“Life changes in the instant. The ordinary instant.”

— JOAN DIDION

FOR ME, “THAT ORDINARY INSTANT” HAPPENED IN 2006 when my son, then 23, was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. Nothing in our family background prepared us for this, and our only experience with MS had been through a dear friend who was diagnosed at 45 with primary-progressive MS. Fortunately, my son’s experience has been very different from our friend’s, which was tragic. Back then, there was little hope, and today there is a great deal.

Through the lens of an incurable and unpredictable disease, not knowing what the future holds is frightening. The MS Society of Canada aims to give people hope for a better tomorrow, fueled by information and knowledge that helps people make the decisions that are right for them. We are working tirelessly to ensure movement in progressive MS research, to provide greater support and information to Canadians impacted by MS, and to address the questions that remain unanswered.

I am happy to report to you that our MS Knowledge Network completed its first full year of operation and served more than 2,600 members of our community through email, phone, social media and our new live chat web feature. Our 1:1 Peer Support Program, Volunteer Legal Advocacy and Friendly Visiting programs will all be expanded this year, increasing our impact locally and further empowering members of our community.

MS research continues to build momentum in Canada and abroad. This past year one of our funded studies yielded impressive results, showcasing how an affordable oral antibiotic (minocycline) can greatly reduce the risk of early disease progression in MS. This was an incredible discovery coming from the labs of Drs. Wee Yong and Luanne Metz, and we hope to see more real-world research impacts like this one in 2018. Another notable collaboration is our partnership with Biogen Canada and Brain Canada to launch a multi-year cohort study to investigate key questions about disease progression, like why do some people develop secondary progressive MS and others do not?

The beginning of 2018 marked a significant milestone in MS treatments. Health Canada approved Ocrevus, the first disease-modifying therapy for people living with primary-progressive MS. Ocrevus is a step forward in treatment options; however, we know one treatment does not work for everyone, so while we celebrate this breakthrough, we know we have more work to do.

The last 18 months have been full of change, challenges, celebrations and progress. Sylvia Leonard stepped into the role of interim president and CEO in March, and under her steadfast leadership, we maintained momentum on our organizational priorities. I thank Sylvia for her dedication and guidance. Her contributions will not be forgotten and we wish her well on her retirement.

It is my privilege on behalf of the Board of Directors to introduce the MS Society of Canada’s new president and CEO Dr. Pamela (Pam) Valentine. Pam obtained her PhD in neuroscience and has a strong record in research collaboration, ingenuity and inspirational leadership. We are thrilled to have Pam leading us through this era of innovation.

With immense gratitude, I thank our donors who have invested in changing the lives of Canadians living with MS. Without you, it would be impossible to envision a future free of MS.

Valerie Hussey, C.M.
Chair, Board of Directors, MS Society of Canada
Improve #LifeWithMS

EVERY DAY, WE ARE WORKING TOWARDS OUR MISSION to improve the quality of life for those affected by multiple sclerosis and to ultimately find a cure. Whether it’s through fundraising, programs and services, advocacy, research or development, we are inspired by your stories and the day-to-day experiences of people affected by MS. The unpredictable effects of MS are physical, emotional, financial and can last forever. MS impacts all Canadians – not only the individuals living with the disease, but also their friends, families, workplaces and healthcare teams – who all come together to manage the realities of MS.

Since 1948 we’ve provided more than $175 million towards funding for MS research and researchers in Canada thanks to your donations and fundraising efforts. Canada has one of the highest rates of MS, but we are also home to some of the world’s leading researchers – what better place to come together as Canadians and continue our fight against this unpredictable, chronic disease?

You are a part of this momentum and we are grateful for your efforts. Without your donations and without your voice, we cannot effect change for Canadians living with MS. Know that when you share your desire for a future free of MS, you are making an impact.

80+ ADVOCACY MEETINGS with MPs, senators and senior level staff in Ottawa

58,000+ social media followers engaging with us

Gain insight into living with MS and find out how you can help urge our governments to support people affected by the disease at blog.mssociety.ca.

Use the hashtags #LifeWithMS and #ThisIsMS to add your voice to the community.

Lelainia uses art to help manage her MS. Mural by Steve and Sandy Pell.
MAKING PROGRESS FOR PROGRESSIVE MS

This year, we reached an important milestone with the conditional approval of Ocrevus by Health Canada for the treatment of adults with early primary-progressive multiple sclerosis (PPMS).

