

# 2023 IMPACT REPORT

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# INCLUSION

## FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

While there is still a long way to go to truly achieve equity and inclusion in the world, it is heart warming to see these values at the forefront so often lately.

At the CMHF we know that diversity in all its forms makes things better: diversity of thought sparks creativity and innovation; different viewpoints often informed by different life journeys challenge the status quo and lead to novel solutions and breakthrough ideas – at the bench and at the bedside.

The words came easily – but it's action that matters. As an organization that honours excellence typically as a lifetime achievement, we have some catching up to do. The outstanding achievements of our Laureates is undeniable; however, it must be acknowledged that the lack of diversity among CMHF Laureates reflects what leadership in health used to look like, more than what is emerging. We are working on this.

Last year we struck a task group to put into words how the CMHF values diversity – you can read this on the next page, on our website and on all our program pages. Our call for nominations includes a strong emphasis on equity and inclusion and we are slowly seeing results: the number of nominations for women has increased from 16% to 37%, now making up 55% of the nominee pool. More recent inductions include leadership in midwifery, nursing and public health, as well as our first Black and Indigenous Laureates. Indigenous participation in our Discovery Days has doubled and we have implemented more diversity tracking in our youth programs to inform our future activities.

We have more work to do, and we are committed to doing it. We are appreciative of the support received from so many partners as we strive to be an organization that reflects the diversity of the communities we serve.



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**Lissa Foster**  
Executive Director  
Canadian Medical Hall of Fame

**MISSION** Recognize and celebrate Canadian heroes whose work has advanced health; inspire the pursuit of careers in the health sciences.

**VISION** A Canada that honours our medical heroes – those of the past, present and future.



# 2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

## JAN

- 29 years of honouring excellence, preserving history, and inspiring generations at the CMHF

## MAR

- Museum School
  - Éva Circé-Côté French Immersion Public School

## APRIL

- Remembering Charles Scriver, MD (Nov 7, 1930 – April 7, 2023), Father of modern genetics in Quebec



- Welcomed new staff member Daria Destanli, Communications Coordinator



- Museum School
  - Masonville Public School

## MAY

- Discovery Days in Health Sciences
  - Université Laval (Spring)
  - Western University



- University of Ottawa EN & FR
- Queen's University
- NOSM University
- Memorial University of Newfoundland
- Museum School
  - Assumption Catholic School



- Remembering The Honourable Marc Lalonde (July 26, 1929 – May 6, 2023) Health Policy Leader



## JUN

- 23rd Induction Ceremony Halifax, NS



- Discovery Days in Health Sciences
  - Hamilton Health Sciences at McMaster University

## JULY

- Family Day at ART COMP: Design your own surgical cap



## AUG

- 2023 CMHF Award recipients announced



## SEP

- 2023 CMHF Inductees announced
- Remembering Endel Tulving, PhD (May 26, 1927 – Sept 11, 2023) An innovative thinker and scientific leader in psychology



- Museum School
  - Stoneybrook Public School

## OCT

- Discovery Days in Health Science
  - University of Calgary
- Museum School
  - Glen Cairn Public School



## NOV

- Museum School
  - Riverside Public School



- Discovery Days in Health Sciences
  - BC Children's Hospital Research
  - University of Alberta
  - Dalhousie University
  - University of Manitoba



- Welcome to Team CMHF: Shirley Keating, Office Administrator

## DEC

- Discovery Days in Health Sciences
  - McGill University and The Neuro
  - Université Laval
- Connecting Generations, Sparking Inspiration holiday campaign



- Welcome Kiyan Sadeghi Janbahan - Regional Team Leader of CMHF Brand Ambassador Program



- Saying goodbye after 20 years: Happy retirement to Debbie Ash



# EQUITY & INCLUSION

## ENHANCED QUALITY, SOCIAL RELEVANCE & IMPACT

We recognize that diversity, equity and inclusion strengthen the health sciences, health systems and health care communities and leads to enhanced quality, social relevance and impact of health-related disciplines.

Throughout all of its activities the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame strives to engage and promote the active participation of individuals of diverse backgrounds, including those from historically underrepresented groups. We actively seek a diverse pool of award nominations so that those honoured may reflect the diversity of our communities.

The Canadian Medical Hall of Fame relies on the community to nominate candidates for induction. Annually, the CMHF Laureate Selection Committee - appointed by the board but operating at arm's length from the board - reviews all nominations received. Inductees are selected from the pool of nominees that includes those nominated this year and the previous two years. Unfortunately, the current nomination pool is not as diverse as it should be, nor is it reflective of current health leadership in Canada. **Please help us increase the diversity of CMHF Laureates through more nominations of individuals who identify as female or non-binary, and/or who are Black, Indigenous or People of Colour.**

## Call for Nominations Appel de candidatures



Thank you for responding to our call for diversity, 63% of all new nominations received in 2023 were for women or Black, Indigenous or People of Colour nominees.



