



Annual Report **2024-25**

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Advancing arthritis care through collaboration

Dear friends,

The best solutions come from working together. With the incredible support of our donors and partners, Arthritis Society Canada is forging strategic alliances and pushing forward with urgency to improve the lives of 6 million people in Canada with arthritis.

This year, we've ignited a movement for lasting change. The **Arthritis Action Plan**, a bold, groundbreaking initiative, co-created through unprecedented collaboration with 21 ecosystem champions, will dramatically improve the quality of life for millions of people in Canada with arthritis. With this first-of-its-kind partnership, we will drive impactful change in how arthritis is prevented, effectively treated, and ultimately cured.

Our advocacy has never been stronger: October's Day on the Hill united ten ecosystem partners through meetings with over 20 government officials, while our election campaigns mobilized more than 3,000 advocacy actions nationwide. Together, we're positioning arthritis as a national health priority requiring immediate attention.

Thanks to our donors, we invested \$7 million in cutting-edge research and innovation. Our partnership with Creative Destruction Lab is driving transformative opportunities for innovators, while researchers like Dr. May Choi and Dr. Sowmya Viswanathan are advancing our understanding of arthritis and new treatment options.

In the past year, we also expanded direct support for people with arthritis through our Arthritis Line's new live web chat, providing trusted information when it's needed most. Our awareness efforts reached over 4 million people, raising the profile of arthritis and amplifying the voices of those affected.

The momentum captured in this report ignites hope, but our work races forward with fierce urgency. We are deeply grateful to supporters like you who share our vision, drive our mission and amplify our impact.

Looking ahead, we remain resolute in our commitment to revolutionizing arthritis care for generations. Thank you for being essential to this journey.

With gratitude,



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Trish".

Trish Barbato
President and CEO
Arthritis Society Canada



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Nancy Hopkins".

Nancy Hopkins
Board Chair
Arthritis Society Canada

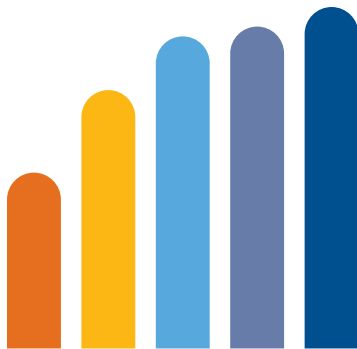
Uniting for a pain-free future

Through research, advocacy, innovation, and trusted information and support, we're pushing boundaries to build a pain-free future for the 6 million people in Canada with arthritis. This year, we advanced groundbreaking discoveries, mobilized national advocacy, supported people directly through expanded services, and accelerated game-changing ideas through strategic partnerships — all to transform arthritis healthcare outcomes.

