



All in to end arthritis

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

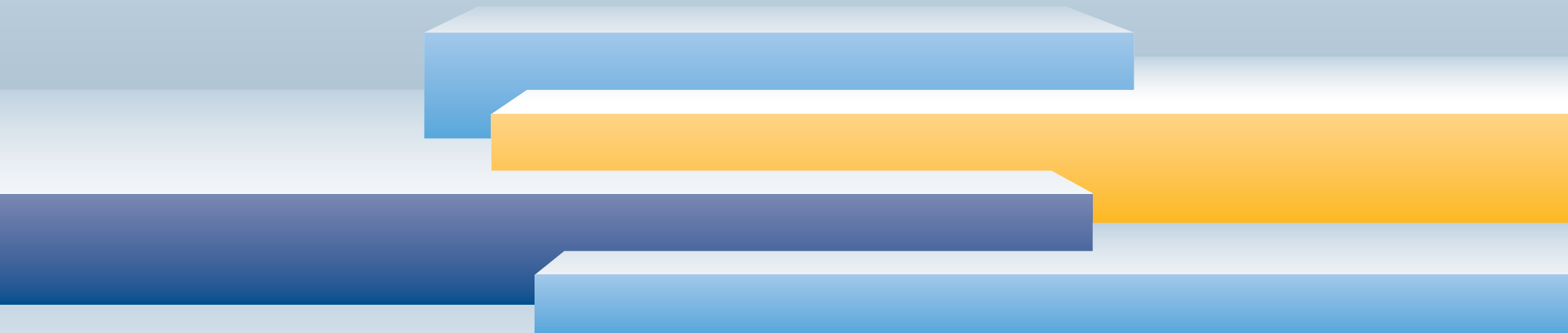




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Building a future beyond the limits of arthritis

Dear friends,

This year marks an important moment for us. Twenty-one Champions from the arthritis ecosystem have come together to transform how we diagnose, treat and care for arthritis with a commitment to create a 10-year nationwide Arthritis Action Plan. Arthritis Society Canada is driving the Plan, managing its key activities and mobilizing funding to advance this important initiative.

With your generosity and support, we are working relentlessly to support the 6 million people in Canada living with the brutal realities of arthritis. There is urgency in our work and that is why we're making bold decisions today to create a future beyond the limits of arthritis.

In 2023-24, we raised the profile of arthritis, elevating the urgency of our work and setting a new standard for action. Our relentless drive has expanded our reach and increased care in underserved areas, reaching 3.7 million people with arthritis with reliable information and resources. With the generous support of our donors and partners, we invested \$6.6 million in research and innovation.

Our first-ever State of Arthritis in Canada Report Card revealed that access to arthritis care is a challenge and research is underfunded in all provinces and territories.

These results underscored the need for the Arthritis Action Plan, opening doors for important conversations with provincial and federal government stakeholders and garnering significant media attention.

As we reflect on the past year, we are proud of our collective accomplishments. It is only with your support that we can do this work — building a brighter future for people living with arthritis.

Together, we will turn the tide of this disease.

With gratitude,



Trish Barbato
President and CEO
Arthritis Society Canada



Nancy Hopkins
Board Chair
Arthritis Society Canada



2023-24 HIGHLIGHTS

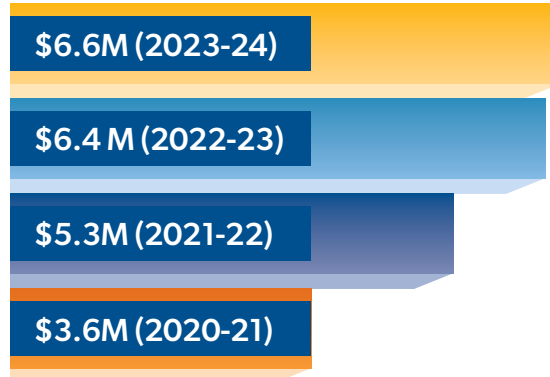
Changing the course of arthritis

We are investing in research, advocating for policy change, innovating breakthroughs, and providing information, education and support to create a pain-free future for the 6 million people in Canada who live with the brutal realities of arthritis.