"Over the years we have seen many new treatments come to market that manage relapsing-remitting MS, but there have been no disease-modifying therapies for people living with progressive MS," says Dr. Karen Lee, vice-president, research, MS Society of Canada. "The approval of Ocrevus is a much-needed treatment because, for some people living with PPMS, Ocrevus may help control and even slow disease progression. Hopefully, this is the beginning of many more treatment options for people living with PPMS."

"I feel even more hopeful about the advancements being made in MS research – especially ones showing positive results in terms of having the potential to help treat progressive MS," says Cory Turner, director, MS Scientific Research Foundation, member, Medical Advisory Committee. "If we can stop MS in its tracks, then no one has to fear disease progression ever again."

COLLABORATIVE GLOBAL EFFORT TO END PROGRESSIVE MS

For the first time, people with progressive forms of MS are at the heart of a global effort to stop MS in its tracks. Progressive MS is the most confounding issue facing MS researchers today. The Canadian research community and our global partners are working together to find answers.

The International Progressive MS Alliance (the Alliance) is a growing multi-organizational group that brings together the world’s leading experts to put an end to progressive MS. As one of the founding and managing members of the Alliance, the MS Society has contributed over $2 million, thanks to donor support. The Alliance aims to identify the critical knowledge and treatment gaps where advances must be made to achieve breakthroughs necessary to change the world for people with progressive MS.

THE ALLIANCE HAS FOUR PRIORITIES:

- Better understanding progression to identify and test treatments
- Designing shorter, faster trials that measure patient outcomes
- Conducting trials to test potential therapies
- Developing and evaluating new therapies to manage symptoms

“Tackling the Biggest MS Challenge

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– CORY TURNER, DIAGNOSED IN 2005
Funding the Best New Research in Canada

The complexity of progressive multiple sclerosis is one of the greatest barriers facing Canadian researchers today. With the significant support of donors and partners, the MS Society of Canada funds a network of brilliant minds focused on solving progressive MS.

Dr. Christopher Power
University of Alberta
RESEARCH FOCUS: INFLAMMATORY MEDIATORS OF PROGRESSIVE MS

Structures located in the brain, called inflammasomes, are made up of many different proteins that, when bundled together, activate the brain’s immune response. Preliminary work from Dr. Christopher Power’s laboratory suggests that inflammasomes may fuel the autoimmune attack in primary-progressive MS. Dr. Power and his team are investigating how inflammasomes affect brain anatomy and function in primary-progressive MS (PPMS), while exploring what molecules are responsible for inflammasome activation in human brain cells. Their findings will shed light on the role of the immune system in PPMS and potentially lay the groundwork for the development of biomarkers and treatments for MS.

Dr. Craig Moore
Memorial University of Newfoundland
RESEARCH FOCUS: PROTEINS REGULATING REPAIR IN PROGRESSIVE MS

Dr. Craig Moore is working to identify a novel target that could be further explored for treating both relapsing and progressive forms of MS. He and his team are studying specific molecules called microRNAs, which are potential new targets for progressive MS treatment. Found in both brain and immune cells, microRNAs play an important role in controlling inflammation and tissue repair in the damaged brain. The Moore lab discovered one microRNA molecule (microRNA-223) in particular to be important in promoting repair in MS. Ongoing studies are investigating the role of this molecule in animal models of MS.

Dr. Shannon Kolind
University of British Columbia
RESEARCH FOCUS: INDICATORS OF DISEASE PROGRESSION IN MS

Dr. Shannon Kolind’s study aims to identify individuals at risk for severe progression by focusing on establishing an imaging biomarker that efficiently tracks changes in progression in individuals living with MS. Biomarkers are biological clues from the body that can tell us about the state of a disease or the effect of a treatment. Dr. Kolind’s research team wants to explore the loss of myelin (the protective sheath around certain nerve fibres that is damaged in individuals living with MS) as a potential biomarker. Her study could lead to the reduction in cost and time required for progressive MS clinical trials and help with treatment decisions.
Research Milestones in Multiple Sclerosis
MS Society of Canada and MS Scientific Research Foundation

1949-1989
1949: MS Society of Canada (MSSC) awards first grant to Dr. Roy Swank for diet research.
1981: First magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) pictures of an MS-affected brain revolutionize diagnosis.