2X

growth in direct research investment since 2020

- \$3.6M (2020-21)
- \$5.3M (2021-22)
- \$6.4M (2022-23)
- \$6.6M (2023-24)
- **\$7.0M (2024-25)**



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policies impacted

- Wait times
- Research
- Pharmacare
- Disability benefits
- Biosimilars

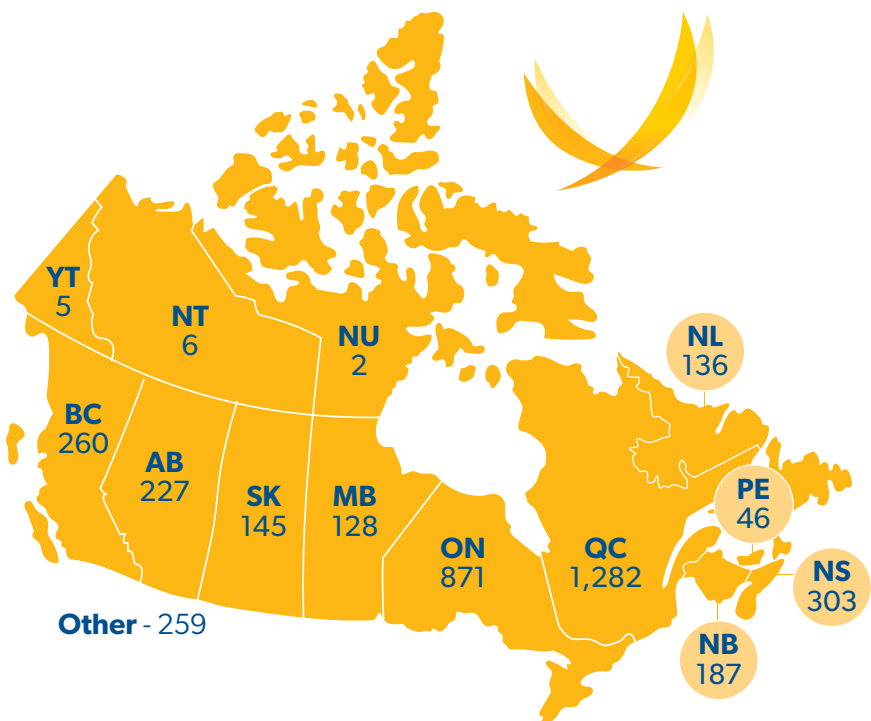
**ARTHRITIS
TALKS**



**ARTHRITIS
CONNECTIONS**

3,857

**communities reached
through Arthritis Talks
and Arthritis Connections**



Powering progress through research

We are accelerating progress toward a future where people can live pain-free. As Canada's largest charitable funder of arthritis research, we invested \$7 million last year to drive bold discoveries, funding 113 game-changing projects across the country. Guided by a gold standard peer-review process and insights from people with arthritis, we launched 17 new research projects to improve diagnosis, prevention and treatment, and to move closer to finding cures.

Our five research priorities:

- Osteoarthritis
- Inflammatory arthritis
- Childhood arthritis
- Pain management
- Work

113

active
research
projects

64 operating grants
38 training awards

10 career development awards
1 team grant

141

peer-reviewed
publications

278

new
collaborations

371

presentations
given

"This clinical trial is a testament to the power of donor support. Their generosity fuels critical research like ours, and together, we're proving that life-changing relief for arthritis is within reach."

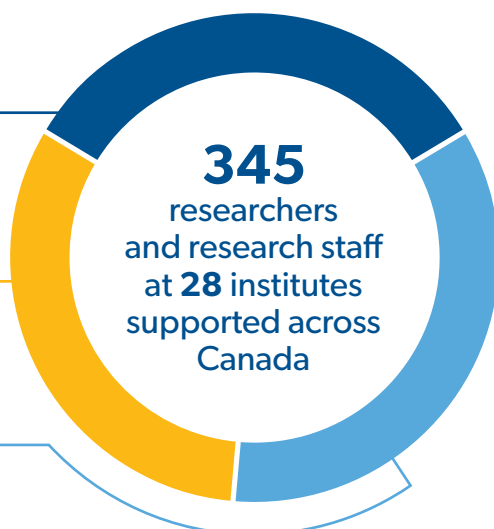
- Dr. Sowmya Viswanathan, Researcher funded by Arthritis Society Canada



114 lead
researchers

111 additional
trainees

120 research
personnel



"Investing in arthritis research is not just about advancing technology – it's about accelerating discoveries to transform lives. With donor funding, we can help researchers uncover disease mechanisms, revolutionize early diagnosis, and develop personalized treatments, ultimately improving outcomes for millions affected by the devastating realities of arthritis, and the many more who will be impacted as the population ages."

- Dr. May Choi, Researcher funded by Arthritis Society Canada

X2

Every dollar Arthritis Society Canada invested was **multiplied 2 times** by other sources.



Research insights: Adapting to evolving needs

Arthritis Society Canada's investment in research capacity building and career advancement remains essential to the research community and the future of innovation in Canada. Ongoing shifts in the political landscape have only reinforced the need for greater adaptability across the research field.

To meet these challenges, we remain steadfast in our mission to fund the most transformative research. A key evolution in our approach has been co-creating the nationwide Arthritis Action Plan with 21 other arthritis ecosystem partners, prioritizing research and innovation to address the most pressing needs of people with arthritis in Canada.

