

Dear members of our caring community,

This past year COVID-19 brought many challenges to the CHUM's medical and research teams and the patients in their care. Luckily, you were right by their side as they battled on the front lines of the pandemic.

Your generosity and kindness benefit some of the most severely ill patients in the province, and also have significant impact on innovation and advances in research that will prove crucial in the future.

I sincerely hope that you feel our gratitude as you read this impact report.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your support.



Julie Chaurette, FCPA, FCA, ASC
President and CEO
CHUM Foundation

"You were there with kindness and generosity when we needed you most."



COVID-19 Emergency Fund Fueling Innovation!

Thanks to your generosity in responding to our urgent requests for donations in support of the COVID-19 Emergency Fund, CHUM specialists were able to act fast in order to save lives.

Here's a look at a few of the many examples of the innovations realized thanks to your loyal support!



Crucial COVID-19 Research at the CHUM Research Centre

During the pandemic, your support for the CHUM Research Centre proved to be crucial in its race against the clock with COVID-19.

Your donations supported numerous research projects, including those of Andrés Finzi, Ph.D and Dr. Nathalie Grandvaux, two renowned leaders in their respective fields. Thanks to your donations, they were able to pivot their work to focus on COVID-19 research.

For example, Dr. Grandvaux is aiming to develop new antiviral strategies for treating COVID-19 patients. Her research is vital for dealing with the current pandemic, but will also be instrumental in the future as new respiratory viruses are discovered.

"I'd like to thank the CHUM Foundation donors. None of what we are doing at the SARS-CoV-2 lab would have been possible without your support."

— **Andrés Finzi, Ph.D**, researcher at the CHUM Research Centre and director of the Retroviral Entry lab



Virus-Killing Robots

In any hospital, disinfecting surfaces is critical for limiting the spread of viruses. Thanks to you, the CHUM was able to purchase 14 UV-C light robots in the spring of 2020, at the beginning of the first wave of the pandemic.

These lamps have been life-savers! They reduced the possibility of exposure to COVID-19 virus for thousands of patients and staff. They also reduced the time it takes to disinfect a patient room by thirty minutes.

Reducing Patient Isolation and Saving Lives

The pandemic brought increased feelings of loneliness and isolation for everyone, especially for hospital patients. Knowing that this type of distress is a proven contributor to early death, our specialists attempted by every means possible to foster human contact for their patients. Thanks to your donations, over 250 smart devices were made available to patients and their medical teams.

Mr. Gérard LeBoeuf is one of thousands of patients who benefitted from your support.

"Thanks to your donations, I spoke with my family every single day during the 46 long days I was hospitalized. These conversations are what kept me alive in the most difficult moments. My loved ones and I will forever be grateful to you."

— **Gérard LeBoeuf**, a patient who trusted CHUM personnel with his life during a rough battle against COVID-1



Guy Lafleur's team against cancer!

The best way to overcome adversity is as a team.

Cancer can affect anyone at any time, even the strongest of heroes like the famed number 10. To beat it, we have to join forces and invest in research together. And that is exactly what you have done.

A Heartfelt Thank You from Our Ambassador, Guy Lafleur



"Being a patient at the CHUM gives me a front-row seat to seeing how research, cutting-edge equipment, and specialists working as a team can make all the difference. You can't imagine how important your donations to cancer research are to the thousands of Quebecers, like me, who are affected by this illness. Thank you so very much."

— **Guy Lafleur**, CHUM patient and ambassador for the CHUM Foundation

Mr. Yves Guay: A Visionary Donor

In 2004, Mr. Guay was in a major work accident. He had the good fortune to be treated immediately at the CHUM by chief neurosurgeon Dr. Alain Bouthillier, saving him from paralysis.

Seventeen years later, this very grateful CHUM patient wanted once again to thank all those who took him under their wing when he was a patient at our university hospital centre. To benefit greater wellbeing and high-quality research in the best conditions, he has chosen to donate monthly to the CHUM Foundation, because he knows that monthly donations are one of the most effective giving options. What's more, he made the honorary gesture of leaving a legacy gift to the CHUM Foundation, a final act of gratitude that allows him to pay it forward and give other patients a chance at a better life.



"Dr. Bouthillier saved my quality of life. Because of this, my wish is to give others this opportunity. This is why I donate, so that people like me get at a second chance at life. I will never forget the exceptional care I received at the CHUM from the kindest personnel. I am forever grateful to them!"

— **Yves Guay**, grateful patient and monthly donor to the CHUM Foundation