1990-1999
1993: MS Scientific Research Foundation (MSSRF*) funds its first research grant for $2.2M for the Canadian Collaborative Project on Genetic Susceptibility to MS (CCPGSMS). Funding provided for additional project phases over the next two decades.
1995: First disease-modifying therapy (DMT) for relapsing-remitting MS (RRMS) approved in Canada (Betaseron).
1996: First evidence published that exercise improves quality of life with MS.

2000-2004
2000: MSSRF funds $4M Canadian Bone Marrow Transplantation (BMT) trial—aims to determine whether wiping the immune system and transplanting bone marrow stem cells can treat MS and provide clues into its cause.
2001: McDonald Criteria for diagnosing MS established—first diagnostic criteria to incorporate both clinical and imaging measures.
2003: As part of the CCPGSMS supported by the MSSRF, the largest population-based MS DNA bank, including information on people living with MS and their biological relatives, is established.
2004: Link between higher vitamin D intake and reduced MS risk identified.
MSSC and MSSRF fund $4.3M multi-centre study of children who have had an initial demyelinating attack. The Canadian Pediatric Demyelinating Disease Network (CPDDN) is one of the largest and most comprehensive pediatric MS cohorts in the world.

2005-2009
2008: Dr. Paolo Zamboni identifies a possible association between chronic cerebrospinal venous insufficiency (CCSVI) and MS.
MSSC and MSSRF launch $20M endMS Research and Training Network, a comprehensive multi-platform initiative designed to attract, train, and retain the next generation of MS researchers.
MSSC hosts first endMS Conference—largest conference in Canada aimed at fostering knowledge exchange on MS-related research, networking, and collaboration.

2010-2011
2010: $2.4M joint funding from MSSC and National MS Society to fund seven critical studies into the connection between CCSVI and MS.
2011: MSSRF funds $3.8M multi-center study focused on progressive forms of MS.
CPDDN identifies key MRI patterns in children with MS. The discovery that pediatric MS affects memory and learning allows for more timely access to treatment and care.

1996-2017: 13 additional DMTs approved by Health Canada for RRMS.

*The MSSRF is an affiliate of the MS Society that was established to support innovative MS research that extends beyond the scope of the MS Society’s regular granting program.
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MSSRF funds $4.2M MEsenchymal Stem cell therapy for CAnadian MS patients (MESCAMS) clinical trial. MESCAMS is part of an international mesenchymal stem cell research effort encompassing nine countries. Unlike previous stem cell studies, chemotherapy is not required here.

Launch of the Hermès Canada | MS Society Wellness Research Innovation Grant, funding aimed at translating research findings into innovative wellness solutions to improve health and quality of life for people affected by MS.

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2012-2014
2012: Launch of International Progressive MS Alliance, a group of organizations committed to accelerating the development of treatments and resources for progressive MS. MSSC is a founding member.

2014: MSSC and MSSRF fund $3.6M to understand the role of the B cell in the development and progression of MS.

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2018

$175M Overall investment from MS Society of Canada and MS Scientific Research Foundation to research.

THANKS TO YOU
Many of these advances would not have been possible without the generous support of our donors.
Empowering People to Live Their Best Life

We heard from Canadians living with multiple sclerosis that navigating their MS journey was one of the most challenging aspects in their day-to-day lives – particularly with the inaccurate and limitless amounts of MS information available, and the complexities of the healthcare system. The **MS Knowledge Network** launched in 2016 as a hub of navigators providing reliable, high-quality MS information and support for Canadians. Via phone, email and live chat, MS Navigators provide trusted information on different aspects of life with MS tailored to the unique needs of each individual, including symptom management, drug/medications, peer support, access to professional health services, income support, current research and navigating community resources.

**HERE FOR YOU** Sometimes when newly diagnosed, or when searching for answers about a new challenge, the best person to turn to is someone who has similar experiences. After two years of service, the 1:1 Peer Support Program has had a dramatic effect in reducing social isolation and loneliness. The confidential support program matches individuals living with MS with volunteers who have lived similar experiences. No matter where you live in Canada and where you are at in your MS journey, knowing you can turn to someone who has lived a shared experience can make living with MS easier.

**~ 2017 HIGHLIGHTS ~**

- **Served over 2,600 people affected by MS and answered over 4,200 inquiries**
- **45 active trained volunteers living with MS providing guidance to peers**
- **99 of 143 matches made since the launch of the program**
- **80% said they would recommend the program to someone else affected by MS**
- **80% of peers agreed or strongly agreed that they were very satisfied with the 1:1 Peer Support Program**

Based on feedback we’ve received:

- 89% of people were satisfied with their experience connecting with a Navigator and
- 85% would recommend the service to someone else affected by MS.

