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OUR MISSION

***THE CANADIAN FOUNDATION FOR AIDS RESEARCH (CANFAR)
IS THE ONLY NATIONAL CHARITABLE FOUNDATION THAT
RAISES AWARENESS TO GENERATE FUNDS FOR RESEARCH
INTO ALL ASPECTS OF HIV INFECTION AND AIDS.***

CANFAR is dedicated to funding all aspects of research in HIV prevention, care, treatment, and cure. Since its inception in 1987, CANFAR has invested more than \$21 million and funded more than 400 research initiatives across Canada. CANFAR is funded solely through the generosity of corporations, groups, and individuals across Canada.

DID YOU KNOW?

- **ONE PERSON IS INFECTED WITH HIV
NEARLY EVERY THREE HOURS IN CANADA.¹**  / 
- **SEVEN PEOPLE ARE INFECTED WITH HIV EVERY DAY IN CANADA.¹**  / 
- **MORE THAN 2,500 PEOPLE ARE INFECTED WITH HIV EVERY YEAR IN CANADA.¹**  / 
 = 50 PEOPLE



BRITISH COLUMBIA

11,700* PEOPLE ARE LIVING WITH HIV

ONTARIO

30,000* PEOPLE ARE LIVING WITH HIV

ALBERTA

5,000* PEOPLE ARE LIVING WITH HIV

QUEBEC

19,300* PEOPLE ARE LIVING WITH HIV

SASKATCHEWAN

2,100* PEOPLE ARE LIVING WITH HIV

ATLANTIC CANADA

990* PEOPLE ARE LIVING WITH HIV

MANITOBA

2,100* PEOPLE ARE LIVING WITH HIV

¹*Public Health Agency of Canada. Summary: Estimates of HIV Incidence, Prevalence and Proportion Undiagnosed in Canada, 2014. Surveillance and Epidemiology Division, Professional Guidelines and Public Health Practice Division, Centre for Communicable Diseases and Infection Control, Public Health Agency of Canada, 2015.

FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

ANDREW PRINGLE, CM

CHAIR, CANFAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



The Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research (CANFAR) continues to be a catalyst in funding Canada's most innovative HIV and AIDS research, and leading the country in HIV awareness for youth. As we enter our 30th year of operation, we can take this opportunity to reflect on the achievements of the past three decades and 2016-2017 in particular, while looking forward to a future without HIV and AIDS.

Since our founding in 1987, CANFAR has funded more than 400 research projects representing an investment surpassing \$21,000,000. During that time CANFAR has also invested heavily in HIV awareness programs that reach more than 2,000,000 young people in Canada on an annual basis.

In April of 2016, we paused to reflect on the tragic loss of one of CANFAR's true trail-blazers and greatest supporters, Dr. Mark Wainberg. As one of the world's most recognized and celebrated HIV researchers, Dr. Wainberg served as President of the World AIDS Society from 1998–2000, was a Director of the McGill University AIDS Centre since 1990 and served as Co-Chair of the CANFAR Scientific Advisory Committee. Mark Wainberg discovered a critical component in the highly effective "AIDS cocktail," a major breakthrough that led to a dramatic decline in deaths associated with AIDS. Mark consistently set a high bar of expectation for CANFAR, and we continue to strive to achieve results commensurate with his ambition and determination. On behalf of the entire CANFAR family, we sorely miss Mark Wainberg, and persevere on our mission in his memory.

CANFAR will continue to fund research of the highest calibre. This is a success story when we look at how far we've come – the reality that HIV has become a chronic illness which, when identified, can now be treated through a lifetime regimen of medication and care. We will continue to pursue solutions to the most pressing HIV issues in Canada, with the goal of eradicating the virus entirely.

On behalf of CANFAR's Board of Directors and staff, thank you for your continued support.

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Andrew Pringle, CM
Chair, CANFAR Board of Directors

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FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

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CANFAR PRESIDENT & CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER



CANFAR is a community of trail-blazers, innovators, and contributors.

By funding innovative research led by talented Canadians, we remain committed to CANFAR's mission of working together to prevent future HIV infections, and finding a cure for HIV.

Our diverse community keeps growing. CANFAR's national footprint greatly expanded this year, as we committed to funding new and ongoing research partnerships, and saw our national awareness program reach youth and educators from Victoria to St. John's, and beyond. With 75,500 people in Canada living with HIV, and seven new infections each day, CANFAR's work continues to be critical in achieving an AIDS-free future.

Our community of contributors united on the eve of World AIDS Day 2016, as we celebrated 20 years of Bloor Street Entertains, Canada's largest fundraising gala in support of HIV and AIDS research. Our mission-centric events highlighted the important research that CANFAR is funding and the awareness activities we deliver across the country. In May, Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne and our National Youth Ambassador Muluba Habanyama spoke at our Can You Do Lunch? event about young women's leadership and how the province is scaling up treatment and care for people living with HIV.

CANFAR is at a turning point. As we enter our 30th year of operation, we are focusing on the communities where HIV is most prevalent. The research initiatives that CANFAR funds are some of the highest quality in Canada. Our national awareness program has increased its footprint in reaching youth in marginalized communities across the country, and continues to engage educators to use CANFAR developed HIV educational resources in their classrooms.

