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### Santropol Roulant's new home: Shouting from the (green) rooftops

June 10, 2009, Montreal, QC - Santropol Roulant, Montreal's local youth-run meals-on-wheels, is moving! Plans for the organization's new home include 3 types of rooftop agriculture (green roof, container gardening and year-round greenhouse), an expanded bicycle workshop, a larger kitchen and retro-fitting a commercial building in the Plateau to decrease the organization's environmental impact. "We are building a model for a sustainable food cycle in the heart of Montreal", says Jane Rabinowicz, Executive Director. The largest independent meals-on-wheels in Quebec, Santropol Roulant has known for some time that their lease was coming up. "It has been 14 years since we were founded, and we have outgrown our space. We are thrilled to have found and purchased 111 Roy Street East as our long-term home" says Rabinowicz. Community members have been part of the process from the beginning, helping develop the vision, identify the space and contributing to the designs for renovations. In order to turn this dream into reality, Santropol Roulant is launching a \$2.8 million *Securing our Future* Campaign on June 11, 2009 at noon. The *Securing our Future* project will build stability for the organization, allow room for Santropol Roulant to grow its programs, partnerships and impact, and deliver a unique model for community building that values the leadership of people of all ages.

Please join us June 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-1:30pm at 111 Roy Street East to learn more about *Securing our Future*, visit the new space and see our designs for the future. Light refreshments will be served.

Santropol Roulant is a youth driven community organization. We bring people together across generations and cultures through an innovative approach to meals-on-wheels services, and engaging youth to take an active role in the community. Five days a week, 52 weeks a year, young volunteers make and prepare nutritious, delicious meals in our kitchen and bring them to seniors' homes. We deliver 90 meals a day by foot, by bike and by car across Montreal. In addition, through work and volunteer opportunities in our rooftop garden, bike workshop and kitchen workshops, young people gain valuable skills and take on leadership in the community.

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