Last year, we launched a Research & Innovation Working Group of key leaders to guide the development and writing of the Plan. Their work will continue through September 2025, ensuring our research strategy remains responsive to scientific advancements and the evolving needs of people with arthritis.

Together, we are uniting experts and advancing solutions in emerging areas like AI, precision medicine, and women's health, bringing us closer to better treatments and potential cures.

Driving impact through advocacy

Arthritis advocacy in Canada is gaining powerful momentum. Through the Arthritis Action Plan and our new Awareness & Advocacy Working Group, we advanced change at every level, influencing ten policies, holding meetings with 73 government and political officials, running five provincial election advocacy campaigns, and welcoming 38 new advocacy volunteers to our mission from all over the country. United, we're addressing critical issues from wait times, access to care and pharmacare to research funding, health data and disability benefits.

8,558
advocacy actions

Engagements with policymakers and advocates

73 political & policy representatives

8 pre-budget submissions

8 government consultations

Our advocacy network is growing



+38 new volunteers this year

141 total volunteers across Canada

Ottawa Day on the Hill October 2024

On October 8, our volunteers joined forces with Arthritis Action Plan partners to deliver a clear message on Parliament Hill: arthritis is a growing crisis that demands urgent action. Together, we held powerful conversations with more than 20 MPs and government representatives, tackling key issues like wait times, research funding, health data, and timely access to treatment. We're ready to keep working side by side with policymakers and drive meaningful change for the 6 million people in Canada with arthritis.



MP Francesco Sorbara made a Statement in the House acknowledging our advocacy efforts for Lobby Day.

"Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the important work that leading arthritis organizations are doing across Canada ... there is no cure to arthritis, but together, we can make a difference and help improve the lives of those suffering from it by working towards building a healthier future for all Canadians, which includes reducing wait times for diagnosis and treatment and improving access to care. To Arthritis Society Canada and all the partners, thank you for your advocacy. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

- MP Francesco Sorbara

"It was great to bring the arthritis community together for Lobby Day on the Hill. The lived experiences of people living with or affected by arthritis were front and centre in our conversations with elected officials, as they spoke candidly about their needs, the gaps in care they face, and the urgent need to improve healthcare."

- Laurie Proulx, Managing Director, Canadian Arthritis Patient Alliance



Advocacy insights: Mobilizing action coast to coast to coast

This year marked a turning point for arthritis advocacy in Canada. Through the collaborative effort and vision of the Arthritis Action Plan and the creation of an Awareness & Advocacy Working Group, we are building a strong, unified momentum toward national change.

Ten Arthritis Action Plan champion organizations came together for an impactful lobby day on Parliament Hill, laying the groundwork for long-term policy solutions.

Provincially, the champions worked with Arthritis Society Canada to run coordinated election campaigns in British Columbia, Saskatchewan, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Ontario, leading to over 3,400 citizen actions and commitments from several candidates to raise the profile of arthritis in local healthcare discussions.

Together, we are delivering a strong message: arthritis is a growing health crisis in Canada and it's time to make arthritis a health priority.

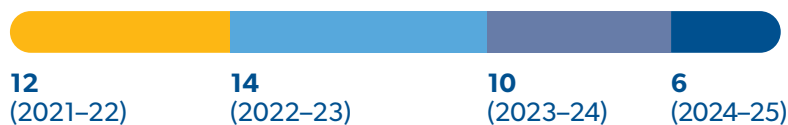
Building a pain-free future through innovation

Canada's top scientific and entrepreneurial minds are advancing bold solutions to transform arthritis care. Through our partnership with Creative Destruction Lab (CDL), we supported four companies innovating in precision medicine, non-opioid pain management and chronic inflammation. In addition, our Newborn Arthritis Prevention Screening Project completed over 2,000 scans across Alberta and identified 45 cases of hip dysplasia — many that would have gone undetected. These breakthroughs are shaping the future of arthritis prevention and treatment for generations.

