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### Homeless stats should spur action

Re: "Homeless stats 'sobering'" (Gazette, May 3).

We at Welcome Hall Mission see the faces associated with these statistics daily, and their numbers are increasing at an alarming rate. So we are somewhat puzzled by the results published about Quebec being the "least precarious, with just five per cent saying they've been homeless or vulnerable." Demand on our food bank alone has increased 30 per cent and we have seen a 20-per-cent increase of new faces at our shelter.

Already tightening our belts in preparation for our upcoming back-to-school and Christmas events, we are expecting to accommodate an unprecedented increase in registrations.

Indeed, the statistics are sobering, but they should also prompt us to action. If Quebecers are least likely to have lived on the street, it is thanks to those Quebecers who support organizations such as ours.

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