83%

growth in direct research investment since 2020



34

policies impacted

- Models of care
- Pharmacare
- Drug input submissions
- Wait times for joint replacement surgeries
- Prevention

3,038

communities reached through Arthritis Talks and Arthritis Connections

ARTHRITIS TALKS

+

ARTHRITIS CONNECTIONS

AB - 212
BC - 210
MB - 102
NB - 165

NL - 112
NS - 250
ON - 814
PE - 40

QC - 976
SK - 117
NT - 5
NU - 1

YT - 5
Other - 29

Creating research breakthroughs

We are forging a path toward a future where individuals can live pain-free. As Canada's largest charitable funder of arthritis research, we invested \$6.6 million in research, and brought together 170 research trainees, scientists, clinicians and consumer experts virtually at the 5th annual Canadian Arthritis Research Conference.

Five research priorities:

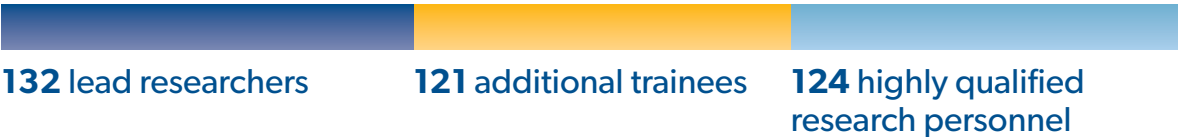
- 1. Osteoarthritis
- 2. Inflammatory arthritis
- 3. Childhood arthritis
- 4. Pain management
- 5. Work

135 active research projects

- 79 operating grants
- 38 training awards
- 15 career development awards
- 3 team grants

142 peer-reviewed publications
313 new collaborations
295 presentations given

377 researchers and research staff at **29** institutes supported across Canada



\$x4 Every dollar Arthritis Society Canada invested was multiplied 4 times by other sources.

With Arthritis Society Canada's support, **Dr. Olufemi Ayeni** at McMaster University is working to transform osteoarthritis treatment through the REPAIR Trial. He and his colleagues are combining elements of a limited microfracture while also applying collagen on top of the damaged cartilage to promote cartilage tissue regeneration. This project includes participants between 18-50 years of age with hip pain due to cartilage damage and early osteoarthritis.

"The goal of this trial is to evaluate if this novel repair will grow better functioning and more normal-appearing cartilage than the microfracture procedure. The ultimate goal is to evaluate which procedure will prevent the onset of osteoarthritis. In the best-case scenario, we find another viable treatment option to treat a wide range of patients with painful hips due to early arthritis and cartilage damage. The long-term hope is that we can delay the need for more involved surgery, such as hip replacement or other treatments."

- Dr. Olufemi Ayeni, Professor and Academic Division Head of Orthopaedic Surgery at McMaster University



Advocating for lasting change

We are sounding the alarm on the social and economic costs of arthritis, fostering strategic partnerships to ensure every person living with arthritis in Canada has timely and equitable access to care, and setting new standards for action that command attention. Last year, we impacted 34 public policies, had over 75 meetings with government officials and released a landmark report on The State of Arthritis in Canada that garnered national attention.

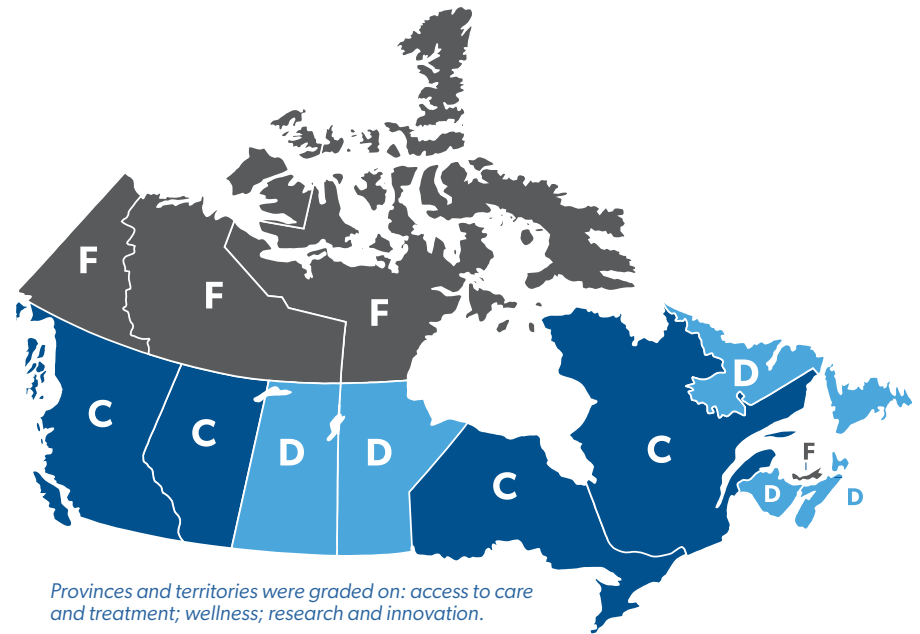
The State of Arthritis in Canada Report Card

In a groundbreaking effort to improve arthritis care and awareness, we worked closely with our partners and communities across Canada to look at how provinces and territories are supporting people living with arthritis.

