



Impact Report



Dream Big

Change the Course of Lives and Medicine

2022 Year In Review

Dream Big Campaign

Co-Chairs' Message



Jean Charest

2022 was a landmark year for the MUHC Foundation. Together, we raised nearly \$27 million, one of our highest fundraising totals ever. The Dream Big Campaign reached over \$121 million raised, 61% of the way to our \$200 million goal.

With the support of donors like you, the new McGill Antimicrobial Resistance Centre was created, bringing together dozens of experts to tackle this growing health threat. Learn more about this important work and the donations that helped it get started on page 10.



Suzanne Legge Orr

In May, Le Bal Rouge returned in great style, raising \$2 million to support the research of the McGill Interdisciplinary Initiative in Infection and Immunity (MI4). Later in the year, the foundation held its very first MUHC's Got Talent, a grassroots fundraising event modeled after the hit TV show.

In November, the MUHC Foundation received Imagine Canada accreditation, which recognizes excellence and sets national standards in governance, financial accountability, fundraising, and staff and volunteer management. We are only the second health care foundation in Quebec to receive this certification.

The MUHC's brilliant clinician-scientists continue to pioneer new treatments for personalized medicine in cancer, cardiology and respiratory medicine. In this report, you will find inspiring stories of ground-breaking research and top-notch care. You can be very proud of your part in making these stories possible.

We are so proud to share the MUHC Foundation's successes, recognize the generosity of our supporters, and recap some of the most exciting events of the year. None of this would be possible without you, our loyal community of supporters. We are so grateful for your drive to advance medicine, your desire to help others, and your belief in the MUHC Foundation.



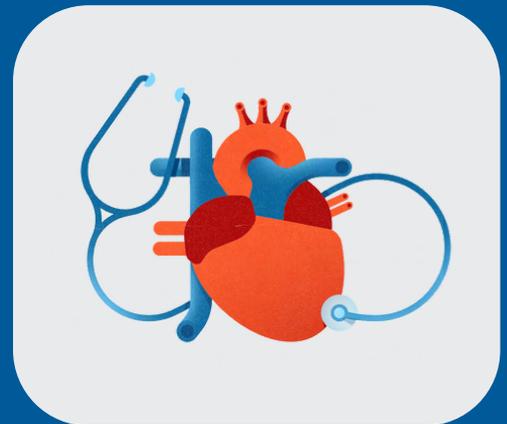
Marc Parent

Thank you.

Cardiology

Fix Broken Hearts

When a heart attack strikes. When a heart valve isn't working. When the heart loses its rhythm... every heartbeat forever after is a triumph. We are raising \$50 million so that in ten years, Montreal will have the lowest rate of hospitalization and fewest deaths due to heart disease in Canada.



Dr. Miguel Burnier, ophthalmologist

Rosenbloom Foundation champions research in cardiology and ophthalmology

Two generous gifts totalling \$1 million from the Mike and Valeria Rosenbloom Foundation are championing new innovations in eye care for cancer patients and heart health.

\$500,000 is supporting cardiologists Dr. George Thanassoulis and Dr. Allan Sniderman in their work to change how risk of heart disease is measured. Across the western world, risk of cardiovascular disease is determined using age, sex, blood pressure, cholesterol levels, blood sugar and weight. These measures are not always accurate, and Drs. Thanassoulis and Sniderman have discovered a new, better way to measure risk. With the help of the Rosenbloom Foundation's gift, they are working toward changing the standard for assessing cardiovascular risk.

An additional \$500,000 is supporting Dr. Miguel Burnier as he trials a new program focusing on preventive eye care for patients undergoing cancer treatment. More than half of cancer patients develop problems with their eyes, including dry eyes, inflammation and infections. The program examines patients for a wide range of eye disorders, allowing the team to detect problems early and take preventive measures. Finding and treating these disorders early creates better quality of life for patients.