We will continue to fund research initiatives that will produce results, leading to improved health for people living with HIV, and raising awareness about the disease in underserved communities, with the goal of greatly reducing new infection rates in Canada.

Thank you, once again, for your support.

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Kyle J. Winters

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CANFAR funds Canadian HIV and AIDS researchers who are selected by the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) based on the excellence of their proposals. As a Committee, we are ultimately responsible for selecting the most significant research projects from the many applications that we receive. This year, the SAC is missing a key player, and one who was a famous international HIV researcher, the late Dr. Mark Wainberg.

In recognition of Dr. Wainberg's distinguished research career, we have created the Dr. Mark Wainberg Award for Outstanding HIV Research. I had the great pleasure in working closely with Mark, as he was a long-standing SAC Co-Chair. Beyond CANFAR, he was a global pioneer in the world of HIV and AIDS research. It is my pleasure to have awarded this special Award to Dr. Mathieu Maheu-Giroux of McGill University, whose research proposal received the highest rank of all the research proposals reviewed by our Committee in June 2017.

This year, CANFAR was able to invest \$707,033 in support of research, with a total of nine new projects, five ongoing partnership supported projects, two second-year projects and 15 no-cost extensions. These include proposals representing all aspects of HIV/AIDS research, including HIV prevention, treatment, care, and cure research. We also saw the establishment of the National Working Group on HIV and AIDS Research, spearheaded by CANFAR board members Bill Flanagan, Christopher Bunting, Sean Rourke, Andy Pringle, and myself. The group includes more than 20 leading HIV researchers and community leaders who have come together to develop direction to the research priorities for Canada to reach its national HIV Targets.

CANFAR has also worked to collaborate and partner with other leading institutions. We have funded an HIV laboratory at the University of Toronto, and established an HIV Chair at Vancouver's St. Paul's Hospital. With the Ontario HIV Treatment Network and others, we are funding leading research into HIV prevention strategies for gay men across Canada, and exploring the implementation of PrEP (a daily pill to prevent HIV) here in Toronto. We have worked with the Canadian HIV Trials Network for 15 years, funding Postdoctoral Fellowships to train and empower exceptional new HIV researchers in Canada. Finally, we have also collaborated with the International AIDS Society and the Canadian Institutes for Health Research in the search for a cure.

On behalf of the Scientific Advisory Committee, I look forward to the future success of the endeavors of our team and CANFAR-funded researchers.

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CURRENT RESEARCH

CYCLE 29 INNOVATION RESEARCH PROJECTS



DR. ERICA LAWSON

EXPLORING EFFECTS OF CANADIAN IMMIGRATION POLICY ON HIV+ AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN AND BLACK MIGRANT WOMEN

Dr. Lawson's proposed research seeks to understand how African, Caribbean and Black (ACB) migrant women living with HIV are affected by Canada's policy regarding mandatory HIV screening for the Canadian immigration and refugee system.



DR. SARAH FLICKER

USING CELLPHONES TO RECORD THE EXPERIENCES OF YOUNG WOMEN LIVING WITH HIV WITH PREVENTION AND TRANSACTIONAL SEX

Dr. Flicker's research sets out to uncover harm reduction and HIV prevention possibilities for young women and girls engaged in transactional sex within the Greater Toronto Area.



DR. NATHAN LACHOWSKY

STUDYING THE EXPERIENCES OF GAY MEN IN BRITISH COLUMBIA'S PUBLIC HEALTH PREP PROGRAM

In British Columbia, gay men make up a majority of new HIV diagnoses. Therefore, in 2017 a fully funded PrEP program was rolled out in Vancouver targeting newly diagnosed HIV positive gay men.



DR. SADHNA JOSHI

USING A MOUSE'S OWN STEM CELLS FOR GENE THERAPY AS TREATMENT

Dr. Joshi's proposed research is part of a series of projects with the goal of using a patient's own stem cells for a one-time gene therapy to treat HIV patients. The problem with traditional medication is that although they suppress HIV replication, it requires life-long adherence to treatment plans that ultimately cannot eliminate HIV reservoirs completely.

Funded by Manulife.



DR. OLIVIER FERLATTE

USING PHOTOGRAPHY AS A MEANS OF UNDERSTANDING GAY, BISEXUAL AND OTHER MSM LIVING WITH HIV AND SUICIDE IDEATION

Dr. Ferlatte's proposed qualitative study examines suicide ideation among gay men living with HIV in British Columbia.

**DR. CHRISTOPHER POWER**

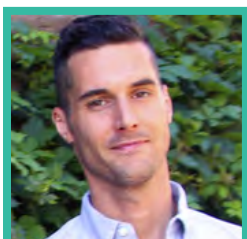
UNDERSTANDING THE EFFECTS OF HIV ON THE BRAIN

Dr. Power's research seeks to investigate HIV expression in the brain and how HIV reservoirs in the brain can be reduced using current and new therapies.

**DR. ALAN COCHRANE**

A NEW WAY OF FIGHTING HIV BY MANIPULATING THE REPLICATION PROCESS

Dr. Cochrane's research is unique to the HIV research community because it explores creating a cure for HIV that is based on disrupting HIV gene expression and replication by manipulating the HIV-RNA process.