We found an urgent need for action and innovation in the field of arthritis care. Guided by our key findings, we are committed to helping develop an effective, solution-oriented Arthritis Action Plan that improves access to care, research and education.

KEY FINDINGS:

- Canada needs better arthritis data
- Access to arthritis care is a challenge
- Arthritis research is underfunded
- Highest grade among all provinces and territories was C



GRADING LEGEND

A: Excellent
B: Good

C: Satisfactory

D: Improvement needed

F: Significant improvement needed

30+
media interviews

700+
media hits

50M+
media impressions

583 advocacy actions

Engagements with policymakers and advocates

30
new advocacy volunteers

75+
meetings with government

10
pre-budget submissions

12
government consultations



Ontario lobby day

On October 19, our volunteers gathered with local MPPs and policy leads, including the Minister of Health, Opposition Health Critics, the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility, the Associate Minister of Women’s Social and Economic Opportunity, and the Solicitor General, to share policy recommendations that would improve the lives of people living with arthritis in the province.

“It was great to see so many people who live with arthritis speaking up and raising awareness of the struggles of living with a chronic condition that has been so downplayed and dismissed. There were some amazing people there and it was a joy to participate.”

- Therese Lane, volunteer



Alberta leading the charge to stop osteoarthritis in its infancy

Developmental dysplasia of the hip (DDH) is a leading cause of early hip replacement. If detected in newborns, DDH can easily be treated, sparing them a lifetime of pain and arthritis. But right now, up to 90 per cent of DDH cases are missed. That's as many as 25 babies born in Canada each day who are not being treated for DDH and may grow up to experience irreversible damage.

The Newborn Arthritis Prevention Screening (NAPS) Project led by Arthritis Society Canada and Dr. Jacob Jaremko at the University of Alberta has developed a way to screen and diagnose DDH easily and affordably using AI and a portable ultrasound, light as a hairbrush.

The low cost and affordability of this digital health device are game-changing, holding the potential to save millions of dollars for our healthcare system and providing equitable screening and diagnosis. We are prioritizing Indigenous babies, whose incidence of DDH is up to 12 times higher, and rural and remote communities, where screening is often not available.

To get this project launched, first in Alberta, Arthritis Society Canada will fund \$10 million. We are bringing together government at all levels, Indigenous Peoples, and health system leaders to ensure the program is tailored for different regions and communities.

Within the next decade, we envision the majority of infants being screened for DDH as part of their routine checkups. That's ensuring we prevent osteoarthritis in thousands of babies every year.

To learn more, please contact Chelsey McNeil at cmcneil@arthritis.ca.





Returning the favour

Dr. Raymond Lam and Alanna Wong remember their sister, Joyce Lam, as head-strong and resilient. These were traits that served her well as she wrestled with arthritis for most of her life.

“She was always a fighter,” says Raymond.

A grateful fighter, one could say. Joyce, who passed away at age 63 in April 2022 after arthritis had caused severe damage to her heart and lungs, left Arthritis Society Canada a gift in her Will to help change the future for people impacted by the disease.

Joyce’s health deteriorated rapidly in her mid-20s due to arthritis. She was admitted to hospital where doctors didn’t think she’d survive, but a clinical trial of a medication gave her a new lease on life. She lived more than 30 years longer than doctors predicted, relying on Arthritis Society Canada’s support. In return, she volunteered.

“Arthritis Society Canada helped [Joyce] to stay independent,” says Alanna. “That’s why she volunteered, and why she wanted the gift she willed to help patients impacted by arthritis access the much-needed support they might not be able to afford themselves.”

In 2004, Arthritis Society Canada helped to start a fund in Joyce’s name. It supports programs and services meant to reduce pain and disability for people living with arthritis. Joyce planned for her estate gift to go into the fund, ensuring Arthritis Society Canada would receive income installments when she passed.

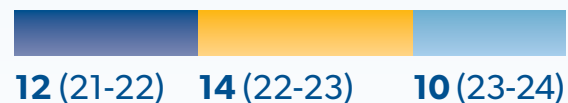
“Joyce was incredibly special,” says Liesl Drayton, National Director, Planned Giving at Arthritis Society Canada. “This very generous gift will help to ensure her legacy lives on.”

