

DONOR REPORT 2024

ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE VANCOUVER



BRUNO GERVES

Chairman

It has already been nine months since we moved into our new building, and what a pleasure it is to see our spaces come alive! Every month, 1,112 people take part in an educational or cultural activity at the Alliance Française, a figure that is rising sharply, perfectly aligned to the ambition of this major reconstruction project.

I want to say a huge thank you to each and every one of you. Because of your financial support, the AFV has been able to create a place where passion for, connections to, and a desire to learn more about the French language are born, for generations to come.

Our language and cultural centre thrives on the commitment of our team, teachers and artists. With the invaluable help of our donors and partners, we continue to offer unique cultural and educational programs.

We still need your help to strengthen our mission and make bilingualism accessible to all. In Vancouver, an international city, linguistic diversity and multicultural arts are an essential part of the rich tapestry that we call home. With your support, the Alliance Française plays a critical role in building bridges between French-speaking and other cultures.

Whether you're a student, a young professional, a benefactor or a lover of French culture, your commitment is invaluable. Every donation, large or small, contributes to the growth of our community of learners and lovers of the French language.

The financial challenges of the coming years are considerable, and your participation in building our legacy is still needed.

Thank you, and we look forward to living in French at the Alliance!



DAMIEN HUBERT

Executive Director

Looking back on 2024, we are proud of the progress made by Alliance Française Vancouver. This year marked a historic milestone with the opening of our new cultural and community centre, a testament to our commitment to creativity, inclusivity, and sustainability.

Our 120th anniversary was an opportunity to celebrate our history while looking toward the future, with the goal of continuing to share Francophone culture at the heart of Vancouver. We are delighted to have created a space where community, culture, and collaboration can thrive. Our cultural centre has been warmly received and has quickly become a dynamic space for artistic expression and collaboration.

As we reflect on these achievements, we remain committed to our mission: connecting people through the French language and its diverse cultures while embracing the energy and diversity of our community.

To continue offering these programs and developing new projects, we rely on your support. Thank you for making all of this possible. Together, we look forward to bringing even more projects to life in the years ahead.

OUR STORY

Established in Vancouver in **1904**, Alliance Française Vancouver (AFV) is a local Canadian non-profit organization founded by the early Francophone and Anglophone settlers of Vancouver.

AFV was incorporated in **1955** and opened its historical building at 6161 Cambie street in **1968**.

OUR VISION

A diverse community gathered around French-speaking cultures and **Canadian dual linguistic heritage**.

OUR MISSION

- Offering **French language education programs** to all ages and at all levels
- Promoting **local and international francophone cultures**
- Offering a **welcoming space** for the community to gather

With a **rich and diverse range of programming**—from immersive language courses to concerts, cinema, exhibitions, and engaging community initiatives—we remain dedicated to **supporting emerging local artists, cultivating an inclusive community, and fostering meaningful cultural exchange** in Vancouver.



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2024: A TRANSFORMATIVE MILESTONE



In July 2024, we proudly opened our **new cultural centre** at 6161 Cambie Street—a **modern, eco-friendly space** that fosters creativity, inclusivity, and a vibrant Francophone community.



Awarded the **UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Jury Prize**, our dynamic facility includes a 165-seat theatre, artist studios, a non-commercial art gallery, classrooms, a library, a café, a rooftop terrace, and a demonstration kitchen—becoming a true hub for artistic expression and cultural exchange.

Since its opening, the centre has drawn overwhelming community support, with **12,844 attendees at events, programs, and services in 2024**, plus countless others who visited our café or explored the space.



With a **16% increase in event attendance and an 80% rise in memberships in just six months**, this new building reflects the growing commitment of our community.