**DR. MATHIEU MAHEU-
GIROUX**

DETERMINING THE BEST HIV PREVENTION PACKAGE FOR MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN IN MONTREAL

Dr. Maheu-Giroux is investigating the impacts and optimization of HIV prevention packages among gay men. This study is based in Montreal. **Presented the inaugural Dr. Mark Wainberg Grant for Outstanding HIV Research.**

**DR. MARC-ANDRE
LANGLOIS**

DEVELOPING A NEW RESEARCH TOOL TO QUANTIFY LOW LEVELS OF HIV IN THE BODY

Current medication can suppress HIV to low levels that are undetectable under the use of today's blood testing instruments. Dr. Langlois' project is developing a new technique, called nanoscale flow cytometry, to detect and quantify rare markers of HIV.

**DR. ANDREW MOULAND**

STUDY ON HOW HIV VIRUS MULTIPLIES AND AVOIDS CELL DEATH IN WHITE BLOOD CELLS

Dr. Mouland studies how the HIV virus infects human cells. He is investigating how drugs can be designed to interfere with HIV's ability to stop autophagy.

CURRENT RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS

PREVENTION RESEARCH

PREP IMPLEMENTATION

In Canada, a new prevention strategy called PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) is being prescribed for high-risk individuals, which calls for the daily use of HIV medication prior to a potential infection. However, PrEP is controversial because there are gaps in research regarding its prevention potential that may be affected by risky behaviour, sexual transmission, patient adherence to medication, and stigma.

There are also concerns regarding equitable access because many high-risk HIV individuals are also members of marginalized communities. Dr. Darrell Tan is investigating these concerns by studying 1,250 PrEP users in Ontario through a cohort study over the course of three years. Results from this study will help inform future efforts to best roll-out PrEP programs and improve their access across Canada.

CANFAR is partnering with the Ontario HIV Treatment Network (OHTN) and REACH 2.0 for this three-year research partnership.

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

CANFAR is proud to have supported post-doctoral fellowships through the Canadian HIV Trials Network (CTN). This is our 15th year supporting a new researcher who is breaking into the HIV field.

This year, Dr. Malika Sharma has been investigating how to empower patients to educate their doctors on the value of PrEP. By encouraging doctors to learn more about PrEP, it will improve the potential roll-out for the program and ensure that more people who want or need access to the program will receive it.

ENGAGE

More than half of new HIV infections in Canada are contracted by gay men. This study works to understand the health needs and realities of this population in Vancouver, Toronto, and Montreal so that improved HIV prevention programs can be implemented to better serve this population.

This study is headed by Dr. Trevor Hart and will engage the gay community, otherwise known as community-based research. The Engage project will establish committees in these three Canadian cities to create collaboration between communities and researchers. In each location, at least 700 qualifying men will be surveyed and based on the data collected, each committee will formulate an HIV prevention intervention in their respective cities. These interventions will target the health outcomes for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases in response to community prevention efforts. These will be studied and evaluated to determine best practices that can be replicated across the country to more effectively prevent new HIV infections.

CANFAR is partnering with The Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR) and the OHTN on this five-year research and implementation project.



CURE RESEARCH

CanCURE

CanCURE (Canadian HIV Cure Enterprise) is a research collaboration of scientific investigators focused on studying HIV persistence and developing effective strategies towards a functional cure. Headed in Canada by Dr. Hugo Soudeyns, to date there are more than 22 studies that have resulted from this partnership that have ranged from identifying HIV characteristics at a cellular level to clinical testing possible drug treatments.

