada, Cameroon, China, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, France, Lebanon, Peru, Switzerland, Syria, and Tunisia.





# Creating Links

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2018 was a year of growth in which we made new connections within the wider Montreal community. As a result, we organized events with 9 different organizations, received donations from 4, and attended workshops at 5 others.

These new connections allowed us to expose our students to numerous new communities and activities. These included, but are not limited to: an inter-organizational soccer tournament, salsa lessons, curling, and science and radio workshops.

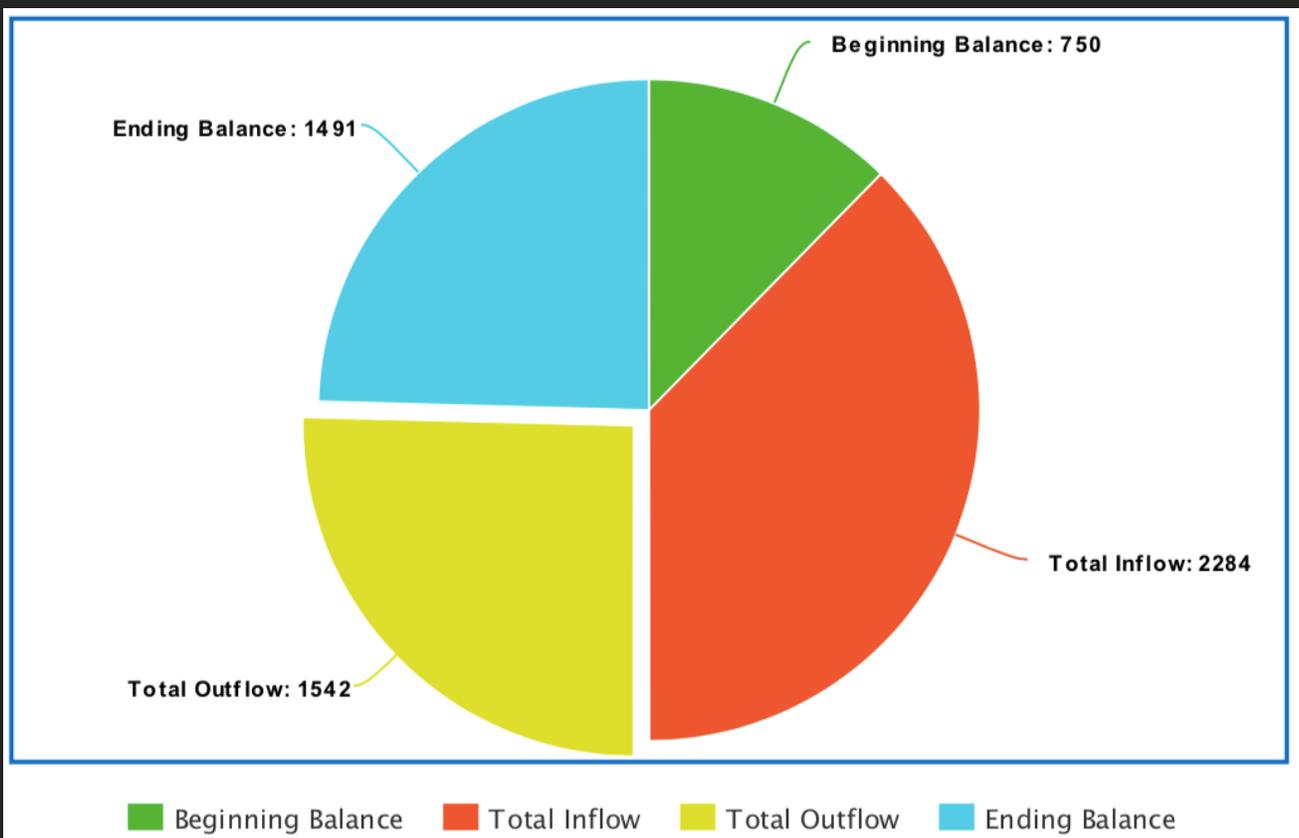


# Cash Flow Statement



In 2018 we ended the year with a positive-ending balance of \$1491.43. Our donations came from individual donations and organizational donations, with Equitas funding student projects and Walmart Cote-des-Neiges giving us a one-time donation.

The positive result obtained in 2018 provided us with an incentive to apply for larger sums. Say Ça! will start the year 2019 with a \$10 000 donation from the Aviva Foundation.



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# Looking Ahead

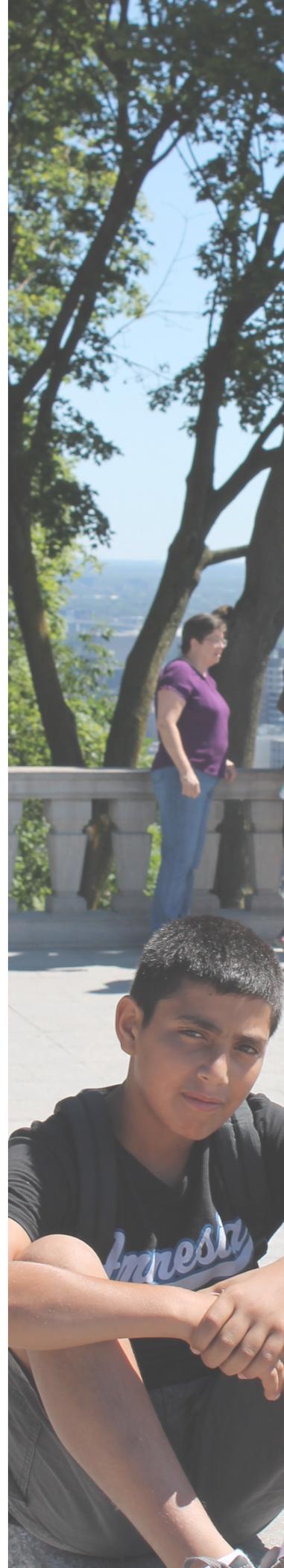
Say Ça! is working to strengthen its French language program, to cater to the evolving needs of its students. Our new program, to be unveiled mid-2019, will bring new placement tests, and projects that address our students' interests and adaptation needs.

Moving forward, we are working to secure sustainable long-term donations, which will allow us to boost our programs in place and expand our services to more youth across the Greater Montreal area.

## 60%

Say Ça! aims to grow its student and volunteer base by 60% along the next 1-2 years. This increase is aimed at keeping up with the increasing number of newcomers welcomed in Canada every year.

In 2019, Say Ça! will implement the use of new tools to follow its volunteers progress, and help them develop employability skills as determined by them. Say Ça! aims to help its volunteers work on skills to make them assets in their chosen field of work.



# Thank You!

For making our 2018 memorable

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- Equitas Human Rights
- Outils de Paix
- Centre de Prévention de la Radicalisation Menant à la Violence
- Football AntiRaciste de Montréal
- One for the World
- Collège de Rosemont
- Let's Talk Science
- Broad Science
- Fusion Jeunesse
- Montreal West Curling Club
- The Refugee Centre
- McGill University
- Musée RedPath
- Musée McCord
- Le Ceramic Café
- Walmart Côte-Des-Neiges
- Montreal Canadiens Children's Foundation
- Montreal Alouettes Foundation
- Breakfast Television
- La Clave - Salsa Colombienne
- YMCA de Québec