\$599,450

**committed through 6 new
Ignite Research Grants**

42 grants awarded since inaugural year



Revolutionizing arthritis care in partnership with Creative Destruction Lab

Arthritis Society Canada partnered with CDL in 2024 to support four cutting-edge enterprises advancing solutions in precision medicine, non-opioid pain management and chronic inflammation. Over nine months, these innovators received world-class mentorship, expert guidance, and venture support to help bring their arthritis-focused breakthroughs to market — transforming care for millions in Canada. The selected ventures are:

- **Canurta Therapeutics** - Developing rare, botanical drugs to address chronic inflammation and unmet needs in neurodegenerative diseases, including rheumatoid and juvenile idiopathic arthritis.
- **Interface Biosciences** - Accelerating the development of therapies for autoimmune diseases, like rheumatoid arthritis as well as cancer, using AI, metabolomics and natural products chemistry, cutting timelines from 6-10 years to just 3-5 years.
- **SereNeuro Therapeutics** - Creating non-opioid pain therapies for chronic conditions like osteoarthritis and juvenile arthritis through cell and gene therapy, with the potential to regenerate bone density and reduce the need for joint replacement.
- **Antimmune** - Advancing precision therapeutics that target disease-causing antibodies in autoimmune diseases like rheumatoid and psoriatic arthritis through rapid, high-resolution analysis.

“Transformative research that benefits patients requires collaboration between government, philanthropy, and industry. Many academics lack the business expertise to bring innovations to market — that’s where CDL and Arthritis Society Canada’s partnership is crucial, helping turn discoveries into real solutions for people with arthritis.”

- Dr. Igor Jurisica, CDL mentor and member of Arthritis Society Canada’s Integrated Scientific and Medical Advisory Committee

Newborn Arthritis Prevention Screening (NAPS) Project

Arthritis Society Canada’s NAPS Project received a \$1 million grant from Alberta Health to expand early arthritis screening in partnership with Westview Primary Care Network. The model is now active in three Alberta hubs, with a focus on rural, remote and Indigenous communities.

So far, over 2,000 scans on 1,800 infants have identified 45 cases of hip dysplasia — 29 of which likely would’ve been missed by standard exams. We’ve also screened 208 Indigenous infants, identifying 7 cases, 6 without known risk factors or physical exam findings.

We’re training local providers from Siksika Nation, Enoch Cree Nation, Maskwacis and Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation to deliver care within their own communities.

Arthritis Society Canada is committed to working in partnership with Indigenous communities to support culturally grounded, community-led health solutions. To help expand this work, President & CEO Trish Barbato and National Indigenous Advisor Dr. Catherine Cook are building a partnership with The Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations to strengthen Indigenous-led health solutions.



Innovation insights: Strengthening the path to impact

As we launch bold innovation initiatives — from startup acceleration to early detection technology — we learn valuable lessons that will strengthen future efforts.

Through our partnership with CDL, we discovered fewer arthritis-focused companies than anticipated. This revealed a need to better understand the barriers to innovation in the arthritis space. In response, we established an Innovation Impact Committee of seasoned business leaders and CDL mentors.

This group advises on maximizing the CDL partnership, fostering a stronger pipeline of arthritis-focused ventures, and bridging the gap between research and commercialization. Their insights also help shape innovation strategies within the Arthritis Action Plan. We also presented the NAPS Project to the committee, receiving thoughtful recommendations to enhance the technology and deepen collaboration with our tech partners as we move forward with implementation.

These early learnings are helping us lay the groundwork for a thriving innovation ecosystem in arthritis — one that’s driven by bold ideas, strategic collaboration, and a clear path from discovery to impact.



Improving quality of life with trusted arthritis information and support

Thanks to the generosity of Pfizer and our donors, we're transforming how arthritis is understood and managed in Canada. Last year, over 65,000 people accessed trusted information through Arthritis Talks, while many more found personalized support through Arthritis Line and Arthritis Connections. During Arthritis Awareness Month, we carried a bold message nationwide: arthritis steals — and we must act. Together, we're changing the conversation, exposing the realities of this often-invisible disease, and empowering people to face their diagnosis with knowledge, resilience, and hope.