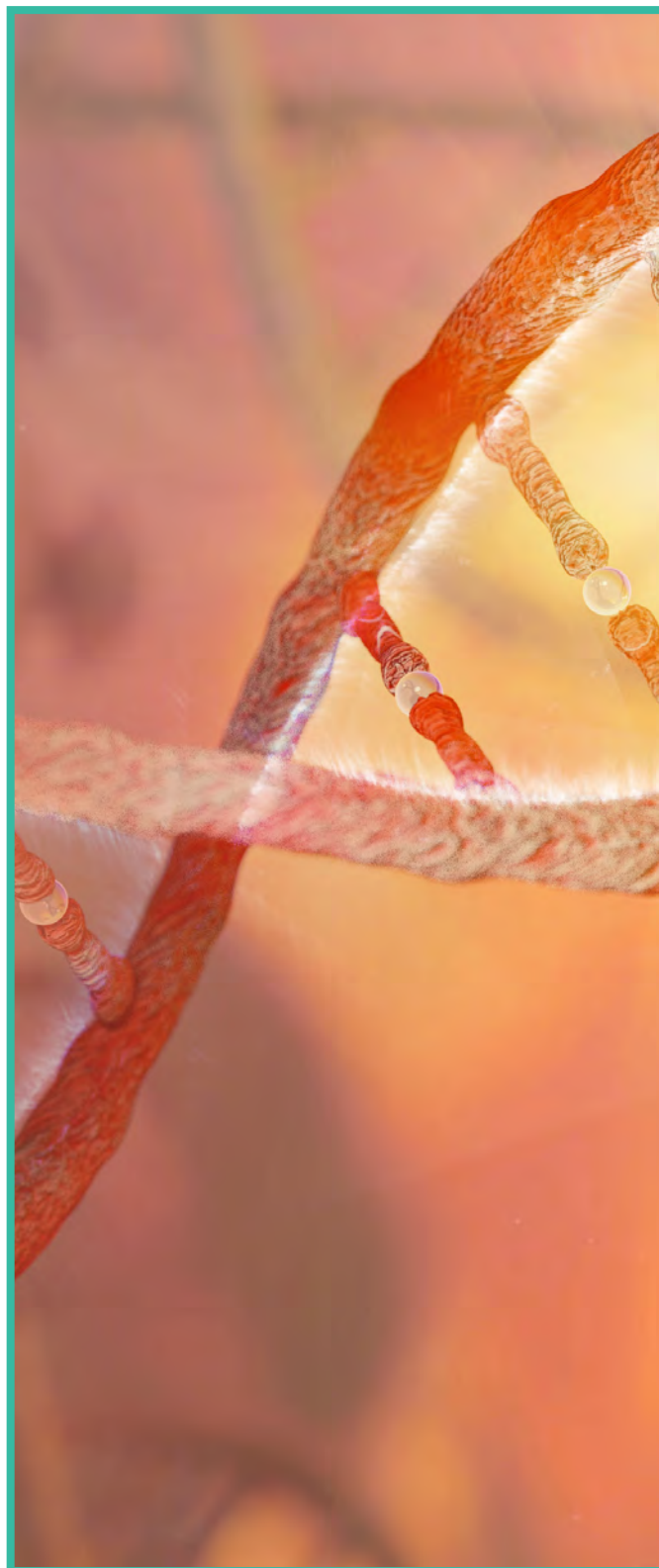
CANFAR is partnering with CIHR and the International AIDS Society (IAS) and collaborating with HIV researchers around the world to work collectively towards finding a cure for HIV.

EPIC4

The EPIC4 project is a five-year prospective study of children exposed to HIV at birth through vertical transmission (mother to child). The goal of this study is to understand if curing HIV in these children is possible when starting medication very early for babies who are born with HIV.

EPIC4 has already recruited participants and is collecting data from nine sites across Canada. As of 2017, there are 215 active participants in the study. Data collection is scheduled to end in late 2018. Children who are participants in the study are monitored every three to six months. During these visits, blood samples are collected and stored for analysis. The information from blood samples will determine how the immune system functions and identifies the presence and characteristics of HIV-infected cells. Dr. Éric Cohen is leading this research in Canada, and it is being working on collectively with other HIV researchers around the world.

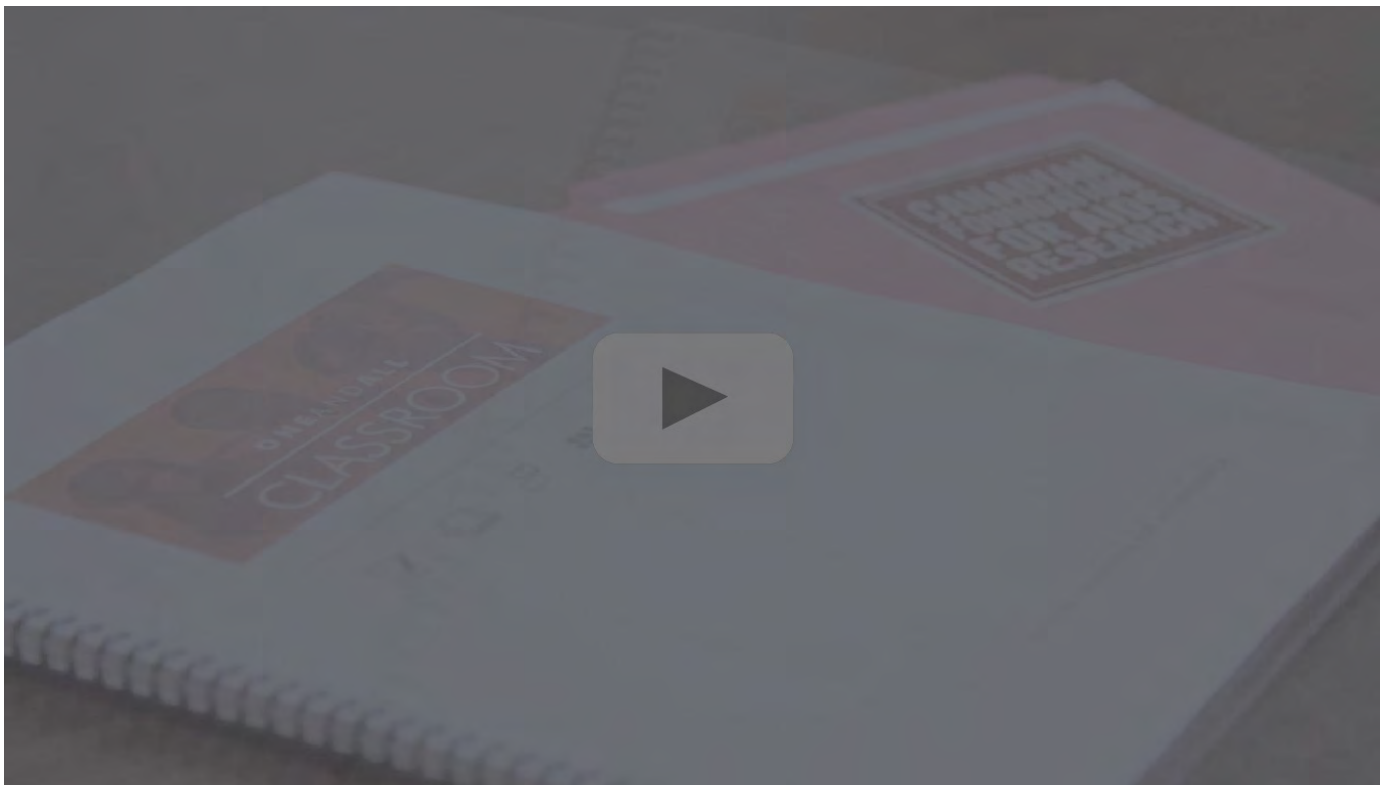
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ONE AND ALL: CANFAR'S NATIONAL AWARENESS PROGRAM

