

A Word from the President...

- Pierre Péladeau 1925-1997 -

A builder and a patron!

by Claude St-Jean

For the cover page, I have chosen to commemorate the memory of a profoundly human man whom I knew well and who supported my efforts to conquer Friedreich's ataxia and the other hereditary ataxias.

Mr. Pierre Péladeau, I remember, was the honorary president of our financing campaign in 1973. He promised me his unfailing help with the aid of EDITIONS QUEBECOR.

Pierre Péladeau was for me a very great motivator. He encouraged me ceaselessly to continue my fight. He worked until exhaustion, and this I will never forget.

I am used to battles, and this is one which should be pursued. The financing campaign of 1998 is very difficult, especially because of the tragic events which happened in January in Montreal. The ice storm caused countless electrical failures. I hope that God will come to help us.

I will soon participate in a treatment by iron chelators in the hope of marking another stage against Friedreich's ataxia. I hope that my health will be found to have improved.

Experience has taught me that courage and hope are an integral part of life. I believe that the researchers are in the process of uncovering the secret of Friedreich's ataxia and that is why I say again that one must above all not give up. Be sure that I will bring to your attention all developments which will come up in medical research.

"To succeed in great things, one must work as if life had no end."

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