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West Island Community Shares Wins the 2026 Accolades Award – Non-Profit / Social Economy Enterprise – Service to the Community

Montreal, June 23, 2026 – West Island Community Shares is proud to announce that it has won the **2026 Accolades Award in the Non-Profit / Social Economy Enterprise – Service to the Community category** at the 38th Accolades Gala of the West Island Chamber of Commerce, held on June 18.

Presented annually by the West Island Chamber of Commerce, the Accolades Awards celebrate excellence, innovation, and commitment among organizations that contribute to the vitality of the community. This distinction recognizes West Island Community Shares' outstanding impact in the community sector and its leadership in mobilizing resources to support the most vulnerable members of the West Island community.

During the past fiscal year, West Island Community Shares recently announced a historic distribution of **$1.525 million** to more than 40 local community organizations that collectively support over **65,000 West Island residents**.

"We are deeply honoured to receive this recognition," said **Meagan Somerville, Executive Director of West Island Community Shares**. "This award highlights not only the work of our team and Board of Directors, but also the remarkable commitment of our donors, partners, and the many community organizations we are privileged to support. This honour belongs to our entire community."

West Island Community Shares would like to extend its sincere thanks to **Precikam**, presenting partner of the Non-Profit category, as well as the organizing committee and members of the jury for their commitment to recognizing excellence within the West Island community.

"This recognition reflects both the growing needs within the community sector and the strength of the collective effort that helps meet those needs," added Ms. Somerville. "Together, we are helping build a stronger, more inclusive, and more resilient community."

West Island Community Shares also congratulates all finalists and award recipients of the 38th Accolades Gala for their exceptional contributions to the economic, social, and community vitality of the West Island.

About West Island Community Shares

West Island Community Shares is a trusted funding organization dedicated to raising critical funds and strategically distributing them to more than 40 local community organizations that provide frontline services to thousands of West Island residents in need.

Since 1998, the organization has distributed more than **$25 million** thanks to the generosity of individual donors, businesses, private foundations, and community partners.

With a deep understanding of the evolving needs of the community sector, West Island Community Shares works closely with local organizations to help build a stronger, more inclusive, and more resilient West Island community.

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