Innovating for a better quality of life

Canada's top scientific and entrepreneurial minds are coming together to create innovative solutions that will change lives. We continue to create breakthroughs by supporting entrepreneurs with promising ideas, fostering partnerships with leading innovators, and awarding grants that allow life-changing projects to get to market.

\$995,765
committed through 10 new Ignite Research Grants

36 grants awarded since inaugural year:



2023 ARTHRITIS IDEATOR AWARDS

Four Canadian innovators received the prestigious Arthritis Ideator Award for driving novel solutions to support people living with arthritis to:

- reduce the time it takes to get a diagnosis
- match people to appropriate clinical trials
- find the right medication in the right dosage
- help people in rural and remote areas manage their disease.

\$200,000
awarded to 4 entrepreneurs

"I cannot thank the Arthritis Society Canada Ideator Awards and the community enough for your support. With your funding we were able to reach significant milestones with our 'recommendation engine' AI technology and will continue to develop and collaborate with the ambassadors, clinicians and partners in the space to create a more patient-enabled experience when it comes to treatment and condition management."

- Cassandra Hui, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Heal Mary

Heal Mary is a digital tool that uses machine learning to match people with arthritis to clinical trials, giving them access to treatments not yet available elsewhere.

NEW PARTNERSHIP CREATES TRANSFORMATIVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INNOVATORS

Arthritis Society Canada is investing in innovation through an exciting new partnership with Creative Destruction Lab (CDL) at the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management. CDL is an objectives-based program for massively scalable, seed-stage science and technology-based companies. With access to world-class mentors and an unparalleled network, CDL connects investors, scholars and risk-takers to support novel approaches to real-life challenges. This partnership ensures deeper support to innovators, helping them turn unique ideas into reality and support arthritis solutions.

Starting April 2024, we are raising \$750,000 to fund this partnership.

"CDL creates a marketplace for entrepreneurial judgment – through this partnership, experienced entrepreneurs will help founders scale their innovations in arthritis technology. We're absolutely thrilled to welcome Arthritis Society Canada to our global CDL community."

- Sonia Sennik, Executive Director at CDL

Bringing expert information and support to better serve communities

We are changing the conversation around arthritis by helping people understand the brutal realities of the disease, how to manage it and find ways to live life to the fullest despite their diagnosis. Last year, thanks to the generosity of Pfizer and our donors, we helped 83,079 people get expert information on arthritis through Arthritis Talks and assisted 2,846 people through the Arthritis Line and Arthritis Connections, our free telephone and email service and peer support program for people living with arthritis.

Arthritis Talks:

83,079
people reached

340,799 people
reached since inception



Arthritis Connections:

1,027
people reached



We are reaching more and more people in Canada each year.

Website:

1.76 million visitors

flourish newsletter:

105,634 subscribers

Arthritis Line:

1,819 people supported



Arthritis Awareness Month

September 2023

116 million
media impressions

113,000
people reached

52 proclamations and
48 landmarks lit up in blue



3.7
million
Canadians
reached
with trusted
information

“My mother wants to thank you for all your help and the information brochures you shared. She referred to them often and found them very helpful. I just wanted you to know how much you impacted her recovery. Your concern and encouragement was, and still is, very much appreciated!”

- Arthritis Line client, New Brunswick

89,900+

**Public Service
Announcements
across Canada raising
arthritis awareness**





Supporting kids with childhood arthritis

295

**campers
at 6 camps
nationwide**

133

**backpacks distributed
across all provinces
and territories**

157

**Club Sunrise/club
Soleil levant program
participants**

"Camp is a place where I can always be around people who understand me. This is something I value since I have never met anyone else with my condition other than when I am at camp."

- Camper, 2023 Camp BC

Community Action Grants

Arthritis Society Canada's Community Action Grants are providing opportunities for people to connect, learn and thrive with arthritis in underserved communities.

"Participants are reading the material provided and researching more for themselves; they feel empowered. There is less of an atmosphere of 'Well, this is just the way it is; you can't change it' to a more positive outlook of 'This new information may help, and I am going to try this.'"