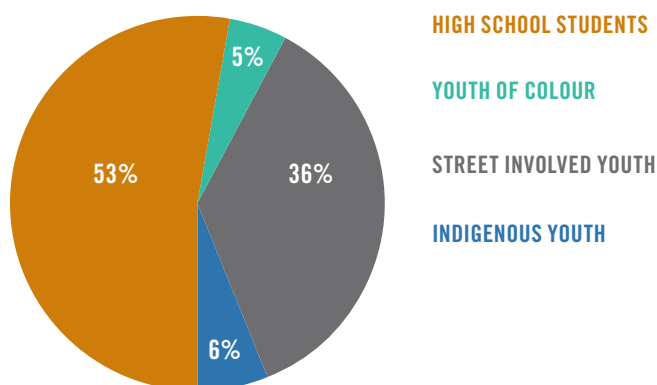
This year, CANFAR's awareness activities spanned across the Yukon, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, and Newfoundland and Labrador. We partnered with over 12 community organizations to facilitate HIV prevention workshops and to deliver educational resources for youth in priority populations. Our updated bilingual lesson plans were distributed to high school teachers, community educators and youth service workers across the country at over 20 educational conferences and community events. Through the distribution of teaching ads and face-to-face engagement, we reached over 390,800 educators. We sent youth speakers to four high schools to discuss HIV with their peers, and delivered six skills-building workshops, reaching over 850 young people directly. Overall, CANFAR's impact through various classroom and community efforts has reached approximately 2,000,000 Canadian youth.

CANFAR is grateful to One and All's program sponsors, the Slight Family Foundation, for their generous gift of \$1 million; along with Great-West Life, London Life, and Canada Life; and the M.A.C. AIDS Fund.



2016-2017 YOUTH OUTREACH

Historically, CANFAR's national awareness efforts have focused on reaching high school teachers and students across Canada. Thanks to the Slight Family Foundation, Great-West Life, London Life, and Canada Life, and the M.A.C. AIDS Fund, this year One and All expanded CANFAR's youth outreach's footprint beyond the classroom, with a priority to engage more marginalized communities (e.g. youth who are street-involved, Indigenous, and young gay men). In the coming year, One and All will continue to expand outreach efforts to engage even more diverse populations.



“What I liked best about this workshop was being able to work with others to make something powerful.”

- Digital Storytelling Participant,
Vancouver Island, BC



YOUTH WORKSHOPS

Over three-quarters of youth respondents from our workshops said that they found community mapping and digital storytelling to be very useful activities. Youth learned the importance of finding community, expressing their emotions through the freedom of creativity, and knowing where to access resources and services in the areas that they most frequent. Community partners and high school teachers who requested a school speaker also echoed the positive impact of these workshops and educational peer talks on their students and community.

“It was so nice to have a workshop led by young people that was free and easily accommodated our many classes and dates. Highly recommended. I hope to have them come back.”

- Family Studies Teacher, Coquitlam, BC



CANFAR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

CANFAR CLUBS

Last year, seven college and universities across Canada held awareness and fundraising activities in support of CANFAR-funded research, engaging more than 100 students in volunteering throughout the school year. CANFAR Clubs' awareness and fundraising events this year included:

- **Dalhousie University's** 13th annual Red Party.
- Bingo Night at **Acadia University**.
- World AIDS Day Photobooth at the **University of Alberta**.
- Red Ribbon Campaign and World AIDS Day Coffee House at **McMaster University**.
- St. Patrick's Day 'stay safe' care package give-away at **University of Toronto's Scarborough Campus (UTSC)**.

"One of [our] biggest events is the Red Ribbon Campaign, a week-long event when individuals wear red ribbons in support of HIV/AIDS awareness. The campaign was inceptioned in New York in 1991, by a group of artists that wanted to signify awareness and support of people living with HIV. It was such a simple idea, but it became very powerful. Now, every year in the last week of November, CANFAR sets up a booth at McMaster and hands out red ribbons to spread awareness, [followed by] our Coffee House for World AIDS Day."

