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FONDATION DE
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MÉDICALE SUR LA
DYSTONIE
CANADA

*serving all dystonia-affected persons
d'asservant toutes personnes atteintes de dystonie*

ANNUAL REPORT



OUR MISSION

The mission of the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation (DMRF) Canada is to advance research for more effective treatments and ultimately a cure, to promote awareness and education, and to support the well-being of affected individuals and families.



Dystonia Medical Research Foundation Canada

The Dystonia Medical Research Foundation (DMRF) Canada is a registered non-profit Canadian charity founded in 1976 by Samuel and Frances Belzberg of Vancouver, British Columbia. DMRF Canada funds medical research toward a cure, promotes awareness and education, and supports the well-being of affected individuals and families. DMRF Canada works in partnership with the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation in the United States to ensure funding of the best and most relevant dystonia medical research worldwide through partnerships with the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR) and other like-minded organizations.

Dear friends,

2016 marked the DMRF's 40th year of action on behalf of the dystonia community. The expansion of dystonia research and countless medical advancements prove our strategies are working. Multiple types of dystonia have been identified, dystonia-causing genes have been discovered, botulinum neurotoxin and deep brain stimulation have provided life-changing relief for thousands of patients, new treatments are being pursued, and the pathophysiology of dystonia is being clarified—these advancements could not have been possible without direct support from the DMRF or the research environment the DMRF painstakingly assembled piece by piece, year after year.

The DMRF provides a safety net of information and support for families whose lives have been turned upside down by this disorder. We remain enormously grateful to the many generous friends who have supported the DMRF over the years. We take great pride in how far we have come, and our vision remains focused on the future.

Your support of DMRF Canada sustains our capacity to reach out and make every possible effort to improve the lives of people with dystonia, today and in the future. Your support generates new medical discoveries and provides patients and families with a place to turn for help. Thank you for your connection to the DMRF and being a vital part of our mission to find a cure for every individual with dystonia.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stefanie Ince".

Stefanie Ince, *Executive Director, DMRF Canada*
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at December 31, 2016

ASSETS	2016	2015
Cash	\$ 718,379	\$ 388,542
Guaranteed investment certificates	\$ 200,679	\$ 100,717
Amounts receivable	\$ 13,297	\$ 5,565
Prepaid expenses	\$ 2,399	\$ 1,858
	\$ 934,754	\$ 496,682
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	2016	2015
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 10,373	\$ 8,820
Deferred contribution	419,349	\$ -
Net assets Unrestricted	\$ 505,032	\$ 487,862
	\$ 934,754	\$ 496,682

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

for the year ended December 31, 2016

REVENUE	2016	2015
Contribution	\$ 428,249	\$ 319,520
Interest	\$ 1,532	\$ 1,005
	\$ 429,781	\$ 320,525

EXPENSES	2016	2015
Awareness, education and services	\$ 139,389	\$ 98,568
Research grants and activities	\$ 123,981	\$ 100,041
Fundraising	\$ 88,621	\$ 65,689
Administrative and professional	\$ 47,608	\$ 45,686
Advocacy	\$ 11,727	\$ 9,189
Governance	\$ 1,285	\$ 1,105
	\$ 412,611	\$ 320,278

EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	\$ 17,170	\$ 247
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 487,862	\$ 487,615
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 505,032	\$ 487,862