- Program Coordinator, Flourish 55+ Thriving with Arthritis, Nova Scotia, 2023-24 Recipient of Community Action Grant

Arthritis Rehabilitation and Education Program (AREP)

20,824 visits and 9,665 people reached through groups and presentations

"Your knowledge and professionalism helped me address my physical needs as well as make me feel seen as an individual – not just another person on someone's patient list. The road to close a diagnosis has been a long one; you have made this journey less lonely, and your professional support was a constant I needed during this process. You helped me find solutions in dealing with physical limitations to improve my quality of life while living with arthritis."

- AREP client, Ontario

Compelled to contribute

Senthooran Punithavel vividly recalls learning that his longtime friend's young daughter nearly lost her life due to arthritis complications. The Financial Advisor at the Co-operators was chatting with Dina Chan, a friend from high school, about the challenges her teenage daughter Jayna had faced for a decade. Jayna was diagnosed with a rare form of childhood arthritis at age 3, and after several setbacks, underwent a bone marrow transplant in 2020. The procedure saved her life, but Senthooran was stunned to learn of the ordeal and began imagining his own children in a similar situation.

"I have kids the same age as Jayna. It really affected me. What if it had been my child? I knew something needed to be done," Senthooran says.

He followed through.

In May 2024, the Co-operators were the Presenting Sponsor of Fashion on Fire, an awareness-building event in Toronto. It was an apt partnership aligned to the Co-operators' giving strategy.

"The Co-operators stands for helping people overcome adversity," Senthooran says. "Getting involved was a natural fit, especially because arthritis isn't in the spotlight the way many other diseases are."

Senthooran adds that several people in his life, including family members, live with the challenges of arthritis. Due to the misconception that it's a mild, age-related condition, however, he says people often suffer in silence. He wants to right that wrong.

"Arthritis isn't something people have to live through. We need to find manageable solutions and a cure," he says. "It'll help future children from having to suffer the way Jayna suffered, and I'm happy to be part of that work in any way I can."



Investing in impact: Recognizing our donors

Charging forward with laser focus

Dear donors,

To solve a disease as unrelenting as arthritis, an equally unrelenting dedication is needed. This is what you have shown over the past year, and for that we are deeply grateful.

Thanks to your generosity, Arthritis Society Canada has helped to ensure that vital research, life-changing programs and support services, and crucial advocacy efforts could be carried out. We hope you will enjoy reading about these successes. Not only are these focus areas important for the 6 million people in Canada living with arthritis, but they're critical for the millions more who could be impacted in the future. It's estimated that if we don't confront arthritis, 9 million people in Canada could be affected by 2040.

In partnership with you, we will continue to confront this debilitating disease. Our bold Arthritis Action Plan is at the centre of our priorities, and it involves not only those impacted by arthritis, but everyone in Canada. To transform health outcomes and improve the quality of life for people living with arthritis, we all must understand the urgency. You, valued members of our donor family, can help us raise awareness and effect change.

Thank you again for your support. We know much success is ahead as we continue to work together.

With gratitude,



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jenn".

Jennifer Stewart
Chief Development Officer
Arthritis Society Canada



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew".

Andrew Branion
Chair, National Council (2020-2024)
Vice-Chair, Board of Directors
Arthritis Society Canada

“On behalf of Lindsay Construction, I was so proud to lend support as the Arthritis Society Canada 2023 Celebrity Roastee. With one in five Canadians affected by the disease, it’s crucial we fund the research, advocacy and services that Arthritis Society Canada provides to improve the lives of those affected by arthritis. Ongoing corporate support and donations like ours will enable advancements in treatments, support programs for patients and their families, and ultimately, a cure.”

- Cory Bell, President & CEO, Lindsay Construction



“I was in my mid-20s when I was diagnosed with arthritis. I was shocked — I’m young, healthy and active. I’m definitely not a victim, but arthritis impacts every aspect of your life. Axis Insurance and Arthritis Society Canada care about people, and that’s why this partnership is important. I’m truly honoured to be part of the Axis team and their legacy because they’re protecting people, businesses and communities in Vancouver and across the country.”

- Dorothea Dowling, Senior Vice President, National Practice Group Leader - Personal Insurance, Axis Insurance



“Arthritis Society Canada’s work is critical to advancing research and innovation, advocating for policy change, and providing education and support. I am proud to be a member of the National Council and that my organization, Medline Canada, Corporation, shares the same passion and purpose of improving the care of Canadians. We are honoured to stand with Arthritis Society Canada as it continues to find bold and impactful ways to improve the lives of people living with arthritis.”