Arthritis Talks:

65,322
people reached

406,123 people
reached since inception

Arthritis Connections:

1,037
people reached

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

Website:

1,696,965 visitors

Flourish newsletter:

126,869 subscribers

Arthritis Line:

2,913 people supported

4 million

people in Canada reached
with trusted information

- 2.1M (2020-21)
- 2.5M (2021-22)
- 3.2M (2022-23)
- 3.7M (2023-24)
- **4 M (2024-25)**



5,635

Public Service
Announcements
across Canada
raising arthritis
awareness

Arthritis Awareness Month

September 2024

121.4 million
media impressions

57,700
people reached

52
proclamations

"For 10 years, I thought my pain was normal. Now, it's almost impossible to walk and work and I'm on a long waitlist for two knee replacements."

– Gilbert



Supporting kids with childhood arthritis

328
campers at
6 camps

236
backpacks
distributed

"Getting to meet people my age who understand what I'm going through was truly life-changing! Camp and the campers made me feel SO normal! I can't express how much I needed the experience that camp gave me!"

– Camp participant

206
Club Sunrise/club Soleil levant
program participants

"The backpack made my child feel important and like he mattered."

– Parent of Childhood Arthritis Backpack Program participant



Arthritis Rehabilitation and Education Program (AREP)

21,323
visits

9,521
unique individuals
served

20,000
reached through groups
and presentations

"I am ever so grateful for my sessions with you. Your professional knowledge, advice along with the resources that you shared with me are invaluable. I know they will always be useful for me — so thank you ever so much."

- AREP participant

Community Action Grants

In 2024–2025, we awarded three new Community Action Grants totaling \$15,000. Since launching the program, we've awarded 17 grants worth more than \$76,800, **supporting grassroots initiatives that improve the lives of people with arthritis.**

"The most exciting outcome has been the meaningful improvement in our residents' quality of life — physically, mentally, and emotionally — thanks to these holistic approaches. Your generosity made it possible for us to create lasting, positive change, and we are excited to continue these efforts in the future. Thank you for being a crucial part of this journey."

- Event Planner, Arthritis Empowerment: Unlocking the Path to Living Well, Stony Plain, Alberta

Information and support insights: Creating space for learning and connection

We continue to evolve and improve how we support people with arthritis, guided by their voices and needs. Through Arthritis Talks and Arthritis Line, we offer trusted guidance on managing pain, mobility, and day-to-day challenges. Our *flourish* newsletter is becoming more targeted as we use data to identify the topics that provide the most helpful, actionable support. Arthritis Connections has evolved into a more flexible and intimate experience, with smaller group sessions creating space for honest conversations and meaningful facilitator-led support, while occasional larger gatherings help build a sense of shared community.

Arthritis Awareness Month remains an important national moment to elevate the voices of people with arthritis. By sharing powerful personal stories from across the country, we shed light on the brutal realities of the disease — helping to break stigma, spark conversation, and call attention to the urgent need for better care and support.

Investing in impact: Recognizing our donors

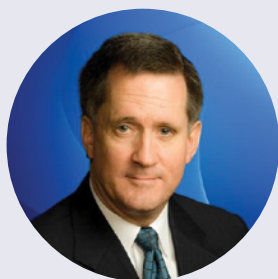
Dear donors,

At Arthritis Society Canada, we stand on a legacy of excellence. For more than 75 years, we have fueled groundbreaking research, essential programs and transformative advocacy, all in the name of improving the lives of people with arthritis. You have contributed to this rich tradition.

As we step into a year of economic and political uncertainty, our priorities will not waver. We remain steadfast in our dedication to the arthritis community, and we are excited to move our bold Arthritis Action Plan forward while extending the reach of our events and supercharging the power of our partnerships. We recognize, however, that this is a unique chance to reimagine how we fund progress. Although we will continue to rely on trusted methods, we are energized by fresh, innovative approaches to fundraising that can accelerate our impact.

You, members of our impassioned donor family, have been integral to our accomplishments. Thank you for your support. By working together creatively, we will face next year's challenges — and seize the opportunities — to reshape the arthritis landscape.

