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August 24, the Aylmer Health Coop will celebrate signing up its 3,000th member with a reception at the clinic on rue du Couvent, in Aylmer. Local leaders, the MNA, the mayor and the Coop's Board of Directors will mark this milestone.

Now two years old, the Health Coop has reached a critical point in its membership drive. The objective is to transform the Clinic into a first-line emergency clinic to provide the population of Aylmer and areas to the West with emergency first-aid services.

Gatineau's population has access to a full range of hospital facilities and emergency clinics in Buckingham, Gatineau and Hull, but not in Aylmer. The Coop's Directors are working with all local and regional health authorities, city council members and the MNA to resolve this situation.

In the past year, the Health Coop served over 28,000 drop-in emergency cases, in addition to visits by regular patients whose family physicians practice at the Coop Clinic. **(FR)**