- Diana Gazdar, Vice Chair, National Council and Vice President, Marketing, Medline Canada, Corporation



Uniting for change

It was an exciting year of growth; our events created opportunities for more than 2,525 donors and supporters to connect and innovate. And it wasn't just our incredible community that grew — with the continued momentum of last year's three new events, we collectively raised over \$1,000,000 (net).

Thanks to our event sponsors for their generous support.

To find out more about event sponsorships, please contact Anna Baranowski at abaranowski@arthritis.ca

APRIL 20, 2023

Arthritis Ideator Awards

In just its second year, this innovative competition doubled its attendees to 300 and amplified incredible projects designed to better the lives of those with arthritis.



APRIL 25, 2023

Celebrity Roast

Honouring philanthropist Cory Bell, the evening was full of side-splitting comedy, but the impact of the 29th annual Roast was no joke. 750 guests raised \$340,000 (net) for arthritis programs in the Atlantic region, and Halifax's own Mayor Mike Savage was a guest roaster.



JUNE 1, 2023

All-In For Arthritis

Denim, diamonds and dedication to fighting the fire of arthritis were on full display at our 17th annual poker tournament. With 375 guests, and \$4.2 million (net) raised since 2005, the event was a royal flush.



SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

Fashion on Fire

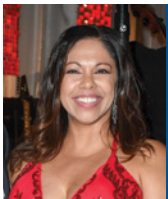
Our second annual red-hot runway event brought together over 350 of Toronto's corporate and fashion elite, featured inspiring models living with arthritis, and saw the return of designer David Dixon as he unveiled another exciting arthritis-friendly collection.



NOVEMBER 4, 2023

Arthritis Fire Ball

Our second annual Arthritis Fire Ball raised the temperature and the bar by bringing together 750 guests and raising a fiery \$400,000 (net). Diana Gazdar, our arthritis hero, shared her story in an inspiring video.



Featured guest **Diana Gazdar** shared her inspirational story at our Arthritis Fire Ball in Toronto, celebrating the strength, resiliency and perseverance of people living with arthritis, moving the audience to tears. "The hardest part of having arthritis was having to choose whether or not to have a family that I wanted and living a lifetime of pain," Diana shared in a video played during the event.

By the numbers

\$20,069,504

gifted by **97,288** donors

\$6,866,761

realized through the **142** planned gifts from supporters who sought to make a lasting impact

\$863,028

donated by **5,956** monthly donors who provide stable funding throughout the year

"I had several episodes of psoriatic arthritis in my youth. Advances in research have meant that we can now benefit from drugs that are more effective than what was previously used. It is therefore a pleasure for me to contribute to research through donations that I have been making to Arthritis Society Canada for several years."

*– Léon Bérard, ing.
Granby, monthly donor*

Our generous donors

Arthritis Society Canada is grateful for the generosity of our supporters, who are dedicated to helping us fight the fire of arthritis. We are thrilled to extend our heartfelt gratitude to those donors who have made significant contributions, with gifts or pledges totaling \$10,000 or more, between April 1, 2023, and March 31, 2024.

We extend our profound gratitude to the 48 individuals and families who have chosen to leave a lasting legacy through a planned gift to Arthritis Society Canada. Their foresight and compassion not only ignite hope in the fight against arthritis but also ensure a lasting impact that extends far beyond their lifetimes.

\$500,000 - \$999,999

O'Sullivan Family
Pfizer Canada

\$250,000 - \$499,999

Raymond Chang Foundation
TD Bank Group
The Vancouver Foundation

\$100,000 - \$249,999

CDPQ
HealthPartners Canada
Medline Canada Corporation
United Way Winnipeg

\$50,000 - \$99,999

AMD Medicom Inc.
The Leonard T. Assaly Family
Foundation
Brynjolfur Kristin Brynjolfsson Fund at
The Winnipeg Foundation
Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities
The Co-operators
The Doug de Pencier Fund
Federated Health Charities
Jay-Ann Gilfoy
Donna C. Holtsbaum
Margaret MacKenzie
Massage Addict

Meridian Credit Union Limited
Nordic Pharma Inc.
Organon
PartenaireSanté - Québec
Tylenol
Eric T. Webster Foundation
The Windsor Foundation

\$25,000 - \$49,999

Amgen Canada Inc.
Dorothy Anderson
BELL
Bosseini Living
Calgary Flames Foundation
Camp Tamakwa Inc.
G. Raymond Chang Ltd.
John & Mary Crocker
Fondation J. A. DeSève
Gay & John Docherty
Anna Marie Frediani Research Fund
Fresenius Kabi Canada Ltd
Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada
Charitable Foundation
Industrielle Alliance Groupe Financier
Jamp Pharma Corp.
Janssen Inc.
KPMG Foundation
Lindsay Construction
George Macri
Marcatus QED Inc.

