The Tenaquip Foundation was founded in November of 2006 to provide relief, primarily in the areas of medical research, hospitals, children's welfare and humanitarian causes.

Since its operations began in 2006-2007 The Tenaquip Foundation has given over $10,000,000 to Canadians in need and has also taken part in several international projects.

A cause particularly close to our heart is helping those living with ALS and ALS research, for this reason the foundation has become involved with The Montreal Neurological Institute as well as ALS societies in a number of provinces.

Several other hospitals have been benefactors of the Tenaquip Foundation as well; The Montreal Children’s Hospital, The Royal Victoria Hospital and the Southlake Regional Health Centre in Toronto.

The issue of homelessness is also one of the focuses of The Tenaquip Foundation. Ken Reed and his father before him were longstanding supporters of The Old Brewery Mission and The Salvation Army. As such, the foundation is committed to organizations such as these.

*We would like to thank all the employees of Tenaquip and SCN Industrial as well as everyone else who has helped make the dream of The Tenaquip Foundation a reality.*

**Tenaquip and the ALS ice bucket challenge – Employees raise $15,000**

On Thursday August 21st, the TENAQUIP/SCN staff braved the icy water of the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge to raise awareness and funds for ALS research. Staff from coast-to-coast participated, including 71 people from the Montreal head office, orchestrating a domino-style chain of ice water soakings. In total, $15,000 was raised from all participants.

The Tenaquip Foundation believes strongly in the ALS Association and have been avid supporters for many years. An event like the Ice Bucket Challenge raises so much money for ALS research, but it also brings awareness of this horrible disease to the forefront. Thank you to everyone that was involved in the ALS Bucket Challenge.
It has been only seven years since talks of building a school in Madagascar first took place. Thanks to the dedication of many people, particularly Graham Wells and Kathy Lucking the Tenaquip School in Madagascar now educates, feeds and takes care of almost 500 students.

The goal is to eventually have enough classrooms and enough grades to have a high school graduating class. To do this the school must grow each year to accommodate the older children. By the time the first grade students eventually graduate it is estimated that the school will hold approximately 700 students. More students means more of everything, more teachers, more lunches, more water, more wash rooms, more kitchen space and lots more food.

In the last few years much effort has gone into the development of The Tenaquip Farm. Good available farm land was purchased and deals were made with neighboring farmers to access their unused land. The farm now has a dedicated gardening staff and a knowledgeable farm manager. The goal for this year is to add livestock, chickens, goats and possibly cows.

The work for the school is on going and to date approximately 75 percent of the work that is needed to get to the goal of graduating a class has been done. There is still a lot to be done, but everyone involved is very excited to see the first group of children from The Tenaquip School in Madagascar leave with their diplomas in hand.
Local Offices Feel Good About Getting Involved

Each year employees from the local offices of Tenaquip / SCN Industrial get to choose charities in their communities that The Tenaquip Foundation donates to on their behalf. The Foundation believes in giving back to local communities where it does business and this is a great way for the Foundation and the employees to get involved.

This year one of the charities that the employees at the Ajax SCN Industrial office chose was Nova’s Ark. Nova’s Ark is run by two very caring people, Mary-Ann Nova and her husband Geoff, who dedicate so much of their time to this great charity. The charity deals primarily with children with special needs, helping to build acceptance and providing situations for understanding through a wide range of interactive activities.

According to Scott Coish, Mary-Ann was almost crying with happiness when she called to say thank you for the donation. Well, Mary-Ann, on behalf of Tenaquip / SCN Industrial and The Tenaquip Foundation thank you for all the great work you do.

NDG FOOD BANK

Would you like to help?

A lot of our local organizations that lend a hand to those in need sometimes need help themselves. For instance, The NDG Food Bank, which provides meals to impoverished Montrealers is a volunteer based organization. This means that they rely on volunteers from the community to share their time and energy.

Please visit our website at www.thetenaquipfoundation.ca and click on the link “Get Involved” and see how you can help out with the NDG Food Bank and other great organizations that The Tenaquip Foundation is associated with.
The Reed Family Motor Neuron Disease Research Unit was officially opened on April 1st, 2014

The Tenaquip Foundation has long been a supporter of The Montreal Neuro, and last spring The Neuro officially opened “The Reed Family Motor Neuron Disease Research Unit”.

The unit is equipped with cutting-edge laboratories, resources and equipment to propel multi-disciplinary research into motor neuron disease by top-tier scientists. The Reed Family’s support will also improve ALS clinical facilities at the Neuro, as well as services, treatment and care of ALS patients and their families.

Ken Reed, founder of Tenaquip/SCN knew that if TENAQUIP/SCN was going to succeed it would be due to the hard work and motivation of its employees. As a result he wanted the staff of TENAQUIP/SCN to benefit from the profit made by the Tenaquip Group. Many years ago, Mr. Reed initiated a profit sharing plan where 20% of the profits of the company were returned to all staff, and of course this plan still exists.

Ken Reed also felt that TENAQUIP/SCN would be able to make enough profit to be able to give back to society in order to assist the less fortunate. Thus in 2006 the The Tenaquip Foundation was formed. Under the guidance of the Donations Committee and the leadership of Shirley Reed, the Foundation’s president, The Tenaquip Foundation decides which organizations will receive these funds. The distribution of monies to these organizations happen only after the profit sharing is distributed to the employees.

