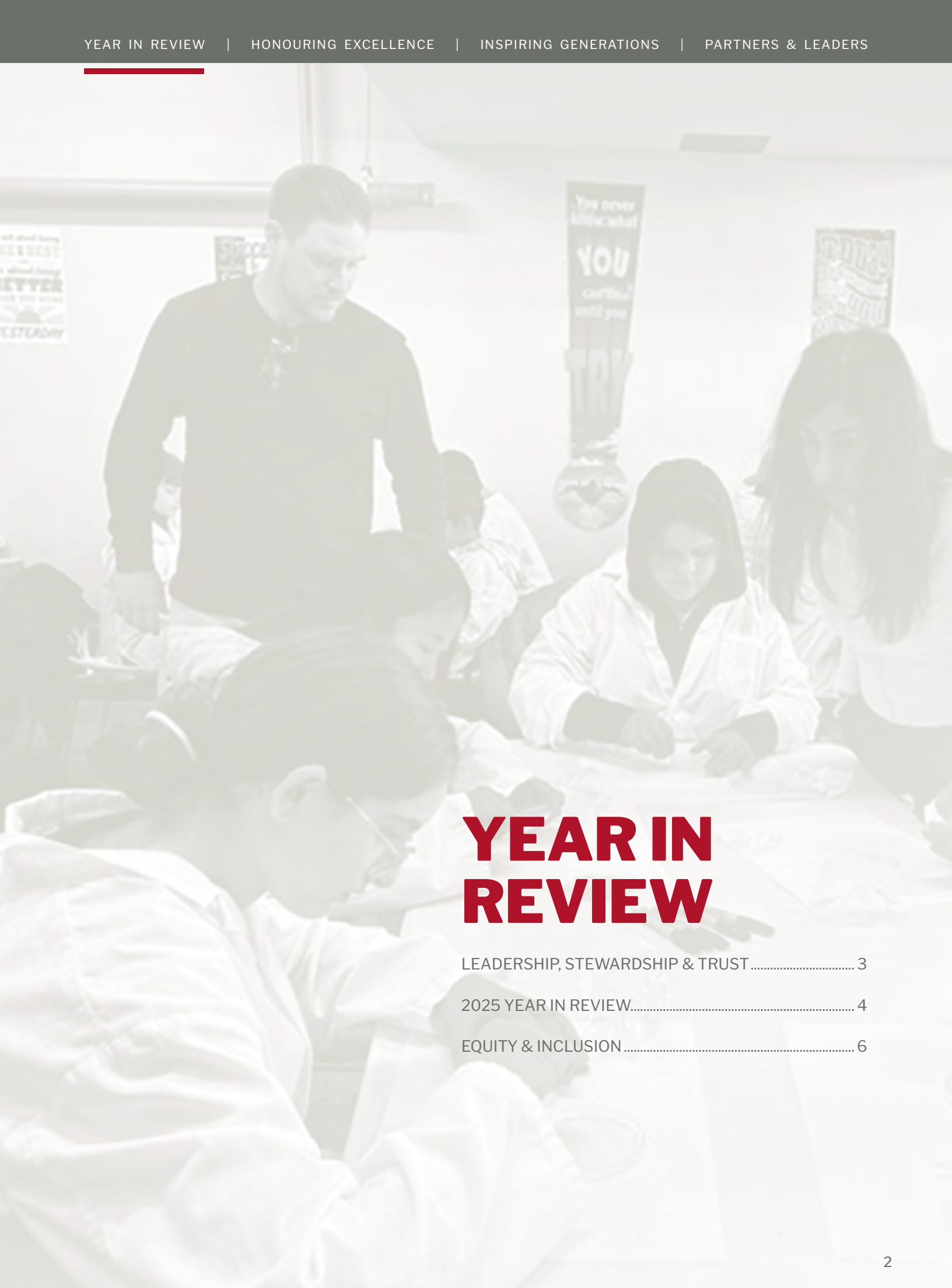


# 2025 IMPACT REPORT

**Honouring Excellence.  
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Inspiring Generations.**



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# LEADERSHIP, STEWARDSHIP, & TRUST

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

At the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame, leadership is not only about vision—it is about stewardship. As Board Chair and Executive Director, we are entrusted with safeguarding a legacy built on excellence, integrity, and public trust. This responsibility guides every decision we make, from how we honour Canada’s health leaders to how we engage communities, partners, and the next generation.