Cheryl McClellan
The Catherine and Maxwell Meighen
Foundation
J & W Murphy Foundation
New Brunswick Children's Foundation
Nicola Wealth Management Private
Giving Foundation
Scotiabank
Diane Blake & Stephen Smith
Jennifer Stewart + Russell & Daniel
Wai On Foundation
Donna J. Wyman

\$10,000 - \$24,999

AbbVie
AIG Insurance Company of Canada
Airtime Express Inc.
Axiom Infrastructure
Bank of Montreal
Patricia Barbato
Gloria Baylis Foundation
Fondation Bon départ de Canadian
Tire du Québec
BoyneClarke LLP
Ann Bucke
Chor-Yue Grace Chan
Chez Alexandre et fils
John Chippindale
CI Financial
CIBC Private Wealth Wood Gundy

Patricia Collier
R. W. Cousins
Deloitte
Desjardins
Sikin Dharamshi
Frederick And Douglas Dickson
Memorial Foundation
Economical Insurance
EY Canada
Fondation Simone Morin et Valmont
Garneau
Helen Garrett Foundation
Samuel H. Gilfix Endowment Fund at
The Winnipeg Foundation
GlaxoSmithKline Inc.
Robert Goodall
Charles Green
Innovative Medicines Canada
Shareef & Tammy Isa
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Navin Kaminoulu
Kanish & Partners LLP
KPMG Management Services LP
Pierrette Levesque
Loopstra Nixon LLP
Jeffrey Marshall
Duncan Mathieson
McDonald's - 175246 Canada Inc.
Yvonne McGregor (and the late
Donald E. McGregor)

Medavie
Micco Companies
Edward Mortl
Municipal Group of Companies
Jake & Bev Neufeld
New Horizons for Seniors Program
Northbridge General Insurance
Corporation
Ocean Contractors Limited
Ocean Pacific Hotel Group
Lynn & Tom Oldfield
O'Regan's Automotive
Pallet Valo LLP
David C. Pauli
Polar Asset Management Partners
Pomerleau Inc.
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Jas Randhawa
Rexall Care Network
River Philip Foundation
Kenneth & Dorothy Rowe Foundation
Sage Software Canada
Sancton Access
Leonard Sanders Family Foundation
Schroeder Arthritis Institute
Steve Simonot
Greg Simpson
SoloPill Inc.
Starshot Ventures Inc.
Gregory Steers

William Stewart
Stewart McKelvey
Strategic Charitable Giving
Foundation
Sutherland Foundation Inc.
Swiss Chalet & Harvey's Charity Golf
Tournament
TELUS Edmonton and Northern
Alberta Community Board
TELUS Manitoba and Saskatchewan
Community Board
TELUS Montreal Community Board
The Toronto Star Children's Charities
Kathryn & Bill Troubridge
UCB Canada Inc.
UHN Foundation
United Way of Calgary and Area
W.M. Fares Group
Waddell Transport Ltd
Susan H. Walsh
Wellesley Therapeutics
Dr. Jean Wessel
Westminster College Foundation
Wheaton Precious Metals Corp.

Legacy & Estate Gifts

Estate of Lillian Marie Allen
Estate of Helene Amyot
John P. Andrews
Succession de Rolande April

Estate of Lily Merle Ash
Succession de Lise Beauchamp
Estate of Helen Bell-Bradshaw
Estate of Joan Doreen Bennett
Succession de Henriette Bérard
Succession de Suzanne Binet
Estate of Walter Bodzian
Estate of Ernest Bradshaw
Estate of Dr. Edward “Ted” Brooker
Estate of Craig Roy Brooks
Estate of Rita Louise Browne
Estate of Gordon Butler
Estate of Elizabeth M. Buzzell
Estate of Nancy Carol Cain
Estate of Colleen Cameron
Estate of Dorelle Cameron
Estate of Leila Campbell
Succession de Dorothy Cannon-
Mercier
Estate of Victoria Caran
Estate of Lorna June Carroll
Mable Chadwick Foundation
Estate of Marjorie G. Chambres
Estate of Mary Ann Chrysler
Estate of George Leonard Clampitt
Estate of Larry James Clark
Estate of Isobel Margaret Cork
Estate of Roland George Coudriau
Estate of Adele Maria Jutta Dalton
Walter and Mildred Danby Fund