– Caberry Yu and Lyn Li,
CANFAR McMaster University Co-Presidents

30 UNDER THIRTY

CANFAR's 30 Under Thirty is an engaged group of 30 young Canadians under the age of 30 who are active and philanthropic members of our community. Led by Co-Chairs Matthew Hyams and Melissa Kennedy, this group launched in January 2016 and have been contributing members of the CANFAR community ever since. This past year in Toronto, 30 Under Thirty members held a night of music, dancing, and live entertainment at Woody's on Church Street in Toronto in September 2016, and leading up to World AIDS Day, they screened the award-winning film *Fire in The Blood*, and held a discussion about access to HIV treatment.

A big thank you to all of our 30 Under Thirty members for their dedicated volunteer work at CANFAR, including:

Afrin Chowdhury
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TORONTO AIDS VIGIL AND PRIDE PARADE

CANFAR staff, volunteers, and 30 Under Thirty members joined the LGBTQ2 community in the annual AIDS Vigil and Toronto Pride Parade during the city's second-ever Pride month in late June 2017. The Toronto AIDS Candlelight Vigil is an open community event held each year at The 519's AIDS Memorial in Barbara Hall Park (Toronto). At the vigil, community members and loved ones remember, honour and celebrate the people who have died of AIDS and AIDS-related illnesses. The Toronto Pride Parade is Canada's largest celebration and historical commemoration of the city's diverse LGBT community.



WORLD AIDS DAY

To mark World AIDS Day (December 1, 2016), CANFAR led several national campaigns to raise awareness of HIV, and the need for research into more treatment advances and prevention strategies. The *#RedToShow* campaign encouraged Canadians to show their solidarity with people impacted by HIV and AIDS. By using the hashtag *#RedToShow* in their social media posts, Canadians were able to show their support while spreading awareness, and Freedom International donated \$1 for every post that used the hashtag. CANFAR also unveiled a three-story tall mural on World AIDS Day in Downtown Toronto, created by Toronto-based artist **Ness Lee**, commissioned by CANFAR with financial support from the **Slaight Family Foundation**. The space was donated by **Allied Properties REIT**. A number of Canadian landmarks such as the CN Tower, the Peace Bridge, Niagara Falls, the Calgary Tower, and Vancouver's City Hall shone their lights red in commemoration of December 1st.

CANFAR also served as the national partner with **Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation** in Vancouver, **Maison du Parc** in Montreal, and **Casey House** in Toronto to host Voices of Hope, a community concert series occurring in the cities to mark World AIDS Day.



CANFAR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT





30 Under Thirty @CANFAR30 · Nov 8

#RedToShow #pride #love #teamspirit #CANFAR @CANFAR30
#WAD2016



CANFAR VOLUNTEER AWARDS AND RECOGNIZING CONTRIBUTION

CANFAR’S AWARDS PROGRAM

Contribution can come in many different ways. CANFAR’s community of contributors includes many supporters, friends, and volunteers who have dedicated their time, energy, and resources to work toward our shared goal of an AIDS-free future. The dedication of these individuals and organizations—along with CANFAR’s partners and friends across Canada—has led to advances in treatment that have transformed the way we see HIV today. Please join us in celebrating the achievements of those honoured by CANFAR this year:



VALARIE PRINGLE
CANFAR National Spokesperson

2016 CANFAR VOLUNTEER AWARD WINNERS

Sophie Hamr	Rising Star Award	Shawn Hewson	Award for Innovation
Michael Hemsworth	Rising Star Award	John MacBride	Award for Innovation
Michael Gennis	Rising Star Award	Armando Mendonca	Volunteer of the Year Award
Jason Sordi	Rising Star Award	Kavita Israni-Winger	President’s Nod Award
Molly Mackenzie	Red Ribbon Award	Sylvia Mantella	President’s Award
Air Canada	CANFAR Event Award	Nada Ristich, BMO	Chairman’s Award
Todd Kjargaard	Award for Innovation	Gary & Donna Slaight	Bluma Appel Lifetime Achievement Award



Gary and Donna Slaight receiving the Bluma Appel Lifetime Achievement Award

CANFAR'S AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

CANFAR's Ambassador Program is vital to spreading awareness and sharing stories of from people living with HIV and those impacted by the virus. We would like to acknowledge and thank our Ambassadors from this year for their contribution to sharing CANFAR's story and highlight the work we do:



ASHLEY MURPHY
CANFAR Ambassador



MULUBA HABANYAMA
CANFAR National Youth Ambassador



RODNEY ROUSSEAU
CANFAR Ambassador

We would like to thank our office volunteers, who collectively invested more than 1,900 hours towards CANFAR:

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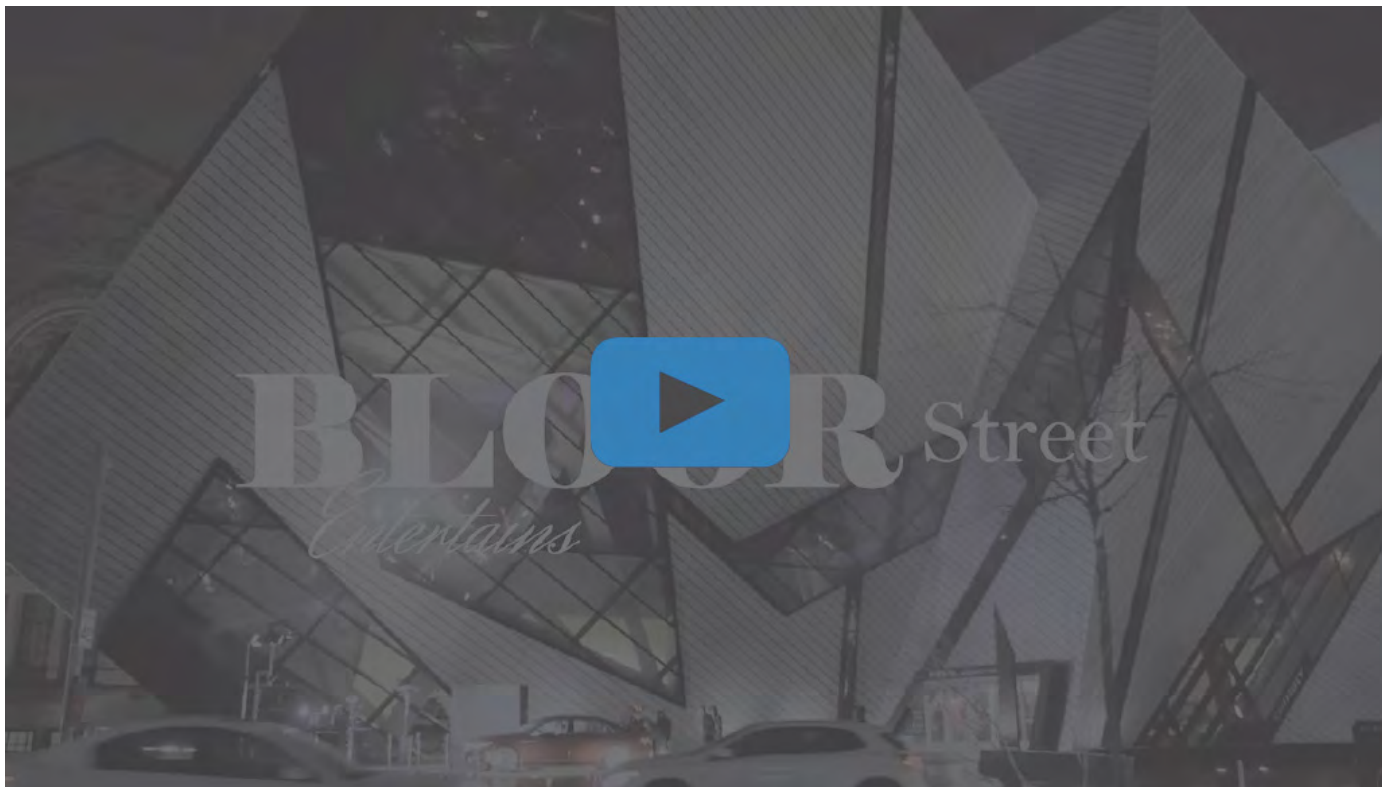


SIGNATURE FUNDRAISING EVENTS

BLOOR STREET ENTERTAINS

Bloor Street Entertains (BSE) witnessed its biggest event to date, with its 20th anniversary as large and elaborate as ever: 22 venues, 22 chefs, and 15 florists created dining experiences for nearly 800 guests hosted in Toronto's Bloor-Yorkville luxury boutiques and art galleries. With Post-BSE, the after party at the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM), guests were treated to the sounds of New York DJ Hector Fonseca as they had the opportunity to bid on items as a part of *BSE Exquisite*, the online boutique, silent auction, and ultimate draw. The event brought in more than \$750,000 in support of CANFAR's mission, surpassing \$7-million raised in the history of the event. Special thanks to event Co-Chairs, Salah Bachir, Sylvia Mantella, Tristan Michela, Joe Brennan, Danny Greenglass, Frank Gerstein, Andrew and Valerie Pringle.

www.bloorstreetentertains.ca





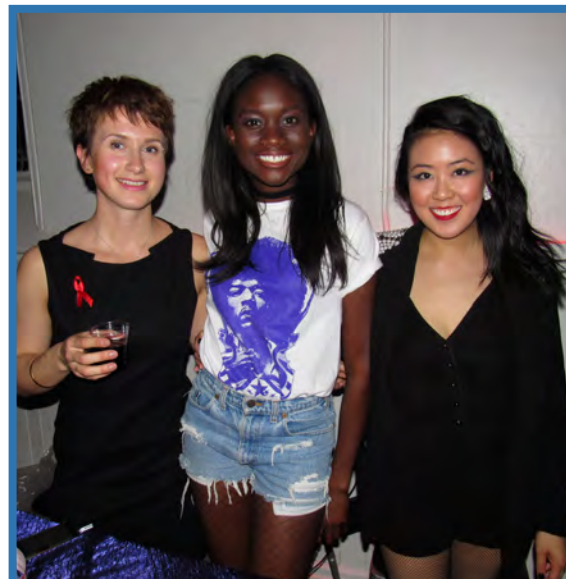
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AIDSBEAT

AIDSbeat is CANFAR's annual battle of the bands spectacular, a competition between some of Toronto's most prominent law firms. This year's battle was the most epic AIDSbeat yet, bringing the house down in a new venue, Toronto's Berkeley Church. Four competing bands paid tribute to three rock legends we lost in 2016: David Bowie, Prince, and George Michael. Congratulations to *Notorious Road* who took home the 2017 Lexpert Cup and to *Blind Trust* who won the People's Choice Award. Special thanks to event Co-Chairs David Palumbo, Gordon Capern, and Nicole Sigouin, as well as event founder Patricia Olasker. AIDSbeat has raised over \$4 million to date for CANFAR-funded HIV and AIDS research grants.

www.aidsbeat.ca





SIGNATURE FUNDRAISING EVENTS

CAN YOU DO LUNCH?