Throughout the past year, CMHF has continued to strengthen its role as a national institution rooted in thoughtful governance and meaningful impact. Our Board and staff have worked collaboratively to ensure that our programs, partnerships, and practices reflect accountability, transparency, and care. For us, stewardship means honouring the stories we preserve, the people we celebrate, and the confidence placed in us by supporters across the country.

Central to this work is our commitment to connection. We are proud of the growing CMHF community that extends well beyond our Laureates. This year, we renewed our focus on engaging past Discovery Day participants and CMHF Award recipients—individuals whose curiosity, talent, and leadership represent the future of health and medicine. By strengthening relationships with these alumni, we are building a living network of inspiration that connects past achievement with future possibility.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to leading with care and responsibility. We will continue to deepen relationships, broaden our reach, and steward CMHF’s mission with intention—ensuring that the trust placed in this institution is honoured through action.

We are grateful to our partners, sponsors, volunteers, and community members whose continued support makes this work possible. Together, we are not only preserving a legacy of excellence in Canadian health leadership—we are shaping its future.



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 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.

**Be Inspired.**  
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# 2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

## JANUARY

- 31 years of Honouring Excellence, Preserving History, Inspiring Generations at the CMHF
- Welcoming new Executive Director, Shannon Digby



- CMA president-elect Dr. Margot Burnell visited the Exhibit Hall



- Discovery Day in Health Sciences Online
  - Central Canada
- Discovery Days in Health Sciences
  - Western University



- Museum School
  - Byron Somerset Public School



- University of Ottawa EN & FR
- NOSM University
- Memorial University of Newfoundland
- Hamilton Health Sciences at McMaster University

## MARCH

- Museum School
  - St. Theresa Catholic School
  - Stoney Creek Public School

## APRIL

- We mourn the passing of CMHF Laureate Henry Friesen, MD
  - July 31, 1934 - April 30, 2025
  - A transformative influence on health research in Canada



## MAY

- Honouring the Legacy of CMHF Laureate James Till, PhD
  - August 25, 1931 - May 18, 2025
  - A pioneer in biomedical research



## JUNE

- 2025 Induction Ceremony Hamilton, ON



## AUGUST

- 2025 CMHF Award Recipients announced



## SEPTEMBER

- **In Memory of CMHF Laureate Balfour Mount, MD**  
April 14, 1939 - Sept. 25, 2025  
The father of Canada's palliative care movement



- **Welcoming new student volunteer Adyan Iqbal, Regional Team Leader, CMHF Brand Ambassador Program**



- **2026 CMHF Inductees announced**



## OCTOBER

- **Discovery Days in Health Sciences**
  - University of Alberta
  - University of Calgary
- **Museum School**
  - Mountsfield Public School

## NOVEMBER

- **Remembering Laureate F. Estelle R. Simons, MD**  
April 26, 1945 - Nov. 5, 2025  
An icon in the field of allergy and immunology



- **Museum School**
  - Orchard Park Public School



- Mountsfield Public School



- **Discovery Days in Health Sciences**

- BC Children's Hospital Research
- University of Manitoba



- Dalhousie University
- McGill University and The Neuro

- **Discovery Day in Health Sciences Online**

- Western Canada

## DECEMBER

- **Discovery Days in Health Sciences Online**

- Atlantic Canada

- **Social media year-end campaign**

- Impact in Action



# EQUITY & INCLUSION

## ENHANCED QUALITY, SOCIAL RELEVANCE & IMPACT

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

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

The CMHF 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.

We recognize that the current nomination pool does not fully reflect the diversity of health leadership in Canada. We are committed to increasing the representation of **women, non-binary individuals, and Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour** among CMHF Laureates. We encourage you to help us achieve this goal by nominating exceptional individuals from these underrepresented communities.



