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This past February 19th, the EBO Financial Education Centre received for the third consecutive year, the Charitable Organization Award from the Capital Chapter of the Financial Management Institute of Canada (FMI) . Véronique Perron, Vice-chair of the EBO Financial Education Centre's Board of Directors, received a \$200 check from Janet Mrenica, Chair of FMI's Capital Chapter. Mrs. Perron took advantage of the opportunity to give a speech to an audience of 150 of financial management professionals who were gathered at the National Arts Centre.

Mrs. Perron described the intervention sector and summarized its achievements. She demonstrated that with a budget of less than \$380 000, financial literacy interventions took place among more than 2000 socioeconomically vulnerable people in the city of Ottawa. This support brought more than 4.5 million dollars back to these people as well as relief of stress associated to situations of financial difficulty.

Mrs. Perron invited FMI members to become members of the EBO Centre, to make a donation to the organization, or to explore volunteering opportunities. "We are in search of all kinds of partnerships," said Mrs. Perron. "Like you, during the day, I work in the federal public sector; I am happy to spend several nights every month being one of the 50 volunteers involved with the EBO Centre. It is a pleasure to meet all kinds of people and to feel like you are making a difference."

Mrs. Perron completed her speech by highlighting the importance of receiving the Charitable Organization Award from the Institute. "We are very happy to receive recognition from such a prestigious organization as yours, and this for a third consecutive year."

We invite all to monitor developments of our new website (still under construction Centre-EBO.com). In the meantime, you may continue to visit www.ebottawa.org. We are also present on Facebook.

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