2024

EDUCATION

36 French as a Second
Language teachers

5,589 enrollments

2,670 students

2,252 diplomas &
certification exams

140,063 hours of French



CULTURE

53 partnerships

129 local, national, and
international artists

125 cultural events

7,089 spectators of all ages



COMMUNITY

553 members

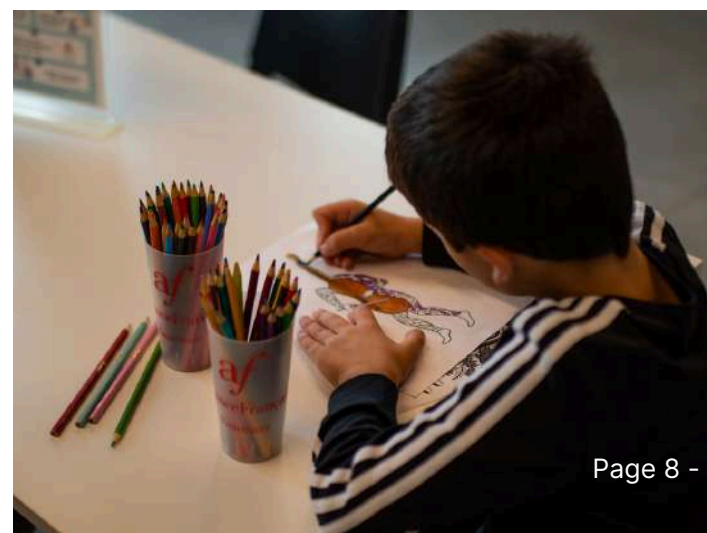
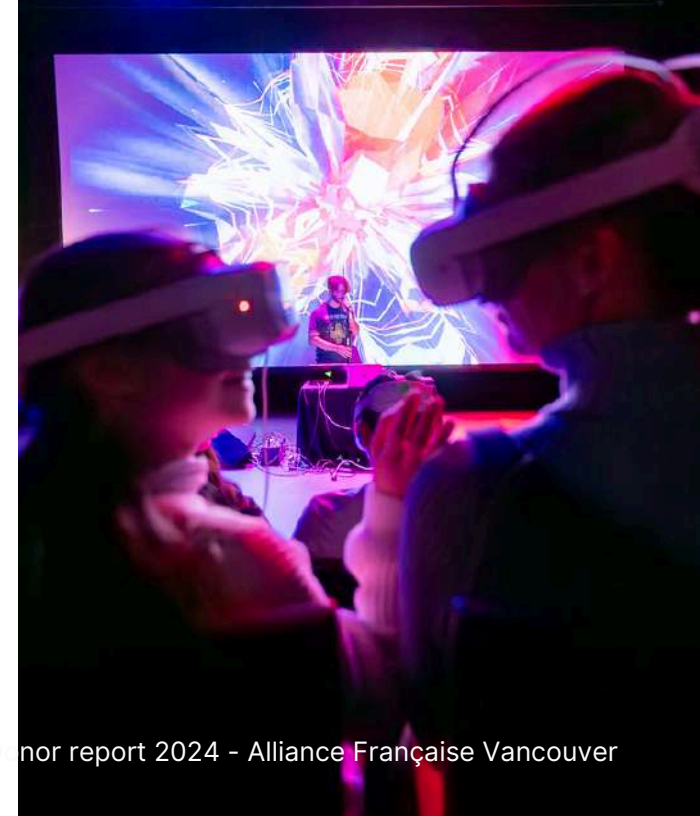
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from our media
library

190,000 website visitors

46,090 newsletter
suscribers

19,820 followers on our
Social Media
accounts





2024: A YEAR OF CELEBRATIONS



In 2024, Alliance Française Vancouver celebrated its **120th anniversary**. On November 28th, we commemorated this milestone with a **fundraising gala** —an elegant evening that brought together our valued supporters, donors, and cultural enthusiasts to honour this remarkable journey.



Thanks to your incredible generosity, **we raised a total of \$60,913 over the course of the evening**. This included \$28,600 from ticket sales, \$12,100 in donations, \$11,500 from the live auction, \$6,848 from the silent auction, and \$1,865 from our raffle.



We express our **deepest gratitude** to all who attended and contributed to the success of this event. Your enthusiasm and unwavering support enable us to continue **bringing culture, community, and creativity to life**. We are truly thankful for your commitment and eagerly look forward to welcoming you to our future events!