## Call for Nominations Appel de candidatures

Thank you, Nominators, for responding to our call for diversity! The community continues to support our commitment to equity and inclusion, with more than half of all nominees being women and/or Indigenous, Black, or People of Colour.



# HONOURING EXCELLENCE

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# HONOURING EXCELLENCE

## CELEBRATING CANADIAN HEALTH LEADERSHIP

### 2025 INDUCTEES



**Nadine Rena Caron**  
OBC MD  
Prince George, BC



**Deborah Cook**  
OC MD  
Hamilton, ON



**Geoffrey T. Fong**  
OC PhD  
Waterloo, ON



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Toronto, ON



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**Jennie Trout**  
MD  
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# VIRTUAL CMHF

## EXPLORE THE IMPACT

With the support of the Canadian Medical Association, we have 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. Visitors to our website are invited to explore the impact of Laureates across three main impact themes:

### Science and Research

Understanding the Body & Disease Process

### Diagnosis, Treatment & Prevention

Improving Health & Patient Outcomes

### Pioneers, Leaders, Scholars and Change Makers

Building Our Health Organizations & Systems

[Visit](#) each impact timeline that allows users to explore Laureate achievements related to the impact themes. These timelines offer a high-level overview of Laureates' impact that has improved health in Canada and worldwide.

## HONOUR EXCELLENCE

[Engage](#) with the esteemed Canadian Medical Hall of Fame Laureates by exploring our dedicated webpage, which features tribute videos, comprehensive biographies, fascinating key facts, and an overview of their professional timelines with significant achievements. Discover the remarkable contributions of these trailblazers in medicine and access additional resources to deepen your understanding.

## SHARE THE INSPIRATION

Visitors can share Laureate pages to social media right from the website.

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# Canadian Medical Hall of Fame Award

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Laureates of the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame (CMHF) cite qualities such as perseverance, collaboration and entrepreneurial spirit as contributors to their success as national and world health leaders. The CMHF Award recognizes medical students who demonstrate these qualities and show outstanding potential as future leaders and innovators of health care in Canada.

Each Canadian medical school is invited to nominate one medical student, completing their second undergraduate year of study at the time of application who has demonstrated leadership through school or community activities, superior interpersonal and communication skills as well as academic excellence.

After each medical school reviews all applicants, their dean of medicine submits the nomination of one candidate for this award to the CMHF, and applicants are notified by their medical school if their nomination has been put forth. Once CMHF receives the nominations, our board of directors reviews and ratifies them, and successful recipients are formally informed by the CMHF. The award recipients' success stories are celebrated by the CMHF and their respective medical schools.

Each CMHF Award recipient receives a cash award, a complimentary ticket and a travel subsidy to the Induction Ceremony the following year. Award recipients have the opportunity to network with each other and the Laureates at a private breakfast the day after the ceremony.

The CMHF is committed to the career development of our Award recipients and makes every effort to connect them to our Laureates, board members or friends of the CMHF. Through the CMHF Award, we aim to:

- Call out leaders among medical students
- Facilitate collaboration and mentorship between our Laureates and awardees so that our award 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



2024 CMHF Award Recipients at the 2025 Induction Ceremony in Hamilton, ON



# Canadian Medical Hall of Fame Award

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## 2025 RECIPIENTS



**RAHNUMA SARA**  
The University of British Columbia  
Faculty of Medicine



**ERVIS MUSA**  
University of Ottawa  
Faculty of Medicine



**JESSE LAFONTAINE**  
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Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry



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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.