“We are grateful to the RBC Foundation for their significant support of the MS Knowledge Network.”

“Peer Support made a difference in how I am managing my illness. My outlook has improved and I made a friend in the process. Thank you.”

— 1:1 PEER SUPPORT PARTICIPANT
Reducing barriers for people living with multiple sclerosis is paramount to enabling them to live full, productive lives. In partnership with people living with MS, we advocate for changes in three critical areas:

**MAKE WORK, WORK** by making employment supports and programs more flexible and inclusive – to allow people with MS and other episodic disabilities to remain in the workforce.

**MAKE ENDS MEET** by improving income and disability supports for people with MS who are unable to work or can only work on an intermittent basis.

**MAKE ACCESS A REALITY** by implementing federal accessibility legislation, increasing access to treatments and investing in comprehensive home care.

The MS Society of Canada descended on Parliament Hill during MS Awareness Month to raise awareness that Canada has one of the highest rates of MS in the world and to ask the government to take action to improve #LifeWithMS. We had over 80 meetings with parliamentarians and hosted our annual carnation pinning.

During the fall of 2017, we launched the online advocacy campaign Act Now to Improve #LifeWithMS. This campaign encouraged community members to take action by sending messages to their MPs asking them to support critical steps to improve #LifeWithMS.

In total, 5,048 letters in English and French were submitted to MPs. We connected with 332 constituencies. MPs heard you! The average number of letters each MP received was 15.
Christine Sinclair is a true national treasure. She led our Canadian women’s soccer team to win back-to-back Olympic medals, and in 2017, she led Canada in the fight against multiple sclerosis as the face of our A&W Burgers to Beat MS campaign.

This is personal for Christine. Her mother was once an athletic soccer mom, coach and also her daughter’s biggest cheerleader. Things have changed since she’s been diagnosed with MS. Now, the only time she sees Christine is within the walls of her long-term care facility.

“It’s difficult to watch someone you love have to deal with such a debilitating disease,” said Christine. “Using my voice for something like this is completely new to me, but I see the impact we’re making and it’s a great feeling.”

In 2017, the collective power of 900 A&W restaurants and their communities across the country raised a record-breaking $1.85 million, bringing the partnership’s nine-year total to $11 million. From rounding up bills, to donation mugs, to $2 donated from every Teen Burger® sold on August 24, the A&W family made an incredible impact in the lives of Canadians living with MS.

Thank you to all our community partners. We couldn’t make an impact without you!
Making a Difference in Women’s Health

In Canada, women are three times more likely to be diagnosed with multiple sclerosis than men. That’s one reason we are excited to partner with Shoppers Drug Mart. With the Shoppers LOVE. YOU. initiative, our newest corporate partner is putting women’s health first.

This partnership will establish Shoppers Drug Mart as a corporate and community leader in supporting Canadians with MS through awareness, education and partnering with pharmacists who are a vital part of the MS health care team. Shoppers LOVE. YOU. will also be the presenting sponsor of the Women Against MS Gala in Toronto, an event that honours women who make an impact in the business community and raises more than $350,000 annually.

“I challenge MS” is a program that strengthens people’s fundraising efforts by providing flexibility and key resources to support individual, group or corporate challenges. From bake sales, to birthday dinners, to cycling across the country, hundreds of Canadians use their passion to raise money and awareness, often because of a personal connection to MS.

“As a pharmacist and woman who has MS, I understand how essential it is for people with MS to have positive interactions with their pharmacists. Things like education and everyday accessibility can be so important.”

— JULIE JEAN, SHOPPERS DRUG MART PHARMACIST

Visit www.ichallengems.ca for more information.
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Thanks to our donors, Canada is leading the world closer to new breakthroughs and treatments for multiple sclerosis. Our network of brilliant minds relentlessly studies every aspect of the disease, from its root causes to comprehensive disease progression. These advances are not possible without significant investment from our donors. The MS Society of Canada is grateful to the following donors who have made a generous commitment to the endMS: Whatever It Takes campaign.

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Samara — lives with MS, top fundraiser for MS Walk.

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  - Scott Davis ON
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  - Arthur Weingarden ON

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- Manon Bernard QC
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- Matthew Boswell ON
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- Colin Bulger AB
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We thank the following top event teams who collectively raised more than $20,000 in 2017.