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# HONOURING EXCELLENCE

CELEBRATING CANADIAN HEALTH LEADERSHIP

## 2023 INDUCTEES



**The Late Stephen  
Blizzard, MD**  
Ottawa, Ontario



**Elaine Carty, CM  
OBC MSN CNM**  
Vancouver, British  
Columbia



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# VIRTUAL CMHF

## VIRTUAL HALL OF FAME

With the support of the Canadian Medical Association, we continued to refine the Virtual Canadian Medical Hall of Fame to evolve and amplify the stories of the Canadian health heroes we honour, and to showcase their contributions to furthering excellence in health care and health research in Canada and the world. Featuring innovative and interactive tools, this digital resource is a platform of inspiration for building quality care for patients and vibrant professions in medicine and health care. Visitors to our website are invited to explore Laureate impacts across three main themes:

### Understanding the Body & Disease Process

Science and Research

### Improving Health & Patient Outcomes

Diagnosis, Treatment & Prevention

### Building Our Health Organizations & Systems

Pioneers, Leaders, Scholars and Change Makers

## HONOUR EXCELLENCE

Interact with CMHF Laureates like never before! CMHF Laureate pages include:

- A detailed biography
- Interesting key facts
- Professional timeline and major achievements
- Additional resources
- Share fascinating Laureate stories on social media directly from our website with new media-sharing icons.

## EXPLORE THE IMPACT

Visit the impact theme timelines. Each impact timeline allows users to explore Laureate achievements related to the selected theme. Impact timelines offer a high level overview of Laureate impact that has contributed to improved health in Canada and around the world.

## SHARE THE INSPIRATION

Visitors can now share Laureate pages right from the site using the social media links.

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## Canadian Medical Hall of Fame Award for Medical Students

CMHF Award recipients receive a cash award, complimentary ticket and travel to the next Canadian Medical Hall of Fame Ceremony, plus the CMHF Laureates cite qualities such as perseverance, collaboration and an entrepreneurial spirit as contributors to their success as national and world health leaders.

We celebrate the achievements of the giants of health care in Canada to fuel our pride, but also to inspire the next generation of health leaders with world changing potential.

Through the CMHF Award we aim to:

- Call out the leaders among medical students
- Facilitate collaboration and mentorship so that recipients may achieve significant impact in their own careers
- Challenge recipients to “think like a Laureate”
- Promote networking opportunities for shared support to foster a growing community of Canadian talent committed to improved care and health outcomes

Canada’s medical schools are invited to identify a second year student who demonstrates these qualities.

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### 2023 RECIPIENTS



**ROHIT SINGLA**

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# INSPIRING GENERATIONS

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## Canadian Medical Hall of Fame Discovery Days in HEALTH SCIENCES

In partnership with Canadian universities, hospitals and research centres we inform and excite Canada's youth about the wide variety of career options in medicine and health care. By connecting high school students to world-class researchers and clinicians in real life settings, we are helping to build our future health workforce.

### 2023 EVENTS

**313** Interactive Workshops

**661** Health professionals  
(keynote speakers,  
workshop presenters,  
career panelists)

**157** Volunteers

**2,792** Students:  
7% Indigenous  
20% French 36% Rural

**575** Schools

**215** Teachers

**16** Events

### WE VALUE STUDENT FEEDBACK

**99%** would recommend  
Discovery Days to another  
student or teacher

**91%** felt the event exceeded or  
fully met their expectations

**98%** rated their interactive  
workshops valuable

**99%** felt the career panel  
was valuable

**93%** reported feeling equally  
or more certain about  
pursuing a career in  
health sciences than  
when they arrived

**97%** reported being equally  
or more knowledgeable  
about a career in the  
health sciences

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### DISCOVERY DAY KEYNOTE LECTURERS

**Leilanie Clayton, MSc**

**Michel Lucas, PhD**

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**Daniel Figeys, PhD**

**Judy King, PhD**

**Chiachen Cheng, MD**

**Rosemary Wilson, PhD**

**Aileen Feschuk**

**Surabhi Sivaratnam**

**Santanna Hernandez**

**Emilie Joos, MD**

**Mark Haykowski, PhD**

**Analyssa Cardenas**

**Sheila Peters, MD**

**Sara Abdessamie**

**Anne Marie Pinard, MD**

Learn more about these  
world-class speakers

"I absolutely loved my experience at Discovery Day! I learned so many great things and got more information that will help me achieve my goal of being an MD! It highly exceeded my expectation, and I will hopefully be able to come back next year!"

STUDENT, THE NEURO AND MCGILL UNIVERSITY DISCOVERY DAY

# INSPIRING GENERATIONS

## MUSEUM SCHOOL AND CLASS TRIPS

In partnership with the London Heritage Council, Museum School is an opportunity for senior elementary classes to 'move in' to the Hall for a full week to learn about Canada's past and present health heroes, meet local scientists working with the latest technology, and imagine making medical discoveries. In 2023, we had the pleasure of learning alongside students from Stoneybrook, Glen Cairn, Riverside, and Masonville Public Schools; Éva Circé-Côté French Immersion Public School and Assumption Catholic School.

Thanks to our community partners for the support:

- Alzheimer's Society London and Middlesex
- Banting House National Historic Site
- Epilepsy Southwestern Ontario
- London Artists in Residence Program
- London Health Sciences Centre - London Regional Cancer Program
- Mosaic Medical
- Robarts Research Institute & Western University

## OUR EXHIBIT HALL IN ACTION

Conveniently located at 100 Kellogg Lane – Canada's largest entertainment complex, the local community was invited to explore our exhibit hall and join Art Comp for Kids and class trips.







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# NATIONAL PARTNERS

By investing in the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame our national partners demonstrate their shared commitment to an enduring tribute to our country's rich medical history through the celebration of Canadian heroes whose work advances health in Canada and the world. They make it possible for the CMHF to foster future generations of health professionals through the delivery of local and national youth education programs and awards.





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