With gratitude,



A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "John Chippindale".

John Chippindale
Chair, National Council
Director, Board of Directors
Arthritis Society Canada



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

Jennifer Stewart
Chief Development Officer
Arthritis Society Canada

DONOR TESTIMONIALS



"At Serein Properties, we believe spaces impact more than structure — they shape emotions and well-being. Our human-centric design philosophy aligns with the values of Arthritis Society Canada, an organization we deeply admire for its 75+ years of dedication to research, advocacy and support. As a proud pioneer partner, we stand with Arthritis Society Canada in advancing initiatives that enhance health, improve quality of life and drive meaningful change."

- Betsy Wen, CEO, Serein Properties

"I am grateful to Arthritis Society Canada for their vital work advancing research, advocacy and support for the millions of people in Canada with arthritis. Their commitment to innovation and patient-centered care is transforming lives, driving progress toward better treatments and ensuring that arthritis remains a national health priority. Through their leadership, individuals affected by arthritis have access to the resources and support they need to live fuller, healthier lives."

- Mike Savage, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia and 2025 East Coast Roast roasteer



"My 17-year-old son has been battling systemic arthritis since age 4. This disease has changed our lives, but despite the ups and downs, it has made us stronger and more resilient! For years, we have supported Arthritis Society Canada to improve the lives of people who suffer from this little-known disease. As this experience has been very enlightening, we have been developing adaptive clothing through our brand, Philou Dress Code, to simplify the lives of many and bring them happiness."

- Magaly Rios, founder, Philou Dress Code



"I know what it means to suffer from arthritis, but Arthritis Society Canada has been there whenever I've needed something. I'm in my 70s and have been on injections for 27 years. Although they've helped, the pain never goes away. I want to give so more research can be done and more people can be helped. My goal is to ensure no one else suffers from arthritis."

- Nisha Mapara

"My partner, Debbie, has lived with arthritis for almost 50 years, always leaning on Arthritis Society Canada for advice and support. I've worked at the organization, so I know arthritis research is underfunded and isn't 'an old person's disease' — it impacts so many. We're leaving a legacy gift so that the organization can continue to be a credible source of information, and so that important research can continue. There is no cure, but with more funding, that can change."

- Brian Malone, Planned Giving donor

Driving change

This year, 2,700 passionate supporters came together at our events across the country, including third-party events, raising over \$3.1 million to advance arthritis care, research and support programs. Building on the success of our signature events and launching two new high-profile gatherings, we reached new audiences, inspired action and drove real change for the 6 million people in Canada with arthritis.



APRIL 17, 2024

Celebrity Roast

More than 450 guests gathered in Halifax to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Celebrity Roast, raising over \$271,000 to support people in Atlantic Canada with arthritis. Emceed by CTV's Steve Murphy and headlined by comedian Shaun Majumder, the evening honoured past roastees, shared powerful stories, and helped fund vital programs.



MAY 11, 2024

Arthritis Fire Ball™ Vancouver

Held at the beautiful Fairmont Waterfront, our inaugural gala in Vancouver raised \$587,000 in support of women and children with arthritis. Through an inspiring Fund-A-Need segment, over 300 guests came together to drive meaningful change in British Columbia.



MAY 29, 2024

Fashion on Fire

Over 450 guests from Toronto's corporate and fashion elite united for an inspiring evening to support life-changing arthritis research and care. Featuring David Dixon's arthritis-friendly collection and models with arthritis, the evening challenged the status quo, helping to advance research and care for people with arthritis in Canada.



NOVEMBER 2, 2024

Arthritis Fire Ball™ Toronto

More than 800 guests came together for an unforgettable evening featuring The Tenors, raising \$816,000 to advance arthritis research and programs. The third annual gala highlighted powerful personal stories, underscoring the urgent need for solutions to the pain and limitations caused by this devastating disease.



NOVEMBER 16, 2024

Bal en feu Montreal

This inaugural event marked the exciting launch of our Montreal gala and the eastern expansion of our signature Arthritis Fire Ball. More than 200 guests came together to raise \$162,000 in support of 1.2 million people with arthritis in Quebec.