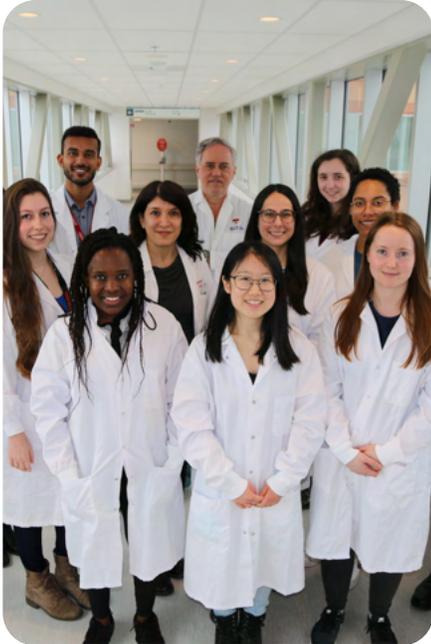
Sharon Steinberg supports futuristic heart research

After being diagnosed with incurable cardiomyopathy, Sharon Steinberg made a significant donation to the MUHC Foundation to support the Heart in a Dish program. Led by cardiologist Dr. Nadia Giannetti of the MUHC and Dr. Terry Hébert of McGill University, Heart in a Dish is growing patients' heart tissue in petri dishes for close study.

Growing heart tissue outside the body is the ultimate in personalized medicine because each patient can receive a tailored approach. With Sharon's support, Dr. Giannetti and Dr. Hébert now have 25 hearts beating in dishes at the MUHC and are advancing cardiology research to help others living with heart conditions.



Sharon Steinberg visits the Heart in a Dish program.



Researchers from the Courtois Cardiovascular Signature Program.

Courtois Foundation funds new cardiology clinical trial accelerator

In recent years, medical scientists have broken the mould by designing clinical trials that can answer multiple research questions at once—maximizing resources and speeding up discovery. Thanks to a transformative \$2.5 million gift from the Courtois Foundation, the MUHC's Division of Cardiology created AI2, a cardiology clinical trials accelerator. This new platform provides cardiology researchers funding to bring innovative new treatments to heart patients faster and recruit top cardiologists to the MUHC.

YOU helped us raise over \$277,000 For Every Heart

In late 2022, wonderful supporters like you came together to support cardiology research and care at the MUHC.

The For Every Heart campaign raised over \$277,000 toward the creation of the Electrophysiology Centre of Excellence (EP Lab) at the MUHC Glen site. Electrophysiology is a branch of cardiology that deals with the heart's electrical system—the electrical impulses that make your heart beat in a steady rhythm. When the heart beats too fast, too slow or out of sync, the condition is called arrhythmia, and can be life-threatening. With the right expertise and equipment—which the EP Lab will provide—arrhythmias can be repaired.

Thanks to you, we are one step closer to building the Electrophysiology Centre of Excellence, a state-of-the-art facility that will allow the MUHC's heart patients to receive lifesaving procedures. Amazingly, the MUHC's electrophysiology team is able to repair arrhythmias without the need for open heart surgery. Instead, they use catheters—long, flexible tubes tipped with specialized equipment that are threaded through veins and into the heart. The catheters can destroy small areas of tissue that are causing the abnormal rhythm or implant devices that help correct the heartbeat.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the campaign, and special thank you to Canadian Pacific for their generous matching gift of \$250,000.

Together, we will fix broken hearts.



MUHC staff members make a heart with their hands to show support for the For Every Heart campaign.

Cancer

End Cancer

Your mother. Your sister. Your grandfather. Your best friend. You. Not one person is untouched by cancer. In 2018, it took the lives of 82,000 Canadians. We have a plan to end cancer: we will catch it early. Understand it down to its genetics. Discover its weaknesses. We are raising \$35 million to end cancer.



Ferron Campbell with members of the Research Institute of the MUHC's Cancer Research Program.

World Cancer Day campaign raises \$71k

On World Cancer Day, February 4, 2022, you showed us the power of working together for a common cause, helping us raise \$71,800 to support the outstanding work of the RI-MUHC's cancer researchers. We are grateful to the hundreds of donors who contributed to our campaign.

Special thanks to Ferron Campbell and the Campbell O'Connor Foundation for their generous matching gift of \$20,000.