Can You Do Lunch? welcomed in the spring with a gourmet luncheon and an opportunity to unite political, business and philanthropic leaders in the fight against HIV and AIDS. Joined by two special guest speakers, Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne in intimate conversation with CANFAR National Youth Ambassador, Muluba Habanyama, the talk was an intimate conversation that touched on how the Ontario government can better respond to the needs of people living with HIV. Special thanks to event Co-Chairs Shawn Hewson and Ruth Promislow, founders of Bustle Clothing.

www.CANFAR.com/cydltoronto





EVENTS

GASTOWN SOCIAL

VANCOUVER, BC

Supporters and friends of CANFAR new and old gathered for an evening of cutting edge photography at LUMAS' gallery in Vancouver on November 3, 2016. Kyle Winters, CANFAR's President and Chief Operating Officer, hosted this evening of art combined with science, as CANFAR-funded researcher Dr. Olivier Ferlatte spoke about his work on the Engage Project focusing on gay men's health, and the importance of HIV research. The Gastown Social raised \$6,000 in support of HIV and AIDS research. Special thanks to Hospitality Partner TD Bank Group, LUMAS, the Lazy Gourmet, and Bustle Clothing for their support of this event.



BYWARD SOCIAL

OTTAWA, ON

A night of fashion and festivity came to life at Ottawa's Schad boutique in the beautiful Byward Market on November 16, 2016, with special guest Seamus O'Regan, Member of Parliament. Hosted by Michael Gennis and Jason Sordi, CANFAR's Legacy Group Co-Chairs, this intimate gathering was an opportunity for Ottawa to show its support for CANFAR, raising over \$6,000. Special thanks for RBC for sponsoring this event.



POWER, POLITICS, AND POPULISM

TORONTO, ON

Power, Politics, and Populism was a candid and wide-ranging panel discussion with some of our country's leading experts on Canada-U.S. relations, hosted by CANFAR's Legacy Group on May 31, 2017. Moderated by Jaime Watt, Executive Chairman of Navigator Ltd., guest speakers Kathleen Monk, Founding Executive Director of the Broadbent Institute and Panelist on CBC The National's "The Insiders", Jennifer Hollett, Head of News and Government at Twitter Canada, and Don Newman, Former Senior Parliamentary Editor for CBC Television and Senior Counsel at Navigator, CANFAR raised \$11,000 to support Canadian HIV and AIDS research.



THE CANFAR DINNER

VANCOUVER, BC

CANFAR returned to Vancouver again in the spring to host a unique dining experience at the top of TELUS Garden. The CANFAR Dinner on June 2, 2017 featured a special presentation from UBC associate professor and CANFAR Scientific Advisory Committee member Dr. Hélène Côté, whose research focuses on antiretroviral drugs used in HIV therapy, and it was an occasion to recognize our many donors, sponsors, researchers, colleagues and friends, raising \$10,000 in support of HIV and AIDS research. Special thanks to event Co-Chairs Kevin Mazzone, Ryan McKinley, and Grant Minish, and to TD Bank Group, TELUS, and the Lazy Gourmet for sponsoring this event.



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FROM THE AUDITOR

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research (CANFAR) which comprise the statement of financial position as at June 30, 2017 and the statements of revenue, expenses and changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.

BASIS FOR QUALIFIED OPINION

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, CANFAR derives revenue from donations, fundraising and other awareness events, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of this revenue was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of CANFAR and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to revenues, excess of expenses over revenue and cash flows from operations for the year ended June 30, 2017, current assets as at June 30, 2017 and fund balances as at June 30, 2017 and July 1, 2016.

QUALIFIED OPINION

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of CANFAR as at June 30, 2017, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Colline Barron Toronto LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants
September 19, 2017
Toronto, Ontario

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	2017	2016
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
CASH	\$ 817,224	\$ 789,494
SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS	101,287	93,279
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	97,715	82,363
HST RECOVERABLE	56,404	46,235
PREPAID EXPENSES	31,214	29,587
	1,103,844	1,040,958
CAPITAL ASSETS	\$ 24,138	\$ 19,958
INVESTMENTS	\$ 586,914	\$ 736,914
	1,714,896	1,797,830
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES	\$ 45,143	\$ 24,811
GRANTS PAYABLE	610,137	543,521
	655,280	568,332
DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS	240,152	356,447
	895,432	924,779
FUND BALANCES		
GENERAL	232,550	136,137
ENDOWMENT	586,914	736,914
	819,464	873,051
	\$ 1,714,896	\$ 1,797,830

To receive a copy of our full audited financial statements, please contact
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