JANUARY 21, 2025

Multisensory Star Chef Soirée

With 100 guests in attendance, the evening featured Chef Umberto Bombana — the “King of White Truffles” and the only Italian chef outside Italy with three Michelin stars. Hosted by Serein Properties, this extraordinary event raised \$662,000 to support vital research and programs that will transform the lives of children with arthritis in Canada.



FEBRUARY 27, 2025

All-In for Arthritis

At our 18th annual poker tournament, 375 generous business leaders, friends and philanthropists went *all in* to raise \$375,000. Their support is driving life-changing research and essential programs for people in Canada with arthritis.

A big thank you to our generous event sponsors for making these moments possible.

To learn more about partnership opportunities, please contact Anna Baranowski at abaranowski@arthritis.ca

By the numbers

\$22,250,860
gifted by
90,405 donors

\$4,613,175
realized through
153 planned gifts
from supporters who
sought to make a
lasting impact

\$882,195
donated by **5,798**
monthly donors who
provide stable funding
throughout the year

Our generous donors

At Arthritis Society Canada, we're deeply grateful for the generosity of our supporters who share our vision of a pain-free future. We extend heartfelt thanks to those who have made significant contributions — with gifts or pledges of \$2,500 or more between April 1, 2024, and March 31, 2025.

We also honour the remarkable generosity of 33 individuals and families who have chosen to leave a lasting legacy through a planned gift. Their vision and compassion are lighting the way forward — creating hope today and a lasting impact for generations to come.

\$500,000 - \$999,999

O'Sullivan Family
Serein Properties

\$250,000 - \$499,999

Medline Canada Corporation
TD Bank Group
The Vancouver Foundation

\$100,000 - \$249,999

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HealthPartners Canada
The Etta I Jackson Charitable Foundation
Lynn & Tom Oldfield

\$50,000 - \$99,999

The Leonard T. Assaly Family Foundation
Canadian Rheumatology Association
Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities
John Chippindale
Container Corporation of Canada
The Doug de Pencier Fund
Irene Delucchi
The Diamond Family Foundation
Federated Health Charities
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Nisha Mapara
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Organon
PartenaireSanté - Québec
David C. Pauli
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United Way Winnipeg
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\$25,000 - \$49,999

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Axis Insurance
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Winnipeg Foundation
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CIHR Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and
Arthritis
The Co-operators
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\$10,000 - \$24,999

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Michael Borland
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Canadian Baltic Aid Society (Toronto) Inc.
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Madison May
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McGregor)
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Drishti Media Group
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Eastlink
Alison Eisenhower
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 Estate of Marina Burry
 Estate of Gordon Butler
 Estate of Helen Callahan
 Estate of Dorelle Cameron
 Estate of Mildred Laura Lou Carberry
 Estate of Lorna June Carroll
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 Estate of Lucette Charbonneau
 Estate of Marguerite Alice Collins
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 Estate of Amelia Marie Cosgrove
 Estate of Joyce Tinsdale Craig
 Estate of Vera E. Cullum
 Estate of Adele Maria Jutta Dalton
 Walter and Mildred Danby Fund
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 Estate of Michael John Devlin
 Estate of Sylvia Willemina Drop
 Estate of Irene Frances Fifi
 Estate of Muriel Fraser
 Succession de Roland Frédérick
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 Estate of Warren Bruce Garrard
 Estate of Maria Elfreda Genosa
 Estate of Catherine Eleanor Gerard
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 Estate of Alice Gibson
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 Estate of Margaret Fay Chapman Grainger
 G. Grant & Dorothy F. Armstrong Foundation
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 Estate of Emma Gizella Hartfold
 Estate of Dawn Patricia Harvey
 Estate of Marguerite Elizabeth Harwood
 Estate of Marjorie Irene Hill
 Estate of Eve Rosemary Holdway
 Estate of Samuel Van Hulstyn
 Estate of Onalee Joanne Hunt