Thanks to your generosity, we are one step closer to providing personalized, precision cancer treatment to all our patients. Precision oncology means providing the right treatment to the right patient at the right time. Using advanced tools and techniques, the MUHC's oncologists can understand exactly what type of cancer a patient has and test treatment options in the laboratory. This helps ensure each patient receives the best treatment for their disease.



Cheque presentation for CIBC's gift. L-R: Julie Quenneville, Norman Steinberg, Dr. Tarek Hijal, Suzanne Legge Orr, Rosa Trunzo, Dr. John Kildea, Louis-Michel Taillefer, John Di Raddo, Marc Parent.

CIBC donates \$1M to support the future of patient-centred care at the MUHC

The Opal patient app, an award-winning Research Institute of the MUHC (RI-MUHC)-developed app that empowers patients with their personal health data, received a \$1 million gift from CIBC. Opal provides patients access to their hospital appointments, laboratory test results, some clinical notes written by their doctors, and educational material about their illness and treatments. The result is a more empowered experience for patients—with their health information at their fingertips, they feel in control of their journey.

With CIBC's support, Opal is being expanded to enhance patient care and research as the centrepiece of an innovative new project known as the Quebec SmartCare Consortium. As the project progresses, participating physicians will be able to monitor their patients between appointments using wearable devices that track vital signs. Remote monitoring will provide physicians a steady stream of data to help them better understand each patient's condition and advance research.



Dr. Julia Burnier, whose research focuses on liquid biopsy.

Generous monthly donors provide ongoing support for cancer research

We are so proud to recognize the 162 monthly donors who became supporters of liquid biopsy research last year.

Liquid biopsy is a new technique in precision cancer medicine that allows physician-scientists to detect, analyze and monitor cancer using blood, saliva or other bodily fluids. Together with existing, loyal monthly donors, you raised over \$240K in 2021–2022.

Thanks to you, the MUHC is able to plan future projects and initiatives in the areas you choose to support.

Teeing off to end cancer

The MUHC Foundation is proud to benefit from two long-time golf tournaments in support of cancer research.

Drive for the Cure

Drive for the Cure was created by Dan Klimas in 2001 to fundraise in support of lymphoma researcher Dr. Chaim Shustik. The event had its best year ever in 2021, raising \$127,230! In 20 years, the event has raised a total of \$1,100,000.

Marc Testa Golf Tournament

The Marc Testa golf tournament was created by André Testa in honour of his brother Marc, who passed away from colon cancer at only 28 years old. Though the tournament has been postponed for several years due to the pandemic, the Testa family continues to fundraise, raising \$3,800 for cancer research in 2022. Since its creation, the tournament has raised over \$60,000.



Drive for the Cure



Cancer researcher Dr. Peter Metrakos explains his research to representatives from BMO.

BMO donates \$2M for precision cancer care

The future of cancer treatment is one step closer to reality thanks to a transformative \$2 million donation from BMO Financial Group. The gift will help cancer experts at the RI-MUHC develop the hospital's precision oncology program—personalized treatment tailored to each patient.

With BMO's support, the latest innovations in cancer treatment will be developed right here in Montreal.

Infection & Immunity

Solve Humanity's Deadliest Puzzles

The McGill Interdisciplinary Initiative in Infection and Immunity (MI4) was created to address the global threat of infection. It brings together over 250 researchers to find solutions to tuberculosis, COVID-19, and the growing threat of antibiotic resistance. We are raising \$60 million to improve the health of people worldwide.



Shawnea Roberts

The SDR Project is helping uncover mysterious genetic diseases

In 2021, the MUHC Foundation and the Roberts-Hindley family came together to create the SDR Project in support of the Centre of Excellence for Genetic Research in Infection and Immunity at the MUHC. The fundraising campaign is named for Shawnea Roberts, who has struggled with debilitating and unexplained health issues her entire life. No doctor could offer her a diagnosis, but then she met MUHC genetic disease expert Dr. Donald Vinh. A specialist in genetic diseases of the immune system, Dr. Vinh promised to get to the bottom of Shawnea's lifelong health issues. To date, the SDR Project has raised over \$1.2 million of its \$2.5 million goal.