- **$100,000+**
  - Happy Fillmores AB
  - Team Cowbell ON
- **$75,000-$99,999**
  - Doug and Marion’s MS Erasers ON
  - Les Pédaliers de l’Avenir QC
  - PCL Construction AB
  - Team United Cycle AB
  - Woop de Woo BC
- **$50,000-$74,999**
  - Active Physio Works - Team Rehab AB
  - Bike for Mike ON
  - Butt Ugly ON
  - eSPrit SPortif QC
  - L.I.A.M.S. TEAM AB
  - Lespéranse QC
  - Menstrual Cycles AB
  - Smokin’ Embers ON
  - Team Bleiwas ON
  - United Construction AB
- **$25,000-$49,999**
  - Alpine ON
  - Basintek - For the HELLth of it AB
  - BDO Bikers AB
  - Bunsen Honeydews AB
  - C.T. Soil’s Mighty Celtic Warriors ON
  - CN QC
  - Connect2EndMS AB
  - Copper Pedalers BC
  - Croix Bleue Medavie QC
  - Crystal Spring Team MB
  - Cyclepaths MB
  - DILLON HIGHway ROLLERS ON
  - DILLON HIGHway ROLLERS ON
$20,000-$24,999
Blazing Saddle Sores SK
Casson’s Crew AB
Guys and Gals A 1000 Plus ON
Jasper Steel Panthers AB
Just Soar AB
Le Kosh Group QC
Les Générations XYZ QC
MASS SYNERGY MB
Mastronardi Produce ON
Mattamy’s MS Walk for Angola ON
Misterlegou QC
Pirate Ship AB
Rozzi’s Riders MB
Spicers Canada ON
Spokes People AB
Team Kearns ON
Team ML QC
Team Spirit ON
The C-Trains ON
The Kitchener BreakAways ON
The Rolling Cause AB
The Spokespeople AB
Wheelie Good Times NS

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Canadian Tire Prince Albert
Carnivora
Carter Ford LLP
CN
Conam Charitable Foundation
Ian Cubitt
Marc Daigneault
Delaney Capital Management
EJS Investments Corp.
Énergir, the new Gaz Métro
Equitable Life of Canada
Fednav
Fondation Santé Saint-Laurent inc.
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Participants enjoying the ride during MS Bike.
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From running a marathon to organizing a garage sale, I Challenge MS empowers individuals to raise money in meaningful ways for Canadians living with multiple sclerosis. We are pleased to recognize the passionate individuals who helped raise and inspire contributions of $20,000 or more to the MS Society of Canada’s critical work this past year.

Christine and Carol’s Wedding QC
Darren Haydar Charity Golf Tournament ON
Federation Charity Golf Classic AB
Golden Gala - by Centurty 21 ON
Hume - Targa Race ON
IBEW Local 25B BC
Let’s Rock n’ Roll MS Away ON
Nerves of Steel- Jenna Pace & Friends ON
Night to Fight MS ON
North Peace MS Trail Ride AB
Pearl Gloves ON
Real and Deal ON
Tamarack Ottawa Race Weekend Scotiabank Charity Challenge ON

**Erin – diagnosed with MS in 2017.**

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Through cause marketing campaigns, employee support, and sponsorship of our programs and events, thank you to our corporate partners who make an impact in the lives of Canadians affected by multiple sclerosis.

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In addition to our staple research funding program, we invested more than $2.8 million in MS research through the Multiple Sclerosis Scientific Research Foundation (MSSRF). The MSSRF is a legal entity separate from the MS Society of Canada, and we generate separate financial statements for the MSSRF. The MSSRF’s T3010 is available on the CRA website.

For the year ended December 31, 2017 (in thousands of dollars)

To view our full audited financial statements, please visit mssociety.ca/financial

### Revenue

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<td>endMS Research and Training Network</td>
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<td>Grants from governments</td>
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<td>Grants from pharmaceutical companies</td>
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<td>Other grants</td>
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### Fundraising expenditures

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<td>Partnership events and campaigns</td>
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<td>I Challenge MS</td>
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<td>United Way and HealthPartners</td>
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### Program and administration expenditures

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### Surplus (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures before the undernoted

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<td>Research grant to the Multiple Sclerosis Scientific Research Foundation</td>
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<td>Fair value change in investments</td>
<td>(1,502)</td>
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<td><strong>Total Surplus (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures for the year</strong></td>
<td>(251)</td>
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