YOUR DONATION IN ACTION

IN **2024** ALLIANCE FRANCAISE VANCOUVER RAISED:

\$396,143

\$58,350

from various grants towards the equipment of our new building

\$244,003

from various Government Funding Programs, Foundations and Corporations towards our cultural programming

\$32,877

from individual donors towards the equipment of our new building

\$60,913

through our fundraising gala



OUR 2024 **INDIVIDUAL DONORS**

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OUR 2024

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SUPPORTERS

\$100,000 - \$249,000

The Government of Canada

\$50,000 - \$99,999

The Province of BC

\$10,000 - \$49,999

Secrétariat du Québec aux relations canadiennes

L'Institut Français

The Embassy of France in Canada

Royal Bank of Canada

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\$1,000 - 9,999

Deux Mille Foundation

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WHAT'S NEXT FOR AF VANCOUVER?

As we look to the future, Alliance Française Vancouver remains committed to its **mission of fostering inclusivity, promoting the French language, and celebrating the rich diversity of arts and culture.**

Building on the success of our past initiatives, we will continue to **develop new programs** that cater to the needs of our growing community.

We are excited to introduce a series of **innovative and dynamic cultural offerings** that will further provide opportunities for all to engage with the French language and Francophone cultures in meaningful ways.

Our focus will remain on **creating inclusive spaces** where everyone can **connect, learn, and explore.**

With the **support of our donors and partners**, we will continue to foster cultural exchange, encourage creativity, and bring people together.

LES ÉPICURIENS

In March 2025, we launched a new series of **culinary activities for food lovers**. The program includes **cooking workshops where participants can learn new skills, tastings** to explore different flavors, and **chef demonstrations** to see cooking techniques in action. We also host special events focused on gastronomy, bringing unique food experiences to our community. This new initiative is designed to inspire and educate food enthusiasts of all levels, offering a **fun and engaging way to discover the world of cooking and taste**.

➔ **Discover the program**



ARTIST STUDIOS

In **Spring 2025**, Alliance Française Vancouver will open its new Artist Studios, reinforcing our 120-year commitment to **supporting the local arts community**. These spaces are designed to inspire both **emerging and established artists**, offering an environment for **creation, collaboration, and connection**. Our **Class A** Artist Studios, ranging up to 310 sqft, feature semi-private areas tailored for artistic work. Located in a dynamic setting, these studios provide an excellent opportunity to engage with Vancouver's vibrant creative community and foster artistic connections. Additionally, a **dedicated space for digital art creation** will be available.

➔ **Learn more**



HOW TO SUPPORT US

Name a seat in our theatre

With a capacity of 165 spectators, our professional theatre **fills a gap in the Metro Vancouver cultural scene**. Engrave your love and support of theatre and culture, **recognize a special person in your life or any organization**: Your **tax-deductible gift of \$750** will be recognized by having a seat inscribed with your name.

Name a space in our new building

Join our legacy by **leaving your mark on our new building** through naming opportunities. Whether you're a dedicated supporter, a long-term Alliance student, or a forward-thinking philanthropist, there's a perfect space awaiting your name. From our state-of-the-art theater and art gallery to our innovative demonstration kitchen, and classrooms, every corner of our new facility presents a distinct chance to shape the future and become an essential part of our history.

Set up monthly donation to support our programs

Contribute to the success of our cultural programming by giving the **amount of your choice every month**. Your donation allow us to keep our cultural and community programs accessible to all, and to **help all Francophone cultures shine**.

Plan your gift

Planned giving is a **simple and flexible way** to support Alliance Française Vancouver. **The most common form is a bequest**, which can include a sum of money, a specific asset, a percentage of your estate, a life insurance policy, securities, or other investments. This type of donation helps preserve French education and Francophone culture while **offering tax benefits for you and your family**.



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS

TO FIND OUT MORE WAYS TO SUPPORT ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE VANCOUVER, PLEASE CONTACT:

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