The MUHC Foundation is grateful to the Rossy Foundation and the Albert and Florence Aziz Family Foundation, who both made extraordinary donations to the SDR project. The gifts are enabling Dr. Vinh to purchase much-needed equipment, including the Biomark HD. This advanced technology allows for the examination of the 25,000 genes found in the human genome. With it, Dr. Vinh and his team can now take their genetic studies to the next level, helping more people with unexplained illness by uncovering and treating genetic diseases.



L-R: MUHC Foundation President and CEO Julie Quenneville, Le Bal Rouge Co-chair Mélanie Bernier and MI4 founder Dr. Don Sheppard.

The MUHC Foundation's Le Bal Rouge on Fire raises \$2 million

After three years, Le Bal Rouge was back in 2022. The glamorous event, attended by 520 guests and held on Friday, May 27, 2022 at Montreal's iconic Windsor Station, was a visual and gastronomical delight. The event honoured Dr. Donald Sheppard, founding director of the McGill Interdisciplinary Initiative in Infection and Immunity (MI4). It brought together a powerhouse of philanthropic individuals and companies determined to ensure Quebec is at the forefront of research into infection and immunity. Overall, the glitzy gala raised \$2 million to support research into health threats from tuberculosis to antibiotic resistance to COVID-19.

A glamorous night for a good cause



Generous gifts kickstart McGill Antimicrobial Resistance Centre

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is a looming health crisis that, according to the World Health Organization, could become a global scale threat to human life and prosperity. AMR occurs when bacteria and other microbes become resistant to antibiotics, disinfectants and other antimicrobial products. The consequences could be devastating: without reliable antibiotics, even the simplest of surgeries could pose risk of major infections. Similarly, hallmarks of modern medicine such as chemotherapy, transplantation and joint replacements — all of which require antibiotics — could come with much more risk in the not-so-distant future.

New gifts from Power Corporation of Canada, Rio Tinto, Vincent Chiara and the Hewitt Foundation are helping the MI4 tackle the threat of AMR with the creation of the new McGill Antimicrobial Resistance Centre.

Power Corporation of Canada

Power Corporation of Canada donated \$2 million to provide start-up funds for the AMR Centre, which brings together scientists from a wide range of fields to attack the problem from many angles.

Rio Tinto

Rio Tinto gave \$500,000 to create the Antimicrobial Resistance Discovery Incubator. This research accelerator will award funding to test promising ideas that could lead to new antibiotics or other ways to fight resistant superbugs.

Vincent Chiara

Vincent Chiara gave \$1.4 million to support recruitment of top experts to the AMR Centre. His generous donations will help train the next generation of AMR experts by creating research awards, including fellowships, studentships and visiting scholar awards, and supporting education and outreach related to AMR.

The Hewitt Foundation

The Hewitt Foundation donated \$360,000 to create the ICU Platform for Infection Research. This new program will allow MUHC researchers to collect data from patients being cared for in the ICU to help uncover patterns in hospital-acquired infections and track AMR.



Dr. Dao Nguyen, Director of the McGill Antimicrobial Resistance Centre.



Orthopedic surgeon Dr. Pamela Jones, who won first prize, raised nearly \$20,000 in support of the Lachine Hospital.

MUHC's Got Talent raises \$677,000

One night. 10 remarkable performances. November 16, 2022 was a night full of soulful music at the Corona Theatre for the inaugural MUHC's Got Talent, presented by the MUHC Foundation. The event saw Quebecers vote for their favourite performances, crowning five winners in support of lifesaving research and patient care.

Conceived by two patients, Rony Cukier and Catherine Melling Turner, and modeled after the hit TV show, MUHC's Got Talent featured a wide range of musical talents, from MUHC health care workers to three high school groups.

Winners:

- Fan Favourite - LCC Jazz Band (Team Urology)
- Fundraising Champions - John Rennie Glee Club (Team DOvEE Project)
- 1st place - Dr. Pamela Jones (Team Lachine)
- 2nd place - Billie du Page (Team Rare/Genetic Illnesses)
- 3rd place - Dr. Jason Shahin (Team Respiratory)

Funds raised support excellence in patient care and research at the MUHC.

