

Greetings from the
Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island
Families in Canada Conference 2019
University of Prince Edward Island
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Good afternoon!

Thank you to the Vanier Institute of the Family for the invitation to join you for the 2019 Families in Canada Conference taking place at the University of Prince Edward Island. My schedule does not permit me to be with you today but I offer this message.

Having been an elementary school teacher for over 30 years, I am always happy to help out where I can to help support family well-being. Once a teacher, always a teacher. Education – the act of being informed – is one of the greatest gifts to give and receive. It is also important to share what is learned. Learn, connect, and pass it on is my motto. Families who are able to make informed decisions about their basic needs are better able to lead happy and healthy lives.

Ce colloque, vos ressources et vos publications, tous des moyens très efficaces à répandre les résultats de vos recherches, sont des outils inestimables qui aident à promouvoir une meilleure connaissance des réalités de la vie de famille au Canada. Vos recherches permettent nos familles d'en apprendre davantage et de prendre des décisions informées pour leur bien-être. Vous leur aidez aussi à réaliser les supports et les services qui leur sont disponibles dans la société.

Investments in the well-being of families contribute significantly to the development of our community and country as a whole and conferences such as this provide an excellent opportunity for all stakeholders to contribute to a better understanding of our families' realities and to engage in finding ways to better deal with the challenges they face.

Au nom de Sa Majesté La Reine, j'aimerais féliciter L'Institut Vanier de la famille, vos partenaires et vos collaborateurs pour toutes vos initiatives. J'en suis très reconnaissante.

On behalf of Her Majesty The Queen, I wish to thank the Vanier Institute of the Family for promoting a better understanding of the reality of family life in Canada and encouraging all of us to become more engaged in this important conversation.

Best wishes for a productive conference.


Honourable Antoinette Perry