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Estate of William Jeffery Johnston
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Estate of Kathy Jean Melchionna
Trust of John Mineary
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Estate of Sarah Nykiforuk
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Estate of Richard Hugh Pearce
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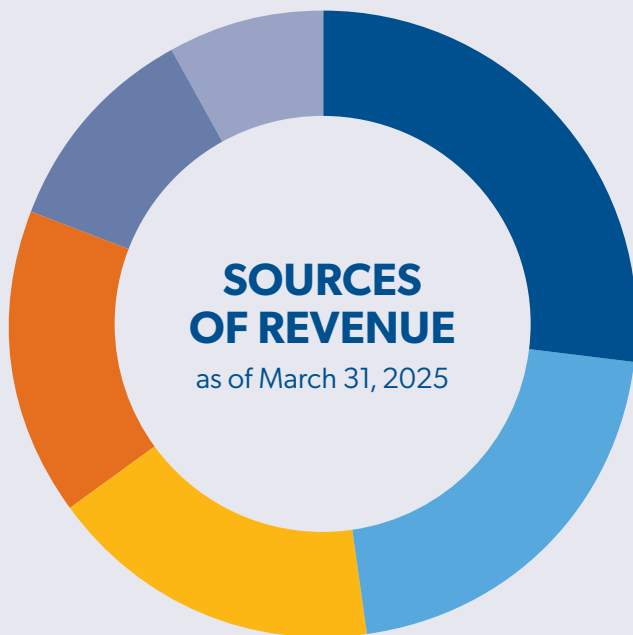
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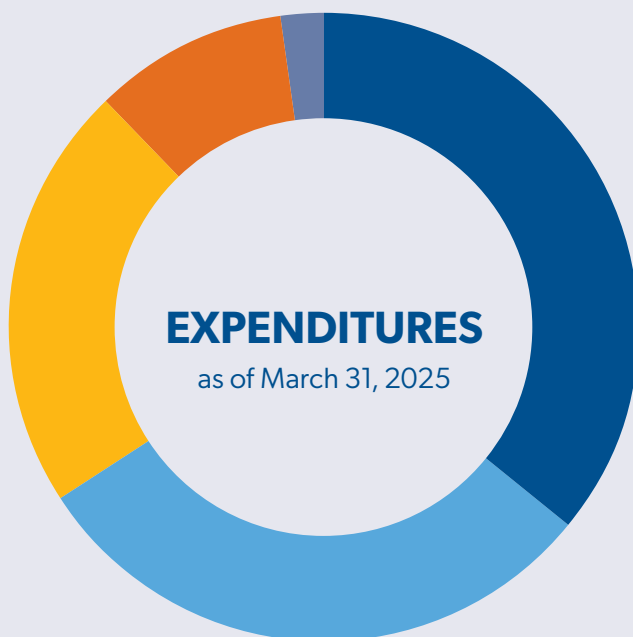
Statement of financial activities

Year ended March 31, 2025, with comparative information for 2024

	2025	2024
REVENUE	\$	\$
Major Gifts	4,579,871	4,412,616
Planned Giving	4,613,175	6,866,761
Direct Response	7,423,937	7,580,090
Events	3,109,661	1,777,618
Government	5,930,795	7,356,139
Other	2,220,226	2,644,612
Total Revenue	27,857,665	30,637,837
EXPENSES	\$	\$
Research	7,031,652	6,558,865
Programs and services	11,744,127	11,799,527
Building operation	718,532	807,915
Administration	3,139,458	3,161,659
Subtotal	22,633,769	22,327,966
Cost of raising funds from the public	9,888,114	9,391,484
Total expenses	32,521,883	31,719,450
Deficiency of revenue over expenses before the undernoted	(4,664,218)	(1,081,613)
Gain on sale of property	4,703,302	-
Unrealized gain/(loss) on investment	14,709	(44,589)
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	53,793	(1,126,202)



- **27%** Direct Response
- **21%** Government
- **17%** Planned Giving
- **16%** Major Gifts
- **11%** Events
- **8%** Other



- **36%** Programs and services
- **30%** Cost of raising funds from the public
- **22%** Research
- **10%** Administration
- **2%** Building operation

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