Estate of Susan Elizabeth Dew
Estate of Alistair Campbell Douglas
Estate of Sylvia Willemina Drop
Estate of Margaret Mary Theresa
Dumberg
Estate of Sara Elias
Douglas Harold Evans Charitable
Foundation
The Fahy Family Charitable Trust
Estate of Joan Hilda Fleetwood
Estate of Robert Ray Forbes
Estate of Shirley Eugenie Galbraith
The Lewis Jackson and Dale Gardiner
Foundation
Estate of Evelyn Gardner
Estate of George John Gelderloos
Estate of Maria Elfreda Genosa
Estate of Warren Kenneth Gibbs
Dr. Mark Hardy & Dr. Rose Goldstein
Estate of Donald Sinclair Gorrie
Estate of Pamela Gorringer
Estate of Leno Richard Gos
Estate of Jo Ann Goudis
Estate of Florence Clara Gould
Estate of Hugh Graham
Estate of Shirley Laurena Grant
Estate of Sandra Louise Green
Estate of Diane M. Gribben
Estate of Brenda Mary Hamer
Estate of Gillian Mary Hancox

Estate of Brenda Irene Hatton
Estate of Rose Marie Hawkins
Estate of Lillian Margaret Henderson
Estate of Eve Rosemary Holdway
Trust of Lloyd Alexander Hope
Estate of Joan Paterson Hudson
Constantine Iliopoulos
Estate of Inge-Ruth Ilkiw
Estate of John David Isbister
Succession de Claire Jacob
Estate of Robert Johnstone
Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Jones Trust Fund
Estate of Hilda May Jones
Estate of Marjorie May Jones
Estate of Gail Louise Jordan
Estate of Mary Elizabeth Keir
Estate of Norma Lillian Kempers
Estate of Richard David Kert
Estate of Erika Knipfel
Estate of Bob Kolstad
Estate of Lynn Kosloski
Estate of Margaret Stewart Lacey
Succession de Noëlline Poulin
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Estate of Richard Hugh Pearce
Estate of Diana Pechiulis
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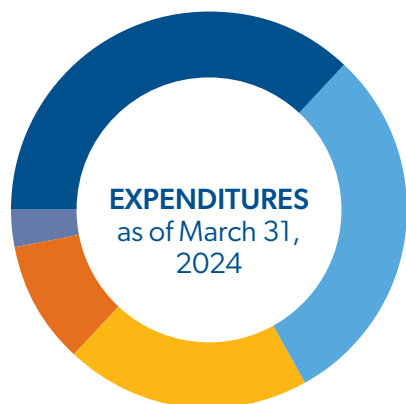
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Financials

Arthritis Society Canada, in consultation with and approved by its Board of Directors, has chosen to make investments over the last 2 years in key mission areas such as research and the nationwide Arthritis Action Plan. These investments have resulted in deficit positions, which will be offset by the pending sale of a building.



- 25% Direct Response
- 24% Government
- 22% Planned Giving
- 14% Major Gifts
- 9% Other
- 6% Events



- 37% Programs and services
- 30% Cost of raising funds from the public
- 21% Research
- 10% Administration
- 3% Building operation

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Year ended March 31, 2024, with comparative information for 2023

	2024	2023
REVENUE	\$	\$
Major Gifts	4,412,616	4,420,499
Planned Giving	6,866,761	7,386,952
Direct Response	7,580,090	7,251,252
Events	1,777,618	1,574,769
Government	7,356,140	5,743,460
Other	2,644,612	2,615,479
Total Revenue	30,637,837	28,992,410
EXPENSES	\$	\$
Research	6,558,865	6,237,332
Programs and services	11,799,527	10,745,652
Building operation	807,915	745,588
Administration	3,161,659	2,860,071
Subtotal	22,327,966	20,588,643
Cost of raising funds from the public	9,391,484	8,364,359
Total expenses	31,719,450	28,953,002
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses before the undernoted	(1,081,613)	39,408
Unrealized loss on investments	(44,589)	(481,128)
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	(1,126,202)	(441,721)

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Integrated Scientific and Medical Advisory Committee

Members of the Integrated Scientific and Medical Advisory Committee (ISMAC) provide expert advice to the Chief Science Officer on strategic directions and priorities for Arthritis Society Canada's research, information, support tools and resources.

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Our work would not be possible without the expertise and support of our 75 executive fundraising volunteers who bring immeasurable value to our fundraising efforts through their contributions to our committees.

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HOW WE WORK

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