

A FOUNDER'S TESTIMONIAL

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A periodical, which I helped establish and worked on as an editor for several years, is celebrating its 25th anniversary. This milestone has led me to ask myself how I came to be part of the threesome that launched the journal and guided its development over those years.

I was trained in social psychology and was attracted by the community dimension of this field. In 1978, I chose to spend a sabbatical year studying what our American colleagues were calling community psychology. I did research at several universities and in the process discovered the field of community mental health.

When I came back, I received a call from a man named Bennett asking me to help launch and edit a periodical called the *Canadian Journal of Community Mental Health*, or in French *Revue canadienne de santé mentale communautaire*. Ed had already asked Barry Trute to be part of the founding group. For several years, the three of us worked together to solicit articles, submit them to an editorial committee, and manage the production of each issue, while at the same time ensuring that the number of subscriptions was high enough to allow our "baby" to survive. Now the "baby" is an adult celebrating its 25th birthday.

I have very vivid memories of the people with whom I worked to make this Journal part of the scholarly publishing landscape. And I am happy to take part in celebrating an achievement of which I believe we can be proud.