**2025 EVENTS**

- 337** Interactive Workshops

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- 78** Volunteers

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- 589** Schools

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- 659** Health professionals (Keynote speakers, workshop presenters, career panellists)

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- 2811** Students
  - 5% Indigenous
  - 30% French Speaking
  - 32% Rural
  - 8% Black
  - 40% Person of Colour

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- 131** Teachers

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- 15** Events

**WE VALUE STUDENT FEEDBACK**

- 96%** Would recommend Discovery Days to another student or teacher

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- 97%** Valued the career panel

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- 92%** Said the event exceeded or fully met their expectations

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- 97%** Felt more certain pursuing a health sciences career

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- 98%** Rated their interactive workshops valuable

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- 100%** Left more knowledgeable about health sciences careers

“Very organized, efficiently run. So much variety of workshops, the ones I took were very informative.

Many qualified, impressive healthcare professionals shared valuable knowledge. I really enjoyed the mix of listening, asking questions, and hands-on opportunities to learn more about different healthcare fields. I loved getting to meet people, have fun, and gain more insight/knowledge to make better decisions for university and career choices.”

STUDENT, DISCOVERY DAY AT WESTERN UNIVERSITY

**DISCOVERY DAY  
KEYNOTE  
LECTURERS**

- Carlos Quiñonez, DMD PhD**
- Roger Zemek, MD**
- Claire Tugault-Lafleur, PhD**
- Lily DeMiglio, MD PhD**
- Parsa Abdi**
- Holly Graham, PhD RD Psychologist RN**
- Tharsini Sivananthajothy, MD**
- Sherif Hanafy Mahmoud, PhD BSc (Pharm)**
- Vaneeza Moosa**
- Meera Rayar, MD**
- Marlyn Cook, MD**
- Madeline Power, MSc**
- Patrick Laflèche, MD**
- Leonaes Brahel Tatchinda Kuete**
- Tiffany Brooks, MD**

Learn more about these world-class speakers

# INSPIRING GENERATIONS

## MUSEUM SCHOOL AND HALL VISITS

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 2025, we had the pleasure of learning alongside students from Byron Somerset, Stoney Creek, Mounthsfield, Orchard Park Public School and St. Theresa Catholic School.

Thanks to our community partners for the support:

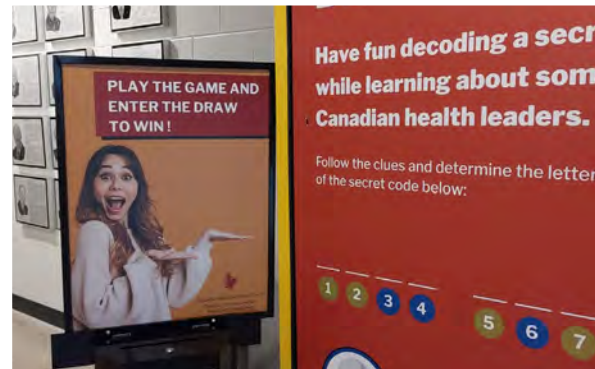
- Alzheimer’s Society London and Middlesex
- Banting House National Historic Site
- Canadian Surgical Technologies and Advanced Robotics (CSTAR)
- Epilepsy Southwestern Ontario
- London Artists in Residence Program
- London Health Sciences Centre - London Regional Cancer Program
- Mosaic Medical
- Robarts Research Institute - Western University

## OUR EXHIBIT HALL IN ACTION

Thank you to our Exhibit Hall sponsor Trudell Medical Ltd. for enhancing visitor experience. Conveniently located at 100 Kellogg Lane, Canada’s largest entertainment complex, our Exhibit Hall remained a vibrant hub for community engagement throughout 2025. Visitors explored interactive displays, viewed inspiring tribute videos in the Laureate Theatre, took part in our popular self-guided trivia game, and entered exciting draws for a chance to win prizes.

In recognition of the 150th anniversary of the London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC), we proudly showcased its celebration materials in our “Community and Research in Action” display and on our Mini Theatre Wall. Earlier in the year, we were also delighted to host the Robarts Research Institute, highlighting their groundbreaking contributions to medical science.

We had the distinct honour of welcoming Dr. Margot Burnell, President-Elect of the Canadian Medical Association (CMA), to our hall — a memorable moment that underscored our continued commitment to connecting healthcare, research, and community.





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# NATIONAL PARTNERS

By investing in the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame (CMHF) 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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