We sincerely hope that every TENAQUIP/SCN employee takes great pride in knowing that with their efforts, they themselves are giving back through The Tenaquip Foundation.
The Tenaquip Foundation gives across Canada the “United Way”

In 2014 The Tenaquip Foundation continued its ongoing support of United Way Centraide by donating to locations across Canada. United Way Centraide volunteers work closely with people in their local communities to create better lives for those who are in need of help. United Way Centraide has a long history in Canada having started in 1917. With over one hundred locations across Canada volunteers are able to reach out and help many people. It’s not always obvious, but right in our own backyard there are people who are hungry, who have no warm clothing, or home to sleep in. There are men and women sleeping on the streets and living with addictions and mental illness. The local offices of United Way Centraide provide aid and a helping hand to these individuals in need. The Tenaquip Foundation is very proud to be associated with United Way Centraide.

The Tenaquip Foundation . . . lending a helping hand for Asia’s Hope

Asia’s Hope started as a small grassroots organization that has since grown into a large international organization. Asia’s Hope works with hill tribe children in Chiang Mai, Thailand, Cambodia and India. The Canadian branch is based in Montreal and largely focuses on the orphanage in Chiang Mai. The hill tribe orphans are often exploited for the sex trade in Bangkok and used to transport drugs illegally from Burma to Thailand. At Asia’s Hope we take in orphans, shelter them in a family atmosphere, educate them and more than anything else give them hope for a better future.

Asia’s Hope would like to extend a very sincere thank you to everyone at The Tenaquip Foundation. The Tenaquip Foundation has been a big supporter for over four years, their contributions have made a huge difference in everything from daily living, to buying a truck for the children to go to school, and most recently providing funds to rebuild a dormitory that burned to the ground right before Christmas. On behalf of all the children whose lives you have had such an impact on, a heartfelt thank you!

Glenn Kelly, Director, Asia’s Hope, Montreal
The Salvation Army Opens The Tenaquip Kitchen

In June 2014 The Salvation Army relocated to a new 18,000 square foot facility in Ville Saint-Laurent, this is where the new Tenaquip Kitchen is housed.

Last year, $207,000 worth of food and supplies were distributed and more than 2,400 children were given assistance. The main objective of this new Community & Family Services Centre is to meet the basic needs of the Salvation Army’s clients and supply the tools needed to break the vicious cycle of poverty.

“The brand new Tenaquip Kitchen will be a centerpiece of several programs and services at our Montreal Community & Family Services.” “It will be used for community cooking classes, nutrition, educational sessions and to prepare the Street Ministry meals.”

Fundraising officer, Veronique Sansregret

Nazareth House and Anne’s House

There are over 6,500 homeless women in Montreal and over 20,000 homeless men…these are the ones that we know of! This could be me, this could be you.

The Nazareth House is a homeless shelter for men which opened its doors almost 40 years ago in Montreal. It is a non profit shelter for men, men who live courageous lives struggling with mental issues, addictions and other problems. In May of this year “Anne’s House” will open its doors to women struggling with the same problems. The model of Anne’s House will be similar to that of the Nazareth House. At Nazareth House they provide a home for needy men, and in May, Anne’s House will be able to provide a house for women in need.

In May of this year we will be opening a residence to house homeless women, this residence will be called “Anne’s House”. I am currently meeting the women who will be living in Anne’s House, incredible women with histories of mental health issues, misdiagnosis, abandonment, addiction, abuse, betrayal, but all with the hope of a new home and a new life. They come from hospital environments, short term shelter placements, low cost housing, abusive relationships or street living. They all ask for the same thing: safety and peace.

Director of Nazareth House, Sheila Woodhouse

I met a woman, who arrived with her suitcase as she is currently living on the streets, I met a woman who is working a minimum wage job, she sleeps in the shelters at night, her boss doesn’t know.

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The Tenaquip Foundation and WICS . . . Making a difference together

The Tenaquip Foundation believes in giving back to its community. With this, we have found a great partner in West Island Community Shares. West Island Community Shares is a unique non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that help, hope and comfort are found close to home for West Islanders in need.

WICS raise crucial funds all year long to meet a broad range of needs in our local community, be it cancer, autism, at-risk youth, hunger, mental health, bullying and more.

1 in 5 West Islanders turns to a local community group for help each year. WICS has a profound understanding of the needs in our community and work hand-in-hand with local groups. Over the years they have developed a unique level of expertise in allocating the funds to meet the most pressing needs.

Last year WICS raised and distributed $1.2 Million that was allocated to the 38 community groups that they partner with on a recurrent basis. These groups helped 41,000 West Island residents this year, including 20,000 youth.

“We are very proud of our long standing partnership with The Tenaquip Foundation because it allows us to provide vital support to many local community groups that have a profound impact in the lives of our fellow citizens.”

Caroline Tison,
Executive Director WICS

The Tenaquip Foundation launches brand new website.

keeping you informed

www.thetenaquipfoundation.ca

Check out our website to keep up to date and learn more about the Tenaquip Foundation.

Read about Tenaquip founder, Ken Reed, and discover why it was important for him to start the foundation.

Find out “Who we are” and “What we do” as well as who are the beneficiaries of the Foundation.

There is also a section on how you can “get involved” and help people in need within your local community. To date you can “get involved” in Montreal and Ottawa.
The West Island Palliative Care Residence opened its doors in 2002 with nine beds. In 2012 they opened an additional 14 beds, the combined 23 beds makes it the largest freestanding palliative care facility in Canada. The Residence was the first of its kind in the Montreal area and is not affiliated with any hospital or health organization.

The Residence allows terminally ill patients to die in comfort and with dignity in a warm, home-like environment, close to their families and in their own community. The primary care goal is to uphold the quality of life for all patients and to support their families by seeking to understand the unique concerns and wishes of each patient. The Residence’s team of physicians, nurses, counselors, psychosocial care workers and volunteers work together to address their physical symptoms, as well as their emotional, social and spiritual needs. All the services that the Residence provides are free. It is able to provide its care and services without any charge to patients thanks to the support of individuals and companies in the community.

The Tenaquip Foundation is proud to be involved with “The West Island Palliative Care Residence.”

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