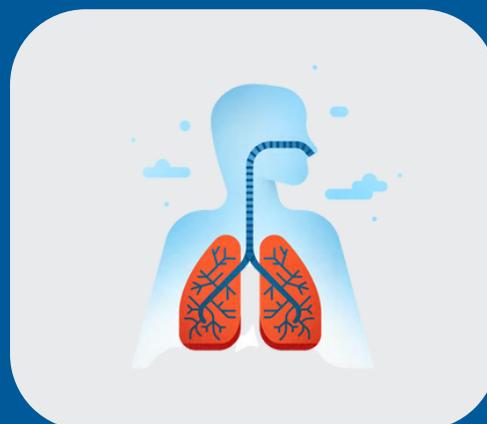
A heartfelt night of music



Respiratory

Breathe Easier

For people living with respiratory diseases, each breath can be a struggle. The Montreal Chest Institute (MCI) is on the forefront of breathtaking research and breath-giving care that will help our world breathe easier and live longer. We are raising \$10 million to help the MCI continue to provide compassionate, cutting-edge care to its patients.



*MCI interstitial lung disease specialists
Dr. Deborah Assayag and Dr. Ilan
Azuelos.*

The Morris and Bella Fainman Family Foundation is helping patients across the MUHC

The Morris and Bella Fainman Family Foundation donated a generous \$180,000 to the Montreal Chest Institute to support improved care for respiratory patients. Part of the gift enabled the purchase of equipment used in bronchoscopy. This procedure involves threading a thin tube into the bronchii—the passages that lead into the lungs—to view the tissues, diagnose problems and even perform surgical procedures. The new equipment allows the MCI’s physicians further reach into the lungs and is much more cost effective than current procedures.

The remainder of the gift is supporting the Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD) Clinic, which provides specialized care to patients with ILD, an incurable lung disease in which the lungs become scarred and damaged over time.

The Morris and Bella Fainman Family Foundation gave two other generous gifts in 2022: one in support of improvements in the MUHC’s Emergency Department, and another to help fund the MUHC’s much-needed Electrophysiology Lab, a specialized surgical suite where heart rhythm disorders can be corrected. We thank them for their generosity.

Scott Jones champions respiratory care in memory of his brother

Scott Jones' life has been shaped by loss. The Nova Steel executive's mother, Gail, passed away from breast cancer when he was just 16-years-old. About 10 years later, his brother, Christopher, lost his fight with a serious respiratory illness. For six years, Christopher was treated at the MCI. Scott has never forgotten the compassionate care Christopher received, and is giving back as co-chair of the MUHC Foundation's \$10 million Dream Big. Breathe Easier campaign in support of respiratory care at the MCI.

Scott and his family also committed a transformative \$1 million gift toward the campaign, helping ensure the MCI can continue to provide excellent care to its patients.



Dream Big. Breathe Easier campaign co-chair Scott Jones (right) with his brother Christopher (left) in 1990.



The Raymond James Bulls and the MCI Lobes face off in support of the Montreal Chest Institute.

Raymond James Charity Softball Game

The Raymond James Charity Softball Game supports breathtaking research and breath-giving care at the MCI. This annual charity game between the MCI Lobes—made up of staff from the MCI—and the Raymond James Bulls has raised over \$250,000 since 2013 to support vital projects at the MCI. In 2022, the event raised \$31,901 to support the creation of the Post-COVID-19 Clinic, which supports the many patients who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms six months or more after diagnosis.

New Becklake Fellows target better respiratory care

Every year, the Montreal Chest Institute selects an outstanding researcher to receive the Dr. Margaret Becklake Fellowship in respiratory research. Made possible thanks to donors to the MUHC Foundation, the award provides research and training support to an up-and-coming respiratory researcher from a low- or middle-income country, or an Indigenous community.

This year, two new Becklake Fellows were selected, Dr. Everglad Mugutso and Kriti Agarwal. Dr. Mugutso is a physician who moved to Canada from Zimbabwe. She is studying ways to provide better care and quality of life for patients with lung cancer. Using data and artificial intelligence, she will determine which patients benefit the most from specific treatments.

Kriti Agarwal is a cardiopulmonary physiotherapist who came to Canada from India to pursue a PhD in rehabilitation science. She is evaluating a virtual rehabilitation program for patients with post-COVID-19 syndrome. Physical rehabilitation can help patients manage their symptoms and functional limitations, allowing them to return to their normal activities.

Both Dr. Mugutso and Ms. Agarwal hope that their year as Becklake Fellows will benefit Canada, their home countries, and people around the world.



Dr. Everglad Mugutso



Kriti Agarwal, cardiopulmonary physiotherapist

YOU came together to support better respiratory care

For Ian MacKinnon, it all started with a case of pneumonia. He had a deep cough that he couldn't shake and various lung problems for a decade. Finally referred to a specialist, Ian learned that his unexplained illness had a name: interstitial lung disease (ILD). ILD is a group of diseases characterized by inflammation and scarring of the lung tissue. It has numerous causes, from asbestos exposure to autoimmune disease, or sometimes, no known cause at all. Ian's case is idiopathic, meaning it arose spontaneously.

In Fall 2022, we shared Ian's story with you and asked for your support to improve care for individuals living with ILD. Your overwhelming response helped us raise \$95,000 to support the Interstitial Lung Disease Clinic at the MCI. This specialized clinic provides expert and compassionate care to ensure patients living with ILD are comfortable and can enjoy their remaining years.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this campaign. You are helping support better quality of life for people living with ILD.



Ian MacKinnon



ILD care team (L-R) Dr. Maxime Cormier, nurse Hanh Nguyen, Dr. Deborah Assayag and Dr. Ilan Azuelos.

DOvEE

Stop the Silent Killer

Ovarian and endometrial cancers are silent killers, seldom presenting symptoms until it is too late. The sooner these cancers are detected, the more likely they are to be survivable. Gynecologic oncologist Dr. Lucy Gilbert has the answer: the DOvEEgene test. As routine as a pap smear, this test can detect cancer before it becomes a death sentence.



Dr. Lucy Gilbert, creator of the DOvEEgene test.

Ovarian cancer patient gives back

Céline Robitaille Lamarre is a long-time supporter of the MUHC Foundation, but she never imagined she would become a patient herself. She was shocked when she was diagnosed with advanced ovarian cancer. She was perfectly healthy, and had developed symptoms only recently.

Céline was treated by gynecologic oncologist Dr. Lucy Gilbert, who is known for her compassionate and expert care. During an MUHC Foundation fundraising campaign for DOvEE, Céline gave an outstanding \$50,000—more than even the matching fund offered during the campaign—citing Dr. Gilbert’s wonderful care and the strong community supporting DOvEE as her inspiration.

Borsellino Foundation supports Team DOvEE at MUHC's Got Talent

The Elina and Giuseppe Borsellino Family Foundation generously donated \$200,000 through MUHC's Got Talent to Team DOvEE. Their gift provided a major boost to the John Rennie Glee Club, who were crowned Fundraising Champions at the event.

The Borsellino Foundation's gift is providing important funding for the final clinical trial of the DOvEEgene test, a new early detection test for ovarian and endometrial cancers.



The John Rennie Glee Club performed in support of the DOvEE Project at the inaugural MUHC's Got Talent.

A milestone worth celebrating

In April 2022, the MUHC Foundation hosted a celebration to mark \$2 million raised in support of the DOvEE Project. Held at the Mount Royal Club, the event was attended by DOvEE donors and volunteers, as well as DOvEE Project personnel.



Breast Cancer

Revolutionize Treatment and Care

Thanks to better screening and therapies, breast cancer isn't the force it once was. Far fewer Canadian women die of the disease than did 20 years ago. But it's not enough: 5,000 Canadian women will die from this terrible disease this year alone. The MUHC is raising funds to not only save the lives of women with breast cancer, but enrich them.



Le souper Bénéfice de la Fondation Yvon Michel guests (L-R:) Yvon Lambert, Éric Lucas, Yvan Cournoyer, Pierre Bouchard and Mary Arvanitis.

Fondation Yvon Michel raises \$153,000 to knock out breast cancer

In September, Fondation Yvon Michel held its second gala to benefit metastatic breast cancer research at the MUHC. Held at Mirage Golf Club, the glamorous event hosted by Stéphanie Drolet and Yvon Michel featured a gourmet meal and lively entertainment.

The event raised \$153,000 to benefit the work of cancer researcher Dr. Peter Metrakos and his team, who are searching for new treatments for metastatic breast cancer—one of the deadliest forms of the disease. This cause is close to Madame Drolet's heart: she lost her mother to the disease. Determined to make a difference for other women, Fondation Yvon Michel has raised over \$280,000 to support metastatic breast cancer research.



Raise Craze participant Dimitra Maria Rassias with cancer researcher Dr. Julia Burnier.

Pink in the City events raise \$203,000 for breast cancer research and care

Pink in the City and its fabulous events were back in full force in 2022. In October, the 7th annual Raise Craze head shaving event saw two brave individuals part with their hair in support of breast cancer research. Seven-year-old Dimitra Maria Rassias cut her long brown locks in support of her mother and grandmother. 57-year-old Joe Santek parted with his hair to honour his uncle and father, who both passed away from cancer at the age of 57.

Later that week, Pink in the City hosted its casino fundraiser at the Embassy Plaza in Laval. The glitzy event featured cocktails, dinner and dancing to soul and R&B band Pocketful of Soul. The event honoured breast cancer surgeon Dr. Sarkis Meterissian.

All funds raised by these events are supporting new breakthroughs in metastatic breast cancer research at the MUHC. With the help of our generous supporters and brave Raise Craze volunteers, we are one step closer to ensuring no more women lose their lives to breast cancer.

Pink in the City 2022 Events



Skills & Simulation

Build Canada's Best Skilled Team

As a leader in education, the MUHC is committed to the continued growth of current and future health care providers. The complexity of patient care has made the need for collaboration between health professionals essential. If health care providers work as a team, they must practice as a team.



L-R: RBC Quebec President Nadine Renaud-Tinker, MUHC Director of Education Dr. Elene Khalil and Dream Big Campaign Co-Chair Marc Parent.

RBC donates \$2 million to support workplace wellness

The demands on health care professionals are greater than ever before. After three years of pandemic response, health care workers are exhausted and in need of support. Combined with the retirement of baby boomers, the ability to recruit and retain staff has become difficult for hospitals across the country. A \$2 million gift from RBC will address the critical need to better prepare young health care professionals to ensure they lead long, healthy and fulfilling careers.

The Young Professionals Development Program will meet the educational and wellness needs of health care workers in the first five years of their careers. Participants will have access to simulation training to help them build confidence and teamwork, bursaries to support professional development, and resources to manage stress and build a more human, employee-centric work environment.

Other Priorities

There are so many aspects to providing top-quality care, and the MUHC Foundation strives to do everything it can to equip the MUHC's physicians and researchers to change lives. In addition to the campaigns outlined above, we are raising millions for a wide range of other important priorities at the MUHC.



An MUHC staff member works in the ICU.

Campaign honours the lifesaving work of the ICU

For three years, the MUHC's Intensive Care Unit (ICU) has borne the brunt of the COVID-19 pandemic. The ICU is where the sickest patients are cared for, and that means its staff have seen hundreds of critically-ill COVID-19 patients since March 2020. To support the outstanding staff at the MUHC's ICU, the MUHC Foundation raised \$207,000 through its ICU Campaign, surpassing its \$150,000 goal. Over 1,000 generous supporters contributed to this campaign, and we are grateful to you for helping ensure the MUHC ICU can continue to provide the best care possible.

The funds raised are ensuring the ICU's dedicated staff have everything they need to continue to save lives. This includes critical training in lifesaving procedures, and support to ensure staff's physical and mental well-being.

Thank you to everyone who supported the campaign, and special thanks to our ambassadors Howard Goldstein—who raised over \$95,000 toward the campaign, Chloe Charbonneau and Kevin Lacombe, and Ingrid Kovich, as well as our generous matching donors Drs. Meryl and Sheldon Elman, Merle Wertheimer and Sam Hornstein, Catherine and Adam Turner, and Elaine and Calin Rovinescu.

\$5M gift From Herta Vodstrcil supports health care excellence

Herta and Tomas Vodstrcil were immigrants, forced from their home in Belgrade during Nazi occupation. Their story of seeking a better, safer life in Canada is one many can relate to. After long and prosperous lives in Canada, the Vodstrcil's decided to give back to their fellow Canadians.

The extraordinary \$5 million legacy gift from Mrs. Vodstrcil to the MUHC Foundation is supporting advancement in nursing practice, surgical innovation, women's heart health and more. Already, the gift is helping the MUHC's brilliant physician-scientists harness technology and artificial intelligence to improve outcomes of surgery, improve training and practice for nurses, and more.



Patient Care Attendants Suleika Pardales and Sheila Small



Grateful MUHC staff members collect their meals.

Anonymous donors provide daily boost to pandemic-fatigued health care workers

An anonymous Westmount couple stepped up during the COVID-19 pandemic to show health care workers they care. Since the pandemic began, they have provided thousands of meals to the MUHC's frontline staff in recognition of the difficulty and sacrifices of working in the COVID unit.

Hot meals were sent to every staff member on the COVID unit, three shifts a day, seven days a week. The program ran for 10 months, providing up to 104 meals per day. Not only did health care workers receive a meal to lift their spirits and recognize their hard work, the program also helped restaurant owners, who were struggling to keep afloat through lockdown.

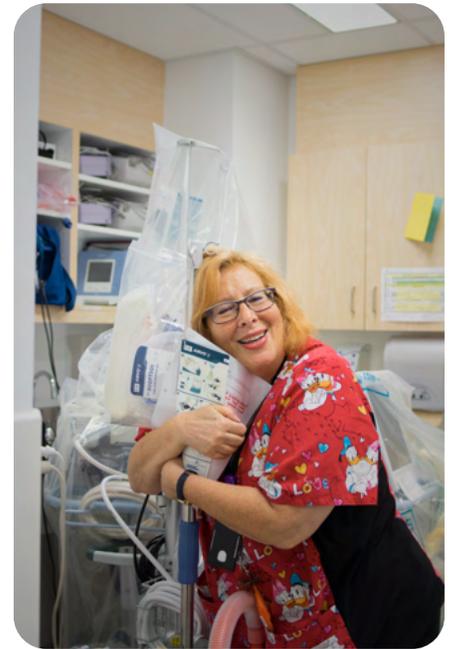
Big or small, your donation matters

For those who give at the level of \$10,000 or less, your gifts add up to make a big impact. The power of your generosity is evident in the \$2.7 million you helped us raise last year through email and mail campaigns, events and monthly donations.

A special thank you to our monthly donors, who give every single month to accelerate research discovery and ensure continued excellence in care. Collectively, you gave nearly \$200,000 to a variety of causes at the MUHC.

We are also proud to recognize the MUHC's grateful patients. To all of the new donors who decided to give to the MUHC Foundation after receiving exceptional care at the MUHC, thank you for your generosity. Many of you nominated your Hospital Heroes, a program that has an immense impact on our staff. In 2021–2022, you gave \$242,000 to support the hospital's most pressing needs.

Every gift matters, no matter its size. Thank you for your continued generosity and loyalty to the MUHC Foundation. Your support makes all the difference.



Nurse Franceen Browman shows her appreciation for equipment funded by donations.

The impact of your annual gift

\$2.7M

raised through donations
under \$10,000

\$200,000

raised thanks to the
generosity of
monthly donors

\$242,000

raised thanks to
grateful MUHC
patients.

When we Dream Big together, amazing things happen.

We are so grateful to you, our loyal donors, for supporting the big dreams of our physicians, nurses, researchers and students.

Thanks to you, we are making strides to stop cancer from taking lives, curb the threat of pandemics and antimicrobial resistance, improve lung health for people around the world, and so much more.

The Dream Big Campaign is our most ambitious ever, but we know it's possible because we have steadfast supporters like you.

Thank you.



Wafa Saad, Director of Community Relations at the MUHC Foundation

Showing our gratitude



